

UNC Workgroup 0628S Minutes
Standard Design Connections: PARCA process
Thursday 07 December 2017
at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Rebecca Hailes	(RH)	Chair
Helen Bennett	(HB)	Secretary
Brian O'Shea	(BO'S)	Bord Gais
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
David Adlam	(DA)	Cadent
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Dickson	(GD)	IUK
Graham Jack*	(GJ)	Centrica
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Service Ltd
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Grid NTS
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Robin Dunne	(RD)	Ofgem
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shiv Singh*	(SS)	Cadent
Terry Burke	(TB)	Statoil
Tomas Dangarembizi	(TD)	National Grid NTS
*via teleconference		

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Minutes from 02 November were approved

1.2 Update on action 1101

NL then provided an overview of the supporting presentation slides whereupon the main focus of discussion settled on the diagrams on slides 26, 27 and 28, showing a summary of routes to entry or exit capacity. There is an additional calendar for IPs which is not shown on this slide, but this is in addition to this.

JCo thanked NL for the information, it is a good summary. It would be useful to see what platforms are available once a party is able to get capacity.

When asked, it was confirmed that once a User has their Meter Point registered; an MNEPOR and are signatory to the license, they can purchase non-obligated capacity.

JCx said it would be good to understand the timescales when within day capacity can be released.

There followed a discussion around new points needing to be in the License, it was confirmed that National Grid are looking at this with Ofgem.

JCx stated that there is lots of unallocated capacity; substitution takes what is allocated from users first rather than what is on the network as spare capacity first.

It is recognised that non-obligated capacity represents an alternative to the PARCA process and that whilst National Grid should not be risk assessing for customers, they do need to understand the options.

Certainty for capacity is always through the PARCA route.

It is planned to publish a 'setting up a new site' checklist / guidelines as part of Project CLoCC.

New Action 1201: NL to flag additional routes and information that needs to be available to customers.

There followed a discussion regarding the initial PARCA arrangements and that a review of the PARCA rules may be required but that should not hold up Project CLoCC delivery.

DA was concerned about the uncertainty of the precise location of a new site and whether DN capacity entitlements could be substituted away. Given the increase in the number of PARCAs, it was asked if the Substitution Methodology needs to be reviewed. If PARCA requests are being dealt with via substitution then couldn't every PARCA be done within 8 weeks and not just PARCAs for Project CLoCC customers?

Considering there are currently 9 active PARCA applications, it was agreed that a UNC PARCA Review may be necessary.

GJ asked about the actual cost of applying for capacity, not just what the options are but the cost/fees associated with it. The risk is different for each customer. If a new connection has to rely on funded capacity it would go down a PARCA route, if it is unfunded capacity, what are the guarantees?

PARCA Scenarios – accelerated route diagram

NL explained the accelerated route diagram on slides 32 and 33.

By having the PARCA window it does throw up a lot of scenarios.

Looking at the diagram, it was explained that once it turns red at any point, the PARCA has to follow the longer timeline of 6 months.

JCx raised the fact that National Grid has up to 6 months for a full PARCA; will National Grid commit to completing the analysis within 2 weeks?

NL advised that the intention will always be to get this done as quickly as possible.

NL advised that she is looking at what National Grid can commit to regarding the UNC and that project CLoCC is all about quicker capacity and connection.

2. Next Steps

None discussed.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning

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

Time/Date	Location
10:00, Monday 04 January 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Action Table (as at 07 December 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	02/11/17	2.1	<i>Reference the PARCA Application Fee - National Grid NTS (NL) to look to identify the high-level routes for obtaining capacity and where these (0628S) new proposals reside in the overall picture, including any potential costs and timescales.</i>	National Grid NTS (NL)	Carried Forward
1201	07/12/17	1.2	NL to flag additional routes and information that needs to be available to customers	National Grid NTS (NL)	Pending