

Uniform Network Code Committee

Minutes of the 187 Meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2019

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Voting Members:

Shipper Representatives	Transporter Representatives
A Green (AG), Total and alternate for S Mulinganie D Fittock* (DF), Corona Energy M Jones (MJ), SSE and alternate for M Bellman R Fairholme (RFa), Uniper	D Lond (DL), National Grid NTS G Dosanjh (GD), Cadent D Mitchell (DM), SGN S Coughlan (SC), Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TS), Northern Gas Networks A Travell (AT), BUUK

Non-Voting Members:

Chairperson	Ofgem Representative	Consumer Representatives	Independent Supplier Representative
M Shurmer (MS)	J Dixon (JD)		

Also in Attendance:

D Addison (DA), Xoserve; F Cottam (FC), Xoserve; J Randall (JR), National Grid; P Garner (PG), Joint Office; R Fletcher (BF), Secretary; R Hailes (RH), Joint Office; and S Rouse (SR) Gemserv.

** by teleconference*

187.1 Note of any alternates attending meeting

A Green, for S Mulinganie, Gazprom
A Travell for J Cooper, BUUK
D Mitchell for H Chapman, SGN
J Dixon for L King, Ofgem
M Jones for M Bellman, ScottishPower
S Coughlan for R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities

187.2 Apologies for Absence

E Proffitt, MEUC
H Chapman, SGN
L King, Ofgem
M Bellman, ScottishPower

R Pomroy, Wales & West Utilities
S Britton, Cornwall Insight
S Mulinganie, Gazprom

187.3 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

Members approved the minutes from the 16 May 2019 meeting.

187.4 Matters for the Committee's Attention

a) Notification of PAC Confidentiality Incident

SR advised that the PAFA had provided a presentation on this issue previously notified to PAC and the industry in terms of a confidentiality breach and the steps taken so far to manage the incident. SR set out the steps taken to rectify the incident to ensure the issue/error does not happen again.

In addition to the initial steps taken to prevent a similar issue happening again, a software developer has been engaged to reduce the number of manual interactions with the system and reduce the potential errors.

SR confirmed that the parties requested to sign the Non-disclosure agreements following their access to the data have done so.

DF requested that such incidents should be notified to the UNCC sooner. RF noted that PAC is a delegated subcommittee and should be empowered to manage the process and then inform the UNCC when it's appropriate to do so.

As there is no published presentation, Members should contact the PAFA directly for a more informed view should they have any questions or concerns.

b) PAC Terms of Reference/PAC Election Changes

SR provided an update proposal based on comments received at the previous UNCC meeting and subsequent PAC meetings.

SR explained the amendments and confirmed that PAC was still seeking a 3 year term split over 3 elections years. The process of appointment had been reviewed and how the first batch of members would be selected for reappointment. This process was being proposed to ensure long term continuity in membership so that long term plans could be considered and developed.

TS wanted to understand why 2 years isn't adopted as with Panel/UNCC, there are no reason being presented to support a difference to the current tenures. Why is this an issue for PAC but not other committees and what are the impacts on the Joint Office?

PG confirmed the Joint Office would run the process as directed by the UNCC.

AT noted that the PAC is a developing committee and continuity is a risk. He noted that it is a larger committee and therefore a cliff edge might be more of a risk if it were smaller.

MS noted that there isn't a full complement of members and it would be useful to see what steps PAC were proposing to address this issue. As with the previous meeting, UNCC could not support additional years tenure to the current 1 or 2 years.

SR agreed to seek further views from PAC.

c) Proposed amendment to the PAF – PAFA Annual Review

SR provided a presentation on the proposed changes to the PAFA Annual Review Process.

Members unanimously supported the proposed changes.

d) Implementation of Modification 0665 - Changes to Ratchet Regime

JD advised that "Modification 0665 - Changes to Ratchet Regime" had been approved and implementation was currently targeted for 01 October 2019. It was noted that part of the proposal allows Transporters to identify sites that should be nominated as Class 1 due to their potential impact on the network and the process that needs to be followed. Should implementation continue as planned on 01 October, this date is too late to allow Transporters to use this process prior to the start of winter.

JD wanted to understand if there were any views should implementation date be brought forward from 01 October to 01 July, were there any objections? It was noted that Transporters might take the option to follow the process informally should implementation remain as 01 October.

AG asked what the impact would be on Shippers and their processes. DM advised that Transporters would commence the activity to consider the optional nomination of Class 1 sites and notify Xoserve. The process allows time for Shippers to consider the request and appeal if needed. DA confirmed that Transporters would be responsible for installing DM Read equipment.

DM confirmed that whether Transporters undertake an informal process or the actual process should the implementation date be moved, the guidelines document would need to be followed to ensure compliance with the process.

It was noted that implementation had been discussed at the DSC Change Management Committee and the change to the implementation date was not considered an issue. It was noted that systems capability was currently planned for 01 August implementation. However, Transporters can be ready prior to this date and undertake their initial assessments.

Members raised no significant concerns but would need to identify with operational teams any associated impacts and if necessary an extra meeting would be arranged should an objection to a change in the implementation date be received.

Subject to no operational concerns being raised, Members supported the proposed

amendment to the implementation date for Modification 0665. JD and DM on behalf of Ofgem and Transporters agreed to submit an amended implementation notice bringing forward the implementation date.

NEW ACTION UNCC01/06: Members to notify any concerns for bringing forward the implementation date for UNC Modification 0665 to the Joint Office by 09.00am on 28 June 2019.

NEW ACTION UNCC02/06: Ofgem/Transporters to provide an amended implementation notice for Modification 0665 should there be no concerns identified in response to **Action UNCC01/06** above.

187.5 AOB

a) None raised.

187.6 Next Meeting

The next meeting is:

18 July 2019, immediately after the UNC Modification Panel meeting.

Action Table (20 June 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
UNCC 01/06	20/06/19	187.4d)	Members to notify any concerns for bringing forward the implementation date for UNC Modification 0665 to the Joint Office by 09.00am on 28 June 2019.	UNCC (All)	Pending
UNCC 02/06	20/06/19	187.4d)	Ofgem/Transporters to provide an amended implementation notice for Modification 0665 should there be no concerns identified in response to Action UNCC01/06 above.	Ofgem Transporters (JD/DM)	Pending