

**Distribution Charging Methodology Forum Minutes**  
**Tuesday 04 June 2013**  
**at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ**

**Attendees**

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Andy Manning	(AM)	British Gas
Bernard Kellas	(BK)	SSE
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Chalmers	(DC)	National Grid Distribution
Jens Martin	(JM)	E.ON UK
Joanne Parker*	(JP)	Scotia Gas Networks
Joel Martin*	(JMa)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Edwards	(JE)	Wales & West Utilities
Rochelle Harrison	(RH)	British Gas
Steve Armstrong	(SA)	National Grid Distribution

\* *via teleconference*

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**1. Introduction and Status Review**

**1.1 Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2 Review of Actions**

**DCMF 07/02:** All DNs to consider providing a calculation model to assist understanding how tariffs are calculated.

**Update:** Awaiting Action 01/01.

**Carried Forward**

**DCMF 01/01:** RWE npower (JW) in reference to the Tariff Model: Gather views on what specification may be required (including identification of any priorities) and bring forward a strawman for consideration.

**Update:** Update expected at the next meeting.

**Carried Forward**

**DCMF 04/01:** NGD (SA/DC), SGN (JP) and NGN (WG/JT) to provide updated 0186 Reports that rectify any inherent errors and include the 2017/18 figures where missing from the original report.

**Update:** Updated reports have been published.

**Complete**

**DCMF 04/02:** British Gas (RH) to undertake a review of the 0186 Reports with the view to providing a 'strawman' for consideration at the next meeting, on the potential adoption in future of a standardised format possibly from October 2013 onwards.

**Update:** RH provided a suggested spreadsheet (published alongside these minutes). The forum considered TMA and NRSWA costs. It was agreed definitions should be included for clarity. It was agreed to highlight the availability of the spreadsheet at the next Supplier Network Forum. All parties were asked to consider the spreadsheet and provide any

feedback to allow agreement to be reached on the format and content for the DNs adopt going forward.

**Carried Forward.**

**2. Any Other Business**

AM enquired about any impacts following recent Government announcements regarding changes to networks ability to claim capital allowances. The DNs understanding was that the impact was prospective and would be negligible in terms of any impact on charges.

JMa highlighted SGN’s intention to raise a Modification for the June Panel in relation to LDZ Seasonal Capacity. The intent is not to change charging methodologies but rather the modification will impact charges associated with certain customers who have a seasonal requirement for distribution capacity.

**3. Diary Planning for Workgroup**

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

The date of the next meeting will be arranged for the second half of July.

**Action Log**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DCMF 07/02	23/07/12	3.	DNs to consider providing a calculation model to assist understanding how tariffs are calculated.	All DNs	<b>Carried Forward</b>
DCMF 01/01	21/01/13	1.2	Tariff Model: Gather views on what specification may be required (including identification of any priorities) and bring forward a strawman for consideration.	RWE npower (JW)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
DCMF 04/01	24/04/13	2.	To provide updated 0186 Reports that rectify any inherent errors and include the 2017/18 figures where missing from the original report.	NGD (SA/DC), SGN (JP) and NGN (WG/TP)	<b>Complete</b>
DCMF 04/02	24/04/13	2.	To undertake a review of the 0186 Reports with the view to providing a ‘strawman’ for consideration at the next meeting, on the potential adoption in future of a standardised format possibly from October 2013 onwards.	British Gas (RH)	<b>Carried Forward</b>