

**UNC Modification Panel Minutes**  
**Meeting 321 held on Thursday 20 June 2024**  
**via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Voting Panel Members:</b>		
<b>Shipper Representatives</b>	<b>Transporter Representatives</b>	<b>Consumer Representatives</b>
C Paine (CP) Engie D Morley (DM) OVO Energy D Tarasco-Fittock (DTF) SSE O Chapman (OC) Centrica R Fairholme (RF) Uniper S Mulinganie (SM) SEFE Energy	C Gilbert (CG) BUUK D Mitchell (DMi) SGN E Allard (EA) Cadent J Rawlinson (JR) on behalf of C Gilbert (CG) BUUK M Montgomery (MM) National Gas Transmission T Stuart (TSu) Wales & West Utilities T Saunders (TSa) Northern Gas Networks	A Geveke (AG) EIUG S Hughes (SM) Citizens Advice
<b>Non-Voting Panel Members:</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ofgem Representative</b>	<b>Independent Supplier Representative</b>
W Goldwag (WG) Chair	M Brown (MB) J Lomax (JL)	None
<b>Also, in Attendance:</b>		
<b>Joint Office</b>	<b>Observers:</b>	
H Cuin (HCu) K Elleman (KE) M Cockayne (MC) R Hailes (RH) P McKie (MM)	A Adams (AA) National Gas Transmission C Ballard (CB) Brook Green Supply C McClarin (CM) National Gas Transmission D Addison (DA) Xoserve/CDSP	L Greenwood (LG) Centrica N Lond (NL) National Gas Transmission N Ridley (NR) SAGE N Wye (NW) WatersWye T Jenkins (TJ) ESPUG T Lattimore (TL) IGT INC
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**Record of Discussions**

**321.1. Introductions**

The UNC Modification Panel Chair, W Goldwag (WG), welcomed all attendees.

**321.2. Note of any alternates attending the meeting**

J Rawlinson on behalf of C Gilbert (from 12pm)

**321.3. Apologies for Absence**

C Gilbert (from 12pm)

**321.4. Minutes of the last meeting 16 May 2024.**

Approved.

**321.5. Review of Action(s) and Issue(s)**

None

**321.6. Consider Urgent Modifications**

None.

**321.7. Consider Variation Requests**

None.

**321.8. Consider New, Non-Urgent Modifications**

None

**a) Modification 0878 – Use of Entry Capacity Holdings at Easington at the Rough Storage ASEP in Winter 2024/2025.**

N Wye (NW) the Proposer's representative presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to ensure that entry capacity holdings at the Easington Aggregated System Entry Point (ASEP) can be utilised at the Rough Storage ASEP during Winter 2024/25 in the same way during Winter 2022/23 and Winter 2023/24. An enhancement has been proposed to permit any User who secures Rough Storage Capacity, can redesignate Easington Entry Capacity to the Rough ASEP.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0878>

NW explained if the Modification is not made, Centrica Energy Storage Limited (CESL) will lose its ability to use its long-term capacity holding at the Easington ASEP for the primary purpose for which it was purchased, with no realistic prospects of using that capacity for any other purpose. As a result, CESL would have to incur the additional cost of purchasing new capacity at Rough on a short-term basis, to support any withdrawal of gas from the facility in the coming Winter. The extension of the capacity redesignation mechanism, until the end of Winter 2024/25, will avoid these inefficiencies and give CESL greater confidence that it can utilise the full available capacity of the Rough storage facility without being saddled with unnecessary additional costs, enabling it to exploit the full potential of Rough over the coming Winter to support GB supply security.

D Addison (DA) clarified the same solution as previous Modifications would be used to support Modification 0878. With the first data fix in September, DA explained the 0846 solution would need to be added to the Gemini Sustain system.

The Modification was proposed as an Authority Direction Modification with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in July as the Modification will need to be implemented no later than 01 September 2024.

Panel agreed to a 1-month assessment period at the Transmission Workgroup reporting back July 2024.

Panel Questions:

None raised.

