

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

Thursday 06 June 2024

via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Niamh Holden (Secretary)	(NH)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	SEFE Marketing & Trading
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Amy Howarth	(AH)	Storengy
Amy Rawding	(AR)	Northern Gas
Ash Adams	(AA)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ben Stodel	(BS)	Perenco
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Exxon Mobil
Conor McClarin	(CM)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Gavin Williams	(GW)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Jackie Atterton	(JA)	PX Limited
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Jospeh Leggott	(JL)	Interconnector
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy UK
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Mariacharia Xennaro	(MX)	Centrica
Matthew Brown	(MB)	Ofgem
Michael Crowley	(MC)	Gas Networks Ireland
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Gas Transmission
Nicholas Ridley	(NR)	Ancala Midstream Acquisitions Limited
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Nigel Sisman	(NS)	Sisman Energy Consultancy Ltd
Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Phil Lucas	(PH)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ricky Hill	(RH)	Centrica
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Richard Selman	(RS)	Ancala Midstream Acquisitions Limited
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Tim Gwinnell	(TG)	South Hook Gas
<i>The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 July 2024.</i>		
<i>This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User</i>		

representatives are present.

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/0874/060624>.

1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes (02 May 2024)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.1 Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers for approval.

1.2 Review of Outstanding Actions

0105: Conor McClarin (CM) to confirm whether the proposed changes affect Distribution Network forecasts.

Update: CM advised that Distributions Networks forecasts are not affected at this stage of the process, noting that the third-party consultant looked at both updating the UNC references and the forecasting processes. CM advised the changes required to forecasting processes will be resourced separately and there will be consultation via Ofgem at which stage the DNs will be closely involved. **Closed.**

CM advised that a further question was raised in relation to the term 'Transporting Britain's Energy' and whether this was still used, CM confirmed that whilst it is not a commonly used, it is not a redundant term so is not being removed or amended through this modification.

A question was raised around the role of the NESO in forecasting. CM advised that the changes in the Modification relate to things that are NGTs responsibility now and thus might require future changes as the NESO role develops. CM clarified that the Modification proposes to change only the terms and references to documents and not obligations of the UNC.

CM advised that there has been two minor amendments to the Modification since the previous Workgroup. It has been slightly expanded in the UNC Sections that it impacted, to capture all mention of 'Ten Year Statement' so that this can be amended to Long Term Development Statement for completeness. CM explained that this amendment is also covered under the NESO amendments, therefore an alternative legal text has been provided in case the NESO amendments are implemented prior to this Modification.

2. Development of Workgroup Report

EF took the Workgroup through the drafted Workgroup Report.

Governance

EF requested confirmation that Workgroup Participants agreed that the proposed changes were non-material and subject to Self-Governance. No comments were received from Workgroup.

Workgroup Impact Assessment

This section was amended to include 'Any further changes to the Demand Forecasting Methodology will be done in consultation with Ofgem and subject to consultation that would include GDNs.'

Reference Documents

EF questioned whether there were any further reference documents to be added. CM was not aware of any other documents.

Workgroup Assessment of Relevant Objectives

This section was amended to include 'Workgroup Participants agreed that it is appropriate to

ensure that referenced within the UNC are correctly aligned with the documents that support its operation.’

Legal Text – Workgroup Assessment

This section was amended to include ‘Workgroup Participants, mindful of this potential, are satisfied that the proposed drafting in both versions meets the intent of the solution.’

3. Next Steps

Workgroup Participants agreed to the proposal by EF to submit the report early to the Modification Panel June meeting.

4. Any Other Business

None raised.

5. Diary Planning

No further meetings planned

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)	Closed