

Workgroup 0875 Minutes

Minor amendment to the Vacant Site exit process & 0819 Legal Text re-numbering

Thursday 25 April 2024

via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Dan Simons (Chair)	(DS)	Joint Office
Harmandeep Kaur (Secretary)	(HK)	Joint Office
Steve Mulinganie (Proposer)	(SM)	SEFE Energy Limited
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent Gas
Catriona Ballard	(CB)	Brookgreen Supply
Charlotte Gilbert	(CG)	BU-UK
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	CDSP
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	CDSP
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Josie Lewis	(JL)	CDSP
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	CDSP
Marina Papatoma	(MP)	Wales & West Utilities
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Paul O'Toole	(PO)	NGN
Rebecca Hailes	(RHa)	Joint Office
Susan Helders	(SH)	Northern Gas Networks
Tom Stuart	(TSu)	Wales & West Utilities

This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided, therefore it is recommended that the published material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0875/250424>.

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 July 2024.

1.0 Outline of Modification / Request

Kathryn Adeseye (KA) provided an overview of the Modification explaining that it seeks to make a minor amendment to the Vacant Site exit process when the exit criteria trigger is 'Class Change is submitted' or 'Request for Isolation' and revise the 0819 Legal Text numbering post Modification 0816 implementation.

KA explained that following Ofgem's approval of Modification 0819, the design work to implement the Vacant Site process under the DSC has been progressing. As a result of the detailed design work, a couple of scenarios have been identified within the current legal text for Modification 0819 which need to be amended slightly to ensure the intention of Modification 0819 is met.

The Modification has been proposed as Self-Governance with 3-month Workgroup discussions. KA confirmed that the XRN5615 associated with 0819 is scheduled for a November Release

and noted that CDSP would like to get 0875 approved before the date as well. If approved in time, 0875 will be included in the same Release.

KA shared a presentation explaining what the original intent of 0819 was and included diagrams explaining the End-to-End Process Flow. For full details, please refer to the [published presentation slides](#) and the [Modification](#).

Steve Mulinganie (SM) noted that the diagram in the presentation shared in the meeting is very useful in explaining that the Modification is looking to remove an unintended loophole from the process. SM asked that the presentation be included with the Modification to aid understanding and to address the Panel's concerns about whether this is a housekeeping Modification.

While discussing Business Rule 1, SM queried whether 'Request for Isolation' is a defined term as it is capitalised. KA agreed to check and confirm whether 'Request for Isolation' is a defined term and whether an updated version of the Modification is required as a consequence.

Action 0401: KA to check whether the term 'Request for Isolation' in Business Rule 1 is a Defined Term and whether an updated Modification is required.

Rebecca Hailes (RHa) queried whether the Modification is saying that the Legal Text of 0819 is incorrect. KA confirmed that they are not saying the Legal Text is incorrect per se, more that the identified loophole is an unintended consequence. The Legal Text was drafted as per the Business Rules. RHa explained that when the UNC is updated, the text from 0819 will go in and the text from 0875 needs to be added on top of it and at the same time. RHa asked whether November 2024 is a drop-dead date. ER confirmed that November 2024 is an indicative date as it needs to be released with 0819. SM noted that based on the information presented in this Workgroup, the full 3 Workgroups might not be required.

KA asked Cadent about a timeline for the Legal Text. Andy Clasper (AC) confirmed that Cadent intends to provide a draft of the Legal Text back in the next Workgroup. AC noted that an implementation date for 0819 cannot be fixed until this Modification has progressed as both Modifications need to be given the same implementation date. SM noted that 0819 and 0875 are not being linked. SM explained that 0819 contains a scenario that is being fixed with an amendment with this Modification, however, this should not stop 0819 from being implemented. AC advised that they would have not been able to implement Modification 0819 without raising another Modification, so the two Modifications (0819 and 0875) are linked in that sense.

Action 0402: AC to provide draft Legal Text for consideration at the May Workgroup meeting.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods

3.0 Next Steps

The following next steps were confirmed:

- KA to consider a revised Modification.
- AC to provide a draft of the Legal Text.
- DS to draft the Workgroup Report once any revised Modification has been submitted.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Distribution meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Dist>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 23 May 2024	5pm Thursday 16 May 2024	Microsoft Teams	Standard Workgroup Agenda

0875 Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0401	29/04/24	21.0	KA to check whether the term 'Request for Isolation' in Business Rule 1 is a Defined Term and whether an updated Modification is required.	May 2024	CDSP (KA)	Pending
0402	29/04/24	21.0	AC to provide draft Legal Text for consideration at the May Workgroup meeting.	May 2024	Cadent (AC)	Pending