

Extraordinary UNC Workgroup 0771S Minutes
Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Entry connections
Tuesday 31 August 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	ENI
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Rachel Hinsley	(RH)	National Grid (0771S only)
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insight

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel meeting on 21 October 2021

1. Introduction and Status Review

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

1.1. Approval of minutes (01 July 2021)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

None.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

None.

2. Review Legal Text

Rachel Hinsley (RH) provided a brief overview of the '0771: Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Entry connections' presentation during which attention initially focused on the 'Proposed Legal Text (subject to confirmation)' slide 5 – when asked, there were no adverse comments from Workgroup participants in respect of the proposed legal text changes.¹

Moving on to consider the 'Proposal for 0771 Next Steps' slide 6, Workgroup participants debated the proposed approach (i.e the 'natural' progression) whereby HSE opinion in relation to National Grid's safety case is obtained prior to conclusion of the Workgroup, The consequence of this approach is that the presentation of the Workgroup Report to Panel may be delayed pending a decision from the HSE on the changes to National Grid's Safety Case – again there were no adverse comments from Workgroup participants in respect of the proposed approach and as a consequence, EF advised that he would capture the point within the (draft)

¹ Please note: an updated presentation was published after the meeting which contained subtly amended legal text which can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Joint Office web site at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0771/310821>

Workgroup Report wording and liaise with RHi to ensure that Panel can be advised if any extension to the report date is needed.

3. Development of Workgroup Report

Utilising the published Modification as a basis, EF undertook and onscreen development of the draft Workgroup Report (v0.1, dated 31 August 2021) during which Workgroup participants considered whether there would be any potential customer / consumer related impacts as a consequence of the implementation of the Modification. Responding, RH referred back to the discussions undertaken at the 01 July 2021 Workgroup meeting² before moving on to highlight the statement already provided under the Section 6 – Impacts & Other Considerations - '*What is the current consumer experience and what would the new consumer experience be?*' question on page 5, and specifically the reference to the 'FPSA' requirements and the fact that every effort would be made to ensure that the gas quality is maintained.

4. Next Steps

In noting the agreement for the proposed approach of awaiting a decision from the HSE on the National Grid Safety Case changes before seeking a Panel decision on the Workgroup Report recommendations, EF indicated that he would potentially request a deferral to the Workgroup Reporting date at a future Panel meeting.

EF advised that an amended Modification would be published after the meeting and a draft Workgroup Report prepared for consideration and hopefully final sign off at the 07 September 2021 Workgroup meeting, subject to the timely receipt of the HSE decision.

5. Any Other Business

None.

6. Diary Planning

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Tuesday 07 September 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 October 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Workgroup Agenda

² Please note: a copy of the 01 July 2021 Workgroup meeting minutes can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Joint Office web site at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0771/010721>