

UNC Workgroup 0690S Minutes
Reduce qualifying period for Class 1

Monday 29 April 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Alexander Mann*	(AM)	Gazprom
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Gemserve
Edd Fyfe*	(EF)	SGN
Emma Smith	(ES)	Xoserve
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Imran Shah*	(IS)	Centrica (from agenda item 4.0)
James Jackson*	(JJ)	UK Power Reserve – Sembcorp)
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Leanne Jackson	(LJ)	Xoserve
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Luke Reeves*	(LR)	EDF Energy
Mark Bellman	(MB)	Scottish Power
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Palmer*	(MP)	Orsted
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Rachel Durham*	(RD)	Smartest Energy
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Waters Wye Associates
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK
Stephanie Clements	(SC)	Scottish Power

**via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0690/290419>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 August 2019.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Fiona Cottam (FC) explained that as the Proposer Kate Mulvany, was not able to attend the meeting she was providing the overview of the Modification.

FC explained that the UIG Task Force had identified a small number of very large NDM (Class 4) sites which were above the Class 1 threshold (Issue #3.2.1) and that these sites were likely to have non-standard daily usage patterns and contributing to UIG. FC said that the NDM Profiles for EUC09B were unlikely to be a good representation of their daily usage and that any difference between the NDM Allocation and the actual usage would contribute to the daily UIG.

FC then drew attention to the current qualifying rules in G1.6.15:

- Each calculation in preceding 6 months is over 58.6m kWhs; and

- 3 consecutive calculations over 58.6m or every calculation in previous 18 months is over 58.6m

She noted that this could leave a very large site operating as Class 3 or 4 for up to 18 months if the meter read submissions were not very frequent – adding to the risk of UIG.

FC then provided an overview of the proposed recommended option and proposed solution as below:

Recommended Option: reduction of qualifying period would reduce the number and duration of instances of EUC09B NDM sites

Proposed solution:

Reduce qualifying time period for Class 1

- E.g. to 3 months and 6 months (for further discussion).

FC noted that a separate Modification was being raised to place obligation on the CDSP to convert sites to Class 1 when the G1.6.15 criteria are met – Modification 0691S

FC said KM had proposed a self-governance status for the Modification with a 4 month assessment period, with submission of the Workgroup Report to the August 2019 Panel.

A brief general discussion took place in relation to the reduction of the qualifying period for Class 1 to either 3 months or 6 months. Bob Fletcher (BF) asked what the trigger was if a site was in Class 1, but was in Class 4, if it is mandatory, who requests it to be moved? FC and Leanne Jackson (LJ) said that this was a Shipper requested trigger.

Rob Johnson (RJ) said that as Class 1 had a hardware requirement, what would be the impact in relation installation, particularly as most sites would be required to have at least AMR capability. FC said that this would be overcome by shortening the qualifying period and ensuring the request was made to the Transporters service provider to install the equipment.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

BF drew attention to the questions raised from Panel as detailed below:

Should Class 2 be included within the scope of this Modification

FC said that she would inform KM that Class 2 should be included within the scope of the Modification and all were in agreement with this suggestion, as it would be considered an improvement if larger consuming sites were in either Class 1 or 2 and not in Class 4.

New Action 0401: Xoserve (FC) to contact the Proposer Kate Mulvany to agree amended the Modification to include Class 2 as an option.
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Impacts of repeat crossers between Class 1 and Class 4.

It was noted that sites might cross the mandatory DM threshold due to seasonal behaviours or temporary increases in consumption. In such circumstances Class 2 should be encouraged as viable option and sites shouldn't be allowed to revert to Class 4.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference will be published alongside the Modification at <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0690>

3.0 Next Steps

BF confirmed that his aspirations for the next meeting was to review the amended Modification and further explore the standard agenda items.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Tuesday 21 May 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended Modification • Consideration of Business Rules • Review of Impacts and Costs • Review of Relevant Objectives • Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts •

Action Table (as at 29 April 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0401	29/04/19	2.0	Xoserve (FC) to contact the Proposer Kate Mulvany to agree amended the Modification to include Class 2 as an option.	Xoserve (FC)	Pending