

**Workgroup 0874S Minutes
Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting
Methodology**

Thursday 02 May 2024

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Niamh Holden (Secretary)	(NH)	Joint Office
Adam Lane	(AL)	Spirit Energy
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Ash Adams	(AA)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ben Stodel	(BS)	Perenco
Ben Hanley	(BH)	Northern Gas Networks
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Exxon Mobil
Conor McClarin*	(CM)	National Gas Transmission
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
David Rubini	(DR)	Vitol Group
Hannah Reddy*	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Gavin Williams*	(GW)	National Gas Transmission
Jackie Atterton	(JA)	PX Limited
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Julie Cox*	(JCo)	Energy UK
Joseph Leggott	(JL)	Interconnector
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mark Field	(MF)	Sembcorp
Matthew Brown	(MB)	Ofgem
Michael Crowley	(MCr)	Gas Networks Ireland
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Gas Transmission
Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission
Phil Hobbins*	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Phil Lucas	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Samantha Wilson	(SW)	Spirit Energy
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Tim Gwinnell	(TG)	South Hook

**at Radcliffe House, Solihull*

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

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 within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0874/020524>

1.0 Outline of Modification

Conor McClarin (CM) introduced Modification 0874 and explained that the purpose of the Modification is to update and align the Uniform Network Code (UNC) with National Gas Transmission's (NGT) terminology for forecasting gas demand.

CM explained that following a review of the UNC by a third-party consultant, it was evident that there were out of date references within, which were misaligned with NGT's license, and the Modification proposes to update these references. CM confirmed that the proposed changes do not affect the methodologies used.

Julie Cox (JC) questioned whether these changes would also be made to distribution. CM confirmed that he would take this query away.

New Action 0105: CM to confirm whether the proposed changes affect Distribution Network forecasts.

CM provided the Workgroup with an overview of what sections are to be changed within the UNC and showed a side-by-side comparison of the legal text – see published Appendix A at [Workgroup 0874S 02 May 2024 | Joint Office of Gas Transporters \(gasgovernance.co.uk\)](#)

- Section N, 1.2.1 e) of the Offtake Arrangements Document
- Section C, 2.6 of General Terms
- Section H, 1.3 of Offtake Arrangements Document
- Section H, Part 1 and 2 of Forecast information to be provided by DNO, of Offtake Arrangements Document
- Section O, 1.1 of Transportation Principal Document
- Section O, 1.2 of Transportation Principal Document
- Section O, 1.3 of Transportation Principal Document
- Section O, 3.3.3 of Transportation Principal Document
- Section O, 4 of Transportation Principal Document

In reference to the changes proposed to Section O, 1.2, 1.3 and 4 of the Transportation Principal Document, JC questioned whether the term “Long Term Development Statement”, would continue to be used due to impending changes to the UNC process. CM advised that the proposal as drafted does not anticipate other future changes in the UNC.

Phil Hobbins (PH) suggested that CM discuss the potential impact of the impending changes with Phil Lucas (PL) and what impact this could have on the wording used. CM confirmed he would discuss this with PL.

CM advised that the changes to the documents are minor and only seek to correct or remove terms that are not correctly aligned or are now irrelevant. CM noted that more detail would be provided within the next Workgroup meeting.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None received.

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

Workgroup Participants agreed that the changes appeared to be minor and non-controversial. EF suggested that a draft Workgroup Report could be reviewed at the next meeting.

3.0 Next Steps

The following next steps were confirmed:

Drafting of Workgroup Report.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

0874 meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0874>

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

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 06 June 2024	5 pm Tuesday 28 May 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	TBC
10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	TBC

0874 Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0105	2/5/24	1.0	CM to confirm whether the proposed changes affect Distribution Network forecasts.	June	CM (NGT)	Pending