For Modification 0878 Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are no Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is not met, as this Modification is likely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued a Workgroup for 1 month with a report to be presented to the 18 July 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**b) Request 0879R – Review of current Supply Meter Point Classes (Class 1, 2, 3 and 4).**

D Addison (DA) presented the Request on behalf of O Chapman (OC), explaining that it seeks to review the current Supply Meter Point Classes; Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 which are set out within the Uniform Network Code (UNC). This review will assess whether the current arrangements for these Supply Meter Point Classes are fit for purpose and identify amendments that are required to the UNC.

Please refer to the Request published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0879>

Panel Members considered the correlation of Modifications which may have an impact on the AUGE procurement process. These were:

[0862 - Amendments to the current Unidentified Gas Reconciliation Period arrangements](#)

[0868 - Change to the current Allocation of Unidentified Gas Statement frequency](#)

[0873 - Allow specific roll-over for the AUG Table 2025/26](#)

The Joint Office agreed to establish a suitable meeting date to allow the assessment of these Modifications on the same day separate to the standard Distribution Workgroup.

For Request 0879R Panel agreed to a 12-month assessment period at the Distribution Workgroup starting in July 2024 and reporting back 17 July 2025.

T Stuart (TSt) enquired about the future net-zero and decarbonisation assessment and if this should be added as a standard consideration for future Requests.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Consider impacts on / interactions between Gas & Power Markets, MWHH, Trident (UK Link replacement), AUGE and Gemini.

Q2. Consider how potential changes align with ambitions related to hydrogen and more granular meter reads.

Q3 Consider whether optimum value for money is delivered to end consumers by current arrangements and if this can be improved

For Modification 0879R Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Request should be issued a Workgroup for 12 months with a report to be presented to the 17 July 2025 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**c) Modification 0880 - Amendment to Wobbe Index upper limit in the Network Entry Agreement at the York Entry Point.**

N Wye (NW) the Proposer's representative presented the Modification, explaining that it will enable the Wobbe Index upper limit set out in the York Network Entry Agreement between National Gas and Centrica Energy Storage to be increased from 51.2 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> to 51.4 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0880>

NW explained that due to occasional deviations in Wobbe levels, it is appropriate to seek an increase in the Wobbe Index upper limit contained with the York Terminal (from Tolmount) Network Entry Agreement. The change will reflect the limit contained within the Rough Terminal Network Entry Agreement while remaining within the limit set down in the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 (GS(M)R).

The Modification was proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in August.

Panel Members considered whether the Modification met the Self-Governance. Panel agreed to a 2-month assessment period at the Transmission Workgroup reporting back in August 2024.

Panel Questions:

None raised.

For Modification 0880 Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are no Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is met, as this Modification is unlikely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by majority vote (11 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued a Workgroup for 2 months with a report to be presented to the 15 August 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (13 out of 13).

**d) Modification 0881 - Review and consolidation of UNC Transition Document TDIIC - Transitional Rules**

The Proposer, C McClarin (CM) presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to review and remove obsolete transitional rules within UNC TDIIC Transitional Rules and introduce additional steps within TDI – General, to enable easier reviewing and removal of expired Transitional Rules in the future.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0881>

CM explained that the Transitional Documents within the UNC enable the implementation of rules or processes that may be time-sensitive or act as placeholder rules on an interim basis.

The rules are vital for ensuring the UNC can operate and be administered effectively during the implementation of rules or ensure continuity of a process on an interim basis. This Modification is intended to tidy up TDIC, encourage a regular future review process and introduce additional steps to enable easier reviewing of Transitional Rules in the future.

The Modification was proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in October.

Panel agreed to a 4-month assessment period at the Governance Workgroup reporting back in October 2024. It was noted that this Modification could report back sooner if the Workgroup Report is concluded early.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Consider whether there should be a suitable mechanism for an automatic review each year and removal of out-of-date rules - if so consider setting up a new Request Modification.

For Modification 0881S Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is met, as this Modification is unlikely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued a Workgroup for 4 months with a report to be presented to the 17 October 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14)

**e) Modification 0882 - Transparency of non-standard Gas Quality parameters at new entry connections to the NTS**

The Proposer, N Lond (NL) presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to enable greater transparency where a new entry connection to the National Transmission System (NTS) requests a “non-standard” gas quality specification, outside of the published NTS specification. This is to be more consistent with the rules for consultation at existing sites, whilst not impacting the connection process timelines adversely. NL explained that National Gas Transmission (NGT) is receiving more requests for non-standard specifications relating to oxygen for biomethane projects.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0882>

The Modification was proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in November.

