

UNC Workgroup 0629S Minutes

Standard Design Connections: A20 connection process modification

Thursday 02 November 2017

at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Rebecca Hailes	(RH)	Chair
Mike Berrisford	(MB)	Secretary
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI UK
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
John Costa	(JC)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox*	(JCo)	Energy UK
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Service Ltd
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Robin Dunne	(RD)	Ofgem
Shiv Singh*	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Energy
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Tomas Dangarembizi	(TD)	National Grid NTS

*via teleconference

Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/628/021117>

1. Outline of Modification

NL provided an overview of the supporting presentation slides explaining that the 'Standard design gas connections journey' information had been outlined at previous Workgroup meetings.

NL explained that currently the Application to Offer (A20) Process timeline is between 6 and 9 months, as defined within Code. As far as the full delivery within 12 months (to achieve CLoCC core objectives) aspects are concerned, National Grid NTS are currently undertaking an internal review in order to establish whether or not this is viable.

In reviewing the 'Industry Questions so far.....' slide, NL agreed to consider providing an definitions (explanation) summary for possible inclusion as an appendix to the main modification proposal in due course.

It was also noted that the potential enhancements referred to in the slides would include "filtering and metering" and that "T/SP/G/19 and T/PM/G/35" refer to formal National Grid procedures.

Moving on to review the 'Mod Timetable – Next Steps/Planning' slide, it was suggested that one possible role for a sub-group could/would be to look at some of the more detailed technical aspects as this could potentially speed up the overall modification proposal process (i.e. the rapid modification development process favoured by National Grid NTS). When asked, CH explained that in his opinion the rapid modification development process is an especially powerful tool for the pre-modification discussion stages.

RH once again reminded those present that the rapid modification (sub-group or otherwise) development route, which is normally not Joint Office facilitated unless specifically asked to do so, is in addition to, and therefore not a substitute for the main Workgroup discussions and development phases.

2. Initial Discussion

2.1 Issues and Questions from Panel

Consideration of Self-Governance Status

It was agreed that the self-governance question would be assessed during the ongoing discussions and subsequent development of the Workgroup Report.

2.2 Initial Representations

None.

2.3 Terms of Reference

RH conducted a brief onscreen review of the Individual Terms of Reference for the modification, the detail of which was discussed under item 2.1 above.

One party questioned whether or not principle (item) 7 on the listing is feasible, at which point NL responded by explaining the rationale behind development of that principle although she did acknowledge that this could also be addressed via the raising of a standalone UNC modification and agreed to give this further consideration in due course.

Concluding discussions, the Workgroup accepted the Terms of Reference.

3. Next Steps

Consideration of amended modification (if appropriate) and development of Workgroup Report at the 07 December 2017 Workgroup meeting.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. Diary Planning

Agenda items (and any associated papers) for the 07 December 2017 meeting should be submitted to the Joint Office by close of play on 28 November 2017.

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary>

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10:00, Thursday 07 December 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW