

**UNCC AUG Sub-Committee Minutes**  
**Friday 15 March 2024**  
**via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees**

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Nikita Bagga (Secretary)	(NB)	Joint Office
Charlotte Gilbert	(CG)	BUUK
David Speake	(DS)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	CDSP
James Hill	(JH)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Julie Chou	(JC)	Wales and West Utilities
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	TotalEnergies Gas and Power
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	EON Next
Sophie Dooley	(SD)	Engage Consulting (AUGE)
Stephen Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy

*Please note these minutes do not replicate 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 papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/AUG/150324>*

**1. Introduction and Status Review**

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1.1. Approval of Minutes (16 February 2024)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**1.2. Approval of Late Papers**

There were no late papers to approve.

**1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions**

No outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

**2. AUGE Statement Review/Update**

The presentation covered the following main topics and discussion points. Full detail of the presentation can be found at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/AUG/150324>

James Hill (JH) provided an update on the 2 areas that were amended, with Consumption Forecast being the biggest. The approach has changed to level-off the forecast as recent months have seen the levelling off of AQ's.

More theft data has been obtained which was not part of the original draft, more meter point data has been obtained which can be incorporated and there has been a refresh of the no-read position. These will all lead to changes in the Weighting Factors.

Sophie Dooley (SD) provided further detail on the changes to the forecast during the consultation process it was identified that the forecast AQs were becoming unrealistically low, so it did not seem appropriate to continue using that calculation. A natural 'floor' value for the AQ has been applied and this can be seen by the blue line on the graphs on slide 5 in the presentation slides. SD highlighted that based on the changes and the standard data refresh for the Consumer Forecast a slight increase in the forecast can be seen which is not uniform across the data and some matrix positions have decreased, mainly in relation to Class 4 1ND sites.

SD highlighted that other than the contributors which have already been discussed, no other contributors have been considered for the proposed final statement.

SD explained that the changes between the draft statement and the proposed final statement contain very little movement. The Consumption Forecast has increased slightly due to the Class 4 1ND sites and the matrix position is slightly lower due to the changes to the no-read and meter consumption error. In terms of the updates across the board, they are very minor.

SD provided an update on the year-on-year comparison. Due to the very few changes seen since the draft statement was presented, the position remains relatively similar to what was presented in the AUG meeting in January 2024. The biggest changes are in relation to Class 4 increasing and Class 3 decreasing which is due to the detected theft. The matrix positions are sensitive to changes made to detected theft. Although there is little change that can be seen from the revised Consumption Forecast, they are significantly different when compared to this time last year, particularly in relation to the Class 3 positions.

SD provided an overview of the total UIG estimate for the gas year 2023 – 2024, highlighting that the last column demonstrates the differences against the draft statement. The slight reduction in UIG is due to the consumption forecast. SD further highlighted that the changes made to the no-read and meter consumption error outweigh the changes to the Forecast Consumption.

JH highlighted that the focus for the meeting in April will be to provide further detail on future considerations for AUGE. JH provided an overview of the 4 official areas to consider that arose from the work completed this year. JH highlighted that it is important to keep considering these areas with new initiatives emerging.

In terms of the second AUGE action on the presentation slide, JH highlighted that this was in response to unfound contributors with AUGE considering what can be done in this space. AUGE concluded that there was nothing further that could be done for this year, but they do intend to keep this on the list as a future area to consider further.

Slide 14 highlights the areas that AUGE wish to consider and explore further next year which includes Modification 0843. JH highlighted to the Committee that AUGE are looking for input from the industry regarding any areas which may want additional focus.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) asked, as AUGE is going into their final year, whether the process is different in the final year compared to other years or if it is agnostic to the procurement exercise. David Speake (DS) advised that the understanding is that the process is no different apart from an additional layer which would not involve industry, this would just be a handover process that AUGE are obliged to provide.

Fiona Cottam (FC) highlighted that this was an accurate summary, adding that each year is a standard long calculation. FC advised that it is helpful when AUGE takes the Committee through the assessment of various contributors and their perspectives on UIG. FC reminded the Committee that AUGE do not set the daily level of UIG but it is useful to see what figures they obtain to understand the context. A critical part of the process is the Weighting Factors which would share out the daily amounts.

DS highlighted that the publication of the final statement is only a few weeks away. On paper, amendments could still be made to the outcome if new information arises and AUGE believes there is some material benefit in using it. Presently, there is nothing to lead AUGE to believe that there will be any further changes made.

JH advised that AUGE welcomes any contact or suggestions from the Committee at any point during the year. AUGE’s contact details can be found within the presentation slides.

DS advised that a good use of the meeting in April could be to start considering future projects. By the time the Committee have the AUG meeting in April, the final statement will have been released, so for the periods of April, May and June, this quarter of activities will launch the next year of AUGE activity. It will be this part of the year where AUGE would welcome any thoughts and contributions from the industry. DS also advised that depending on the appetite and engagement, it may be worth considering having a separate working session to discuss the particular focus areas as opposed to using the AUGE meetings to discuss them.

FC advised that she intended to speak with Ellie Rogers from Xoserve as a reminder that at the UNCC, the Committee will be voting on the AUGE statement and table at the next meeting. FC advised that she usually produces a draft of the UNCC presentation slides, and she will bring those to the meeting in April which will hopefully inform the Committee of the process. FC highlighted that the idea in relation to the meeting in April is to encourage those who are technically minded attending the meeting to draw conclusions and discuss with constituency representatives who are attending the UNCC meeting, prior to the vote taking place.

Please see the presentation slides for further information and details.

**3. Next Steps**

None.

**4. Any Other Business**

No other business was raised.

**5. <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/auge/state>Diary Planning**

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

<b>Time/Date</b>	<b>Paper Publication Deadline</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>AUG Sub-Committee Agenda</b>
10:00 Friday 12 April 2024	5pm <b>Wednesday 03 April 2024</b>	Microsoft Teams	Final AUGS Meeting
10:00 Friday 28 June 2024	5pm <b>Wednesday 19 June 2024</b>	Microsoft Teams	TBC