Panel considered the impact on third parties and agreed to a 5-month assessment period at the Transmission Workgroup reporting back in November 2024. It was noted that this Modification could report back sooner if the Workgroup Report is concluded early.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Could any solution developed as part of this Modification be used in other scenarios.

Q2. Consider information required by all who might need the information - including potentially those geographically local to the point or those connected to the network locally and non-UNC parties.

Q3. Consider the materiality threshold for Authority Direction.

Q4. Consider what people may do as a result of the information published.

For Modification 0882S Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is met, as this Modification is unlikely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued to a Workgroup for 5 months with a report to be presented to the 21 November 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**f) Modification 0883 - Update to the Annual Quantity (AQ) amendment process for Erroneous Domestic AQs**

The Proposer, L Greenwood (LG) presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to add a further 'eligible cause' to the Annual Quantity (AQ) amendment process within TPD Section G - 2.3.21.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0883>

LG explained that Shippers can hold an inaccurate domestic AQ that is far greater than that of the Ofgem-published Typical Domestic Consumption Values (TDCVs); in some cases, up to 50% higher. Shippers can amend an inaccurate AQ using an eligible cause (AQ correction) or by posting successfully accepted readings to UK Link that span the AQ calculation period of at least 9 months. Where Shippers have been unable to obtain meter readings, despite trying, a new AQ correction code will be introduced to allow Shippers to amend an AQ to that of an Ofgem-published Typical Domestic Consumption Value (TDCV).

The scale of the problem was considered and the management of vacant site issues. LG agreed to draw on these for consideration at the first Workgroup meeting.

The Modification was proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in September. T Lattimore (TL) advised of a possible code impact depending on the development of the legal text.

Panel Members considered the materiality and whether the Self-Governance criteria was met. It was understood that the scale of the issue was limited and based on this could be considered Self-Governance, however, the impact of the potential misuse may require Authority direction.

Panel agreed to a 6-month assessment period at the Distribution Workgroup. It was agreed that this Modification assessment would commence in July and report back in January 2025. It was noted that this Modification could report back sooner if the Workgroup Report is concluded earlier.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Consider possible misuse scenarios and how these could be avoided in the drafting of the Business Rules

Q2. Consider how current the TDCVs are?

Q3. Are there other variables that could be used to determine whether this is an appropriate AQ correction e.g. meter type?



Q4. What type of supporting information would be appropriate?

Q5. Consider whether the modification acts to disincentivise Users to obtain meter reads, and if so, how could the modification protect against this risk?

Q6. Does the Modification allow manipulation of AQs - with no independent assessment of the evidence how would a claw back be affected? Could a delay be useful?

Q7. Consider materiality: is this Modification more likely to be open to abuse than previous AQ related modifications (e.g. 0816S, 0876S)?

For Modification 0883S Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is not met, as this Modification is likely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by majority vote (12 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued to a Workgroup for 6 months with a report to be presented to the 16 January 2025 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**g) Modification 0884 - Extending the PC4 Read Submission Window**

The Proposer, D Morley (DM) presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to extend the read window beyond 25 Supply Point Systems Business Days for Class 4 Supply Meter Points.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0884>

DM explained that this Modification will enable more valid reads to be entered into Settlement and would decrease Settlement imbalance, unbilled, Unidentified Gas (No reads at Line in the Sand is a UIG contributor), manual AQ fixes, repeated costs for additional site visits, and time and money spent on must-reads.

DM provided an overview of the staggered benchmarks and the suggested Performance Assurance monitoring. S Mulinganie (SM) confirmed SEFE's intention to submit an Alternative Modification which will remove Business Rule 1d and Business Rule 2. This will be considered as a pre-Modification at the June Distribution Workgroup Meeting and submitted to the July Modification Panel.

The Modification was proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment concluding in January 2025. It was suggested that the benchmarking aspect of the Modification should be captured within the title for clarity.

