

**UNC Workgroup 0808 Minutes
Reverse Compression
Thursday 25 August 2022
via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Vera Li	(VL)	Joint Office
Aleksandra Cebo	(ACe)	EDF
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Ben Mulcahy	(BM)	Northern Gas Networks
Brandon Rodriguez	(BR)	ESP Utilities Group
Claire Louise Roberts	(CLR)	ScottishPower
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.ON Energy
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
David Reynolds	(DR)	Northern Gas Networks
Elena Dranceanu	(ED)	SEFE Energy Limited
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall Insight
Gurvinder Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent
John Baldwin	(JB)	CNG Services Ltd (0808 only)
John R Harris	(JH)	Xoserve
Kate Lancaster	(KL)	Xoserve
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Michelle Brown	(MB)	Energy Assets
Nicky Kingham	(NK)	Xoserve
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy Limited
Talia Lattimore	(TL)	Gemserv
Tom Stuart	(TSt)	Wales & West Utilities
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Northern Gas Networks

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0808/250822>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 September 2022.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (23 June 2022)

The minutes from the previous Workgroup were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers to consider.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

0105: DNs to provide justification for an Authority Direction Governance route based on v1.0 of the Modification.

Update: Not discussed – awaiting offline discussion to be held. **Carried Forward.**

0106: DNOs to supply list of mandatory items for ancillary agreements and items which that may be required in an ancillary agreement.

Update: Not discussed – awaiting offline discussion to be held. **Carried Forward**

2.0 Amended Modification

In order to assess if the Modification is implementable, EF clarified Workgroup are expecting an amendment to the Modification in accordance with previous Workgroup discussions.

John Baldwin (JB) clarified that when SGN reviewed the Modification for legal text development, they identified the Biomethane User would need to hold a GT Licence.

JB noted that it is unclear if a Modification is required, or if a process can be put in place where the GT can approach the DN, and an offline agreement is made in order to put in place the necessary measures of the requirement. However, JB would want the same process across all four GDN areas.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) noted that if the GT licence route was progressed this would not be a matter for the Code and therefore a Modification would not be required.

Richard Pomroy (RP) informed Workgroup that if a 3rd party had a combined entry and exit agreement this would need to be in Code and a disapplication of the charging arrangements would need to be completed.

JB offered 3 options as a way forward:

1. A GDN process.
2. A self-lay option if a specification can be agreed that can be purchased. (Compressor specification).
3. The Modification approach.

JB advised he has a list of 20 projects with 5 currently wanting to go ahead.

When Tracey Saunders (TS) asked if the GT Licence option went ahead, would something still need to be mentioned in Code, RP advised he believes Code would need something to deal with the charging

JB suggested that offline conversations with the legal text provider (SGN) and Richard Pomroy should be had to see if the Modification could be implementable, and if so, what needs to happen, then report back to Workgroup with a solution option.

EF agreed to seek an extension to November 2022 at the September 2022 UNC Modification Panel meeting and noted the expectation is to report earlier if offline discussion determines.

An interim Workgroup Report will be presented to UNC Modification Panel on 15 September 2022.

All parties committed to hold those discussions.

<p>New Action 0108: Proposer (TD) to have offline conversations with the legal text provider (SGB) and Richard Pomroy to see if the Modification could be implementable, and if so, what needs to happen, then report back to Workgroup with a solution option.</p>
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3.0 Review of Legal Text

Not completed – awaiting offline discussion to be held.

4.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

Not completed – awaiting offline discussion to be held.

5.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed the next step will be to:

- SGN, Richard Pomroy and Proposer to discuss the way forward
- Request a further reporting extension at September UNC Modification Panel, (report to Panel in November)

6.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

7.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
Thursday 10:00 22 September 2022	5pm 13 September 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda
Thursday 10:00 27 October 2022	5pm 18 October 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda

Action Table (as at 28 July 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0105	26/05/22	3.0	DNOs to provide justification for an Authority Direction Governance route based on v1.0 of the Modification.	DNOs	Carried Forward
0106	23/06/22	3.0	DNOs to supply list of <u>mandatory</u> items for ancillary agreements and items which that <u>may</u> be in an ancillary agreement.	DNOs	Carried Forward