

UNC Workgroup 0670R Minutes
Review of the charging methodology to avoid the inefficient bypass
of the NTS

Tuesday 03 December 2019

Via Teleconference

Attendees		
Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Colin Williams	(CW)	National Grid
Dan Hisgett	(DHi)	National Grid
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	TPA Solutions
Henk Kreuze	(HK)	Vermilion Energy
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	Conoco Phillips
Kirsty Ingham	(KI)	ESB
Laura Johnson	(LJ)	National Grid
Niall Coyle	(NC)	E.ON Energy Economics UK
Nitin Prajapati	(NP)	Cadent
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector UK
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities

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The Request Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 January 2020.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (05 November 2019)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Review of Outstanding Actions

2.0 Review of amended Request

Alan Raper (AR) updated Workgroup and advised that this Review is largely on hold until the progression of Modification 0678 and the role of the Review Group is largely dependent on which version of Modification 0678 progresses. If the chosen version contains no short haul option, this Review Group would proceed. Therefore, until the 'minded to' decision letter from Ofgem is released, AR suggested requesting a 6-month extension at the December 2019 UNC Panel, on the understanding that, if at all possible, the Review Group would conclude sooner.

Henk Kreuze (HK) queried the 6-month extension and advised that this would take the Review up to the end of June 2020, just prior to the July Exit Capacity booking window. AR reminded Workgroup that this Review would simply be the vehicle for a Modification to be raised once it is known what route Modification 0678 is taking.

When asked, Colin Williams (CW) agreed that the extension should be requested and added that currently the date is unknown when Ofgem might release their decision, therefore, it could be a very short extension depending on Ofgem’s decision.

AR clarified that he would prefer a pragmatic approach and would like to leave the Review Group open to discuss & develop ideas for 6 month without a requirement to report to January 2020 UNC Panel, when for a considerable period time there has been little to discussion and development on which to report.

Debra Hawkin (DH) suggested that Workgroup would be in a better position if it waited on requesting an extension at the December 2019 UNC Panel until the Ofgem decision was released and then in January 2020 Workgroup would be in a better position to propose how the Review Group will move forward.

A degree of consensus from Workgroup was achieved to leave the Review Group open until the Ofgem ‘minded to’ decision letter on Modification 0678 is released and request an extension for 6-months at the December 2019 UNC Panel meeting.

3.0 Consideration of potential short-haul product

This agenda item was not discussed.

4.0 Next Steps

AR confirmed that the next steps are for this Review Group to examine Ofgem ‘minded-to’ letter, expected at the end of the year, and subsequently discuss in the way forward in January 2020.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Tuesday 07 January 2020	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA	Finalisation of Review Workgroup report

Action Table (as at 03 December 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
			No actions outstanding		