Panel agreed to a 6-month assessment period at the Distribution Workgroup commencing in July and reporting back in January 2025. It was noted that this Modification could report back sooner if the Workgroup Report is concluded early.

Panel Questions:

Q1. What happens if BR2 creates a concept of required reads; is there some sort of consequence which PAC may wish to introduce?

Q2. Is the modification likely to improve settlement performance?

Q3. Ensure clear reasoning is given behind the selection of each benchmark.

- Q4. By replacing Obtained with Required do we create an unintended consequence that parties would not have to submit reads they have Obtained that are not required under UNC?
- Q5. Consider potential interaction with Modification 0883 and any gaming opportunities
- Q6. Consider potential impacts to invoicing and settlement delays

For Modification 0884S Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is not met, as this Modification is likely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by majority vote (11 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued a Workgroup for 6 months with a report to be presented to the January 2025 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**h) Modification 0885 - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point**

The Proposer, N Ridley (NR) presented this enabling Modification to facilitate a change to the current contractual oxygen limit at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point, through modification of a network entry provision contained within the Network Entry Agreement (NEA) between National Grid Gas plc and SAGE North Sea Limited (SNSL) in respect of the St Fergus SAGE Sub-Terminal.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0885>

NR explained that the SAGE Terminal receives gas from some 40 different offshore Shippers from both the UKCS and the Norwegian Continental Shelf. The combination of increased volumes of rich Norwegian gas and continuing decline and near-term cessation of heritage leaner gas volumes from the UKCS obviates blending alone as a means of achieving existing NTS export specification. Therefore, it is proposed to upgrade the current SAGE Nitrogen Injection Facilities to ensure continued specification compliant operations.

This proposed Modification seeks to enable an increase in the Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) limit within the Network Entry Agreement (NEA) at the SAGE North Sea Limited (SNSL) sub-terminal at St. Fergus between National Grid Gas plc and SNSL. It is proposed to increase the O<sub>2</sub> limit from 100 ppm to 400 ppm. This is within the bounds of GS(M)R.

A Geveke (AG) enquired about the nitrogen injection rates. It was suggested Ofgem should attend the Workgroup Meetings noting a recent publication from Ofgem: [Call for Input: Open letter to industry to gauge interest in revisiting the opportunity to raise the upper limit of the Wobbe Index \(ofgem.gov.uk\)](#)

Panel considered the security of supply and the timing of the Modification and whether this Modification should be considered Urgent. It was suggested that a heat-map analysis should be provided for assessment by the Workgroup.

The Modification had been proposed as Self-Governance with a Workgroup Assessment.

It was noted that no changes would be required to the UNC as this is an enabling Modification in accordance with UNC Transportation Principal Document Section I 2.2.3 (a). The change will result in the Network Entry Agreement (NEA) at the SAGE North Sea Limited (SNSL) sub-terminal at St. Fergus between National Grid Gas plc and SNSL being amended.



Panel agreed to a 3-month assessment period at the Transmission Workgroup reporting back October 2024. It was noted that this Modification could report back sooner if the Workgroup Report is concluded early.

Panel Questions:

Q1. Consider impact on network penetration of increased O2 (consider assessment of 0712S if helpful)

For Modification 0885S Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- There are no Cross-Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The criteria for Self-Governance is met, as this Modification is unlikely to have a material effect on competition in the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes or any commercial activities connected with the shipping, transportation or supply of gas conveyed through pipes, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued a Workgroup for 3 months with a report to be presented to the 17 October 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**321.9. Final Modification Reports**

**a) Modification 0877S – Alignment of TO Revenue and TO Revenue Adjustment terms to the current Gas Transporter Licence**

R Hailes (RH) presented the Final Modification Report (FMR).

Please refer to the Panel Discussion with the published FMR at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0877>

RH summarised that this Self Governance Modification would update the Transportation Owner Revenue term (TOR<sub>t</sub>) and Transportation Owner Revenue Adjustment term (TOK<sub>t</sub>) within UNC Transportation Principal Document (TPD) Section F to align them with the term within the current National Gas Transmission (NGT) Gas Transporter Licence applicable from 01 April 2021 that is used in the calculation of the Default System Marginal Price Calculation.

