

Extraordinary UNC Workgroup 0772S Minutes
Transparency Improvements to the Process for Changing Gas
Quality Limits in NTS Connection Agreements
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
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insight

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0772/310821>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel meeting on 16 September 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

Action 0701: National Grid (AA) to investigate the MER process as a potential model to use for the process Modification 0772 is seeking to introduce.

Update: Ashley Adams (AA) provided an overview of the 'Transparency Improvements to the Process for Changing Gas Quality Limits in NTS Connection Agreements' presentation during which attention initially focused on the 'Process Overview' slide 3.

When asked about the 1st stage in the process, AA confirmed that the provisions apply to Entry parties only after which discussions mainly centred around what would / could potentially happen if any Offtake related impacts occurred. Responding, AA explained that in instances where any issues / impacts are identified, then National Grid would fall (default) back to utilising the existing 'enabling' process.

AA went on to advise that the main elements already existed within Code and that these proposals seek to provide an additional 10 day engagement window in order to look to ensure that ALL parties are engaged and involved in the process, where appropriate.

Discussion then moved on to consideration of the National Grid responses for the three (3) outstanding actions whereby Phil Hobbins (PH) pointed out that in respect of 0701 and 0702, whilst the assumption is based on smaller sites, engagement with individual parties is always a possibility, with the new proposals being favoured by National Grid over the more traditional 'enabling' route – either way, engagement with impacted parties

would always take place. EF also pointed out that parties are, and always will be, able to object if they are unhappy with the process.

Moving on, AA provided a brief overview of the proposed legal text changes during which PH suggested a small change to the proposed paragraph 2.2.2(b)(i) wording by inserting '*....that where....*' between 'provided' and 'the' so as to read as '*.....provided that where the proposed modification relates to one or more.....*' – a point AA acknowledged and advised he would look to provide an updated version of the legal text for consideration at the 07 September 2021 Workgroup meeting.

Concluding the discussions, AA requested that should anyone have any comments or concerns, that they contact him directly offline to discuss.

In light of the information provided within the presentation, it was agreed that this action could now be closed. **Closed**

Action 0702: National Grid (AA) to liaise with the Joint Office to review the distribution list they hold and review whether this would allow for a sufficiently wide approach for engagement.

Update: Please refer to Action 0701 above for more details.

In light of the information provided within the presentation, it was agreed that this action could now be closed. **Closed**

Action 0701: National Grid (AA) to provide analysis to support the Modification.

Update: In light of the information provided within the presentation, it was agreed that this action could now be closed. **Closed**

2. Development of Workgroup Report

EF undertook an onscreen review and update of the draft Workgroup Report (v0.2, dated 09 August 2021) during which he undertook changes in-line with the feedback and discussions undertaken by the Workgroup parties in attendance.

3. Next Steps

EF advised that a draft Workgroup Report (v0.3, dated 31 August 2021) would now be prepared for consideration and final sign off at the 07 September 2021 Workgroup meeting prior to formal submission to the 19 September 2021 Panel meeting.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. 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

Action Table (as at 31 August 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to investigate the MER process as a potential model to use for the process Modification 0772 is seeking to introduce.	National Grid (AA)	Update provided. Closed
0702	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to liaise with the Joint Office to review the distribution list they hold and review whether this would allow for a sufficiently wide approach for engagement.	National Grid (AA)	Update provided. Closed
0703	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to provide analysis to support the Modification.	National Grid (AA)	Update provided. Closed