

**UNC Workgroup 0856 Minutes
Introduction of Trials for System Management Services
Thursday 02 November 2023
via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(Aba)	SEFE Market and Trading
Alex Barnes	(AB)	On behalf of WatersWye Associates
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy UK
Amy Howarth	(AH)	Storengy UK
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Antony Miller	(AM)	South Hook Gas
Carlos Aguirre	(CA)	Pavilion Energy
Chimaobi Maduka	(CM)	Procode
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Exxon Mobil
Conor McClarin	(CM)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
David Mitchell	(MD)	SGN
Eddie Allard	(EA)	Cadent (from 12:00)
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve (from 12:30)
Gavin Williams	(GW)	National Gas Transmission
Georgie Price	(GP)	Ofgem
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Harmandeep Kaur	(HK)	Joint Office
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Jonathan Roche	(JR)	Organisation not confirmed (from 12:30)
Joseph Leggett	(JL)	Interconnector
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy UK
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Mariachiara Zennaro	(MZ)	Centrica
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Gas Transmission
Marina Paphoma	(MP)	WWU (from 12:00)
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mathew Chandy	(MC)	Ofgem
Matthew Newman	(MN)	National Gas Transmission
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Gas Transmission
Rebecca Steventon	(RS)	Energy Security (from 13:15)
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home Energy Solutions
Ronan Haas	(RH)	National Gas Transmission
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent

Stephen Huang	(SH)	Castel Commodities UK
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Terry Burke	(TB)	Equinor

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 November 2023

This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0856/021123>

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1 Approval of Minutes (16 October 2023)

EF noted that the rapid development of this proposal with additional workgroup meetings in between the normal schedule for Transmission meant that the amendments to the Modification had proceeded faster than the publication of the meeting minutes. EF gave a precis of the minutes from the previous meeting.

1.2 Approval of late papers

EF advised Workgroup Participants that all of the relevant papers were available on the Joint Office website on the page for this Modification 0856. A number of the papers were published after the specified deadline and the Workgroup agreed to admit them for consideration as they provide supporting information for evaluation of the Proposal.

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Matt Newman (MN) summarised the aim of this Modification is to establish a trial process to identify improvements to demand side response from the domestic sector, a non-daily metered service. This has been ring-fenced to a domestic market trial following previous Workgroup discussions.

Please refer to the interim Workgroup Report published at:
<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0856>

MN provided an overview of the amendments to the UNC Modification, Specification Documents and Legal Text.

The Workgroup reviewed the draft NDN DSR Trial Specification Document Template, which included the selection and success criteria. MN explained the rationale of having a maximum spend.

The Workgroup discussed the potential of domestic customers calling the emergency service if they are unclear on how to react to a request to reduce gas consumption. Workgroup Participants agreed that involvement of consumer advocate bodies such as Consumer Advice would be beneficial. Workgroup Participants also discussed how vulnerable consumer groups might be excluded from any trials to avoid unintended risk to such groups.

The Workgroup considered how domestic consumer reduction would be measured. MN clarified that to be eligible the consumer would need to have either a smart meter or an advanced meter which customers would need to give permission for NGT to access half-hourly read data.

The Workgroup reviewed the recent Modification amendments for clarification of the changes and the key issues which included:

- Duration of the trial
- Liabilities for Service Providers
- Baseline quantity gas consumption
- Reduction quantity
- Data provision to NGT
- Payments
- Eligibility
- Communications and notice periods

It was noted that amendments to the Modification have increased confidence in the proposed process and its governance and the aim today was to conclude the Workgroup Report.

As the IGT UNC Section D points to the UNC it was noted that there was no impact to the IGT UNC.

EF edited the Workgroup Report and Participants reviewed and concluded the Workgroup Report agreeing that the Modification does not meet the Self-Governance criteria and should be issued to the Authority for a decision.

3.0 Next Steps

Workgroup Report to be submitted to the November UNC Modification Panel.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

No further meetings are planned.