Panel Members considered the representations made noting that of the 2 representations received 1 supported implementation and 1 offered qualified support.

M Montgomery (MM) clarified that the Modification is not proposing any change to the level of transparency within the calculation. Although tangential to the proposal, transparency of the calculation is a fair general challenge to make, and this has been raised with the relevant Operational team.

T Saunders (TS) enquired about the impact of the change and if the multiplier needs also to change, and if additional changes were required in other areas of the Code to ensure there is comparability to ensure it is treated correctly elsewhere in code. A Adams (AA) clarified that ADJR<sub>t</sub> (peak Day Demand term) is not a direct read-across however there is no necessity to make changes in other areas of the code. This Modification is about correcting the right licence references.

Panel considered the consumer impacts and net zero. S Hughes (SH) noted it was not for the UNC Panel to assess this at this stage, this should be for the Proposer/Workgroup to assess and inform Panel. It was agreed that consideration was required on the best approach for

assessing net zero within the assessment process and if changes were needed to the existing templates. This would be considered offline.

It was noted by Panel that by implementing the Modification after fifteen business days it would allow for the publication of the SMP default statement by 01 August 2024.

Panel Members considered three relevant objectives:

*f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code*

The views from Panel Members were captured within the Final Modification Report.

For Modification 0877S, Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- No new issues were identified during consultation, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification had no Cross Code impacts, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- Panel Members voted unanimously to implement this Modification (14 out of 14).

### 321.10. Workgroup Issues/Updates

None

### 321.11. Workgroup Reports for Consideration

#### a) Modification 0864S - Update of UNC Code Communication Methods

R Hailes (RH) introduced the Workgroup Report summarising that this Modification seeks to update prescribed UNC Code Communication methods to align with future Ofcom-led physical network changes that will be implemented nationally. This will require the deletion of the Code Communication method 'facsimile' and 'fax' within UNC documents and where appropriate, replacement with an alternative Code Communication method.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0864>.

Panel Members considered the Workgroup Report recommendation, that this Modification should proceed to Consultation.

Panel considered the definition of a deemed receipt under the Companies Act 2006, the updates to central systems and file formats, updating Shipper systems and the timing of the change in line with the Electricity Industry.

#### Consultation Panel Questions:

Q1. Do you have any views on the proposal for deemed receipt. Impact on timebound processes and relationship with the Companies Act

Q2. Do you have any views on timescales for implementation across the gas and power industry?

Q3. Will the requirement to change from Fax to email, including updating information currently held in central systems, cause parties any concerns?

For Modification 0864S, Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- The criteria for Self-Governance is met, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).
- The Modification should be issued with a 20-day consultation, and considered at the 15 August 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**b) Modification 0874S - Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting Methodology**

R Hailes (RH) introduced the Workgroup Report summarising that this Modification seeks to update and align the Uniform Network Code (UNC) with National Gas Transmission’s (NGT) methodology for forecasting gas demand.

Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0874>

Panel Members considered the Workgroup Report recommendation, that this Modification should proceed to Consultation. There were no additional Panel Questions.

For Modification 0874S, Members determined (with 14 Panel votes available):

- The Modification should be issued with a 20-day consultation, and considered at the 15 August 2024 Panel, by unanimous vote (14 out of 14).

**321.12. Existing Modifications for Reconsiderations**

M Brown (MB) provided an update on Ofgem’s approach for Code Modification decisions during the pre-election period. Having considered guidance from the government, Ofgem will not be issuing decisions before the General Election on 04 July 2024. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis where there is a specific need to issue a decision. Ofgem will notify this prior to issuing any such decisions.

In light of this, Ofgem will not be updating/publishing the expected decision dates table for code modifications. These will be reset and published accordingly post General Election.

It was noted that Ofgem will continue to attend UNC Panel meetings during the pre-election period but may be unable to comment or answer any questions on policy issues impacting Code Modifications.

