

CODE REVIEW PROPOSAL No 0140
Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange
Version 1.0

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Nature and Purpose of Proposal

The Gas/Operational data area within National Grid's Information Exchange website is devoted to the provision of Operational and Market information to all industry stakeholders. The primary objectives of this site are to reduce market uncertainty, reinforce equal access to information for all participants, to increase information transparency and facilitate efficiency in the capacity and energy markets. National Grid provides information, that is published on a 'within day' and 'after the day' basis providing portable document format (PDF) reports and comma separated variable (CSV) download capability.

Since the development of the Gas/Operational data area within Information Exchange, there has been a number of UNC Modifications which have changed the gas regime and instigated the release of additional information. Due to the changes in the gas regime and information provision the purpose of this Review Proposal is to establish what information is currently being published within the Gas/ Operational data area of the Information Exchange, assess the relevance of the data within the reports and confirm whether the information is being utilised or superceded by other data items. Alternative data provision systems e.g Gemini and information published as a result of Modifications implemented within the last 12 months are not included in the scope of this Review Proposal. Following the data exercise any changes that have been identified as beneficial by the Review Group would be raised via the relevant governance process.

In addition the Review Group will also review the Network Code Operations Reporting Manual (NCORM), the purpose of this document is to set out the content, format and distribution of a number of operation reports. The NCORM is very prescriptive not only about the data items that are published but also the layout and format of the reports. The Review Group will consider whether this format is appropriate or whether an alternative approach should be utilised such as a data item matrix/dictionary. Any proposed changes to the NCORM will require sanctioning through the UNC committee.

In recognition that the Industry is signalling that there may be further requests in both the amount of data and the frequency of data provision, National Grid has been reviewing whether the information provision should be provided as data rather than in formatted reports to enable End Users to export and manipulate data to best suit their needs. The Review Group should consider National Grids approach to data presentation within the Gas/Operational data area within the Information Exchange website and provide feedback to National Grid where changes would facilitate the relevant objectives.

Any further information (Optional)

Suggested terms of reference

The group is asked to consider:

1. Carrying out a data exercise on information provided within the Gas/Operational data area of National Grid's Information Exchange website to assess the relevance of the data contained in the reports and confirm whether the data is being utilised or may have been superseded by other data items/reports.
2. Identifying data items for potential inclusion on National Grid's Information Exchange, Gas/Operational data area. An assessment of the benefits and how the changes facilitate the relevant objectives should be completed.
3. The following elements are out of scope of the review proposal:
 - Review of information published via alternative systems e.g. Gemini.
 - Information published as a result of Modifications implemented since June 2006.
4. Reviewing the Network Code Operations Reporting Manual to confirm whether the current structure and format of the manual is appropriate or whether a more flexible format can be adopted to be more efficient such as a data item matrix or dictionary.
5. National Grid's approach to data presentation on the Information Exchange website, Gas/Operational data area and provide feedback to National Grid where changes would facilitate the relevant objectives.
6. Review Group to provide regular feedback to Ofgem's Demand Side Working Group
7. Suggested timescales: Any required Modification Proposals to be raised by October 2007, however proposals could potentially be raised sooner as issues are progressed by the group.

Code Concerned, sections and paragraphs

Uniform Network Code

Transportation Principal Document

Section(s) Section V, Network Code Operations Reporting Manual

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