M Brown (MB) also provided an update on the Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) sessions that took place on 14 May and 23 May. The first session focussed on two areas that Ofgem sought views on in their recent consultation: the code objectives, and, the role of stakeholders in delivering strategic change. The MPW explored how a possible net zero code objective could impact the Code Modification process, the benefits and downsides of Ofgem producing associated guidance, and more broadly, opportunities for closer alignment of objectives between the codes. The Workgroup also discussed the nature of information code managers might need from code parties to effectively develop and deliver strategic change, circumstances where that information may need to be requested, and the challenges with framing any licence or code obligation on this.

The second session explored the future role of Stakeholder Advisory Forums (SAF) in the Modification process as well as how the code manager and SAF could work together. There was a discussion on how SAF members could potentially be appointed. The second part of the workgroup looked at roles in the Modification process, including who should be able to raise a Modification proposal and Alternative Modifications, and if the principle of proposer ownership needs to evolve.

In light of the pre-election period, Ofgem will be rearranging the Modification Process Workgroup sessions scheduled for June.

**321.13. Modification Reporting**

**Workgroup Extension Requests:**

Modification	Current reporting date	Requested Panel reporting date	Reason for request to change Panel reporting date/Comments
0843 - Establishing the Independent Shrinkage Charge and the Independent Shrinkage Expert	July 2024	September 2024	2-month extension
0871 - Facilitating IGTs with NTS Entry	July 2024	August 2024	1-month extension

**Legal Text Requests:**

UNC Modification Panel Members discussed the Legal Text Requests and determined unanimously to make Legal Text Requests for the following Modification(s):

Legal Text Requests for Modifications	Accepted
0871 - Facilitating IGTs with NTS Entry	No
MM believed there was a lack of detail in the Solution for Modification 0871 to enable the provision of legal text. There was a difference of opinion on whether an amended Modification was expected or if the Workgroup would be concluding the Workgroup Report at the next meeting on 04 July 2024.	
0873 - Allow specific roll-over for the AUG Table 2025/26	Yes
0875 - Minor amendment to the Vacant Site exit process & 0819 Legal Text re-numbering	Yes

**321.14. Any Other Business**

**a) UNC Modification Panel Report**

Panel Members considered the Report. It was noted that some comments had been received by the Citizens Advice Bureau and the report had been updated to reflect the changes. The UNC Modification Panel Report was unanimously Approved.

**b) Update on NESO/ISOP go live**

RH provided an update on the progress to date. Just to confirm Independent System Operator and Planner (ISOP) is the role, and NESO will perform that role. Ofgem has consulted on potential Code Modifications across the board (not just UNC) to formulate the necessary Code changes to enable the introduction/establishment of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Ofgem confirmed that it is unlikely that the Day 1 for the NESO/ISOP (go live) will be Monday 01 July 2024, due to the General Election. Because the decision depends on ministerial action, we don't yet know when the go live will be. The Joint Office are working on the assumption that go live could be sometime in the first 5-7 working days of the new government which translates to approximately 5-15 July. The most likely is around Wednesday 10 July. This has implications for the Code Update process so if the Joint Office needs to talk with Transporters and Proposers in particular about implementation dates which may be affected, appropriate parties will be contacted. The Joint Office have had to a plan a lot of work at risk since this Code

Update is extremely large in terms of the number of UNC documents affected. If you have any further questions please contact Rebecca Hailes at [enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gasgovernance.co.uk) .

**c) Website view of Live/Closed Modifications**

The access to historical Modifications was discussed with a view of providing an area on the website to view these.

T Saunders (TS) also enquired about the possibility of listing all Live Modifications on a single page rather than the current view which was limited to 5 Modifications, spanning over several pages.

**321.15. Date of Next Meeting(s):**

Panel meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/panel/2024>

All other Joint Office events are available via: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month)

Time / Date	New Mod Deadline	Venue
10:00 Thursday 18 July 2024	5pm Friday Fri 05 July 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
10:00 Thursday 15 August 2024	5pm Friday Fri 02 August 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
10:00 Thursday 19 September 2024	5pm Friday Fri 06 September 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
10:00 Thursday 17 October 2024	5pm Friday Fri 04 October 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
10:00 Thursday 21 November 2024	5pm Friday Fri 08 November 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams
10:00 Thursday 19 December 2024	5pm Friday Fri 06 December 2024	Teleconference / Microsoft Teams