

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes

Wednesday 19 August 2015

via teleconference

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Colin Wainwright	(CW)	Scotia Gas Networks
Craig Neilson	(CN)	National Grid Distribution
Geoff Goldie	(GG)	Northern Gas Networks
Gregory Edwards	(GE)	British Gas
Ian Marshall	(IM)	Wales & West Utilities
Jonathan Findlay	(JF)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Morrison	(JM)	Northern Gas Networks
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Matt Marshall	(MM)	National Grid Distribution
Naomi Nathanael	(NN)	Utility Warehouse
Peter Morgan	(PM)	Scotia Gas Networks

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (23 June 2015) were approved.

1.2. Review of Actions

SF0301: *Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement* - WWU (IM) to liaise with the System Operations team to understand what CVs are being submitted.

Update: CN believed there had been some enquiries about retrospective amendments. IM confirmed there has been an investigation into the small discrepancy and why this had happened. He confirmed that National Grid figures were now being used; the policy change resulted in a marginal impact. **Closed**

SF0601: Parties to consider the Joint GDN Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review 2014/15 Consultation Report and provide comments/feedback on inputs to the 2015/16 report.

Update: HC confirmed that neither the Joint Office nor National Grid Distribution had received any comments. MM confirmed internal discussions had taken place in respect of the forthcoming review. National Grid would like to nominate itself as the party to undertake the 2015/16 review, and to engage with interested parties. The intention will be to contact parties to discuss previous reports with a view to improving and adopting a more focussed stakeholder approach.

This approach was very much welcomed by Shippers. Observing that a number of Shippers associated with Energy UK would be interested, CB enquired if National Grid Distribution could attend an Energy UK meeting on 21 September 2015 to raise awareness; MM noted this for consideration as an opportunity for further engagement across a wider audience. Recognising the tight timescales, GE suggested that National Grid also consider other means of engagement to run in parallel to meetings, e.g. email information/requests for feedback. MM indicated he was happy to engage with parties in whichever way was most appropriate for their needs.

MM also suggested formulating a DN rota for the undertaking of future reviews. He suggested that National Grid would undertake the 2015/16 review, with a suggested rota of NGN, WWU and SGN for the following years; this was supported by the other DNs.

All comments/feedback will be welcome and should be sent to/discussed with Matt Marshall: Matt.marshall@nationalgrid.com or 07812 651792. **Carried forward**

2. Shrinkage Leakage Model Review

See discussions at Action SF0601 above.

Recognising the tight timescales, GE suggested that National Grid also consider other means of engagement to solicit feedback and to run in parallel to meetings, e.g. email information/requests for feedback. MM indicated he was happy to engage with parties in whichever way was most appropriate for their needs. HC confirmed that the Joint Office would support email communications routes for the model review.

An update will be provided at the meeting on 27 October 2015.

3. Interference Damage

MM confirmed that the Interference Damage Modification had been prepared but delayed due to a number of challenges.

SGN confirmed it was happy to proceed, pending a couple of changes. NGN was awaiting regulatory manager sign off.

MM confirmed he would re-circulate the document for the DNs to sign off. Parties were encouraged to contact Matt Marshall: Matt.marshall@nationalgrid.com or 07812 651792 if they had any questions/queries.

It was anticipated that the consultation would be issued by Wednesday 26 August 2015 (consultation period 28 days), with the intention of final submission to Ofgem by the end of October.

4. AGI Venting

MM reminded parties of the current modelling basis. This modification was aimed at improving the approach.

MM reported that site surveys were being undertaken, some still awaiting completion. The other DNs were also in a good position. SGN confirmed that all surveys have been complete. WWU requested some further information as to what data should be captured. MM offered to circulate the National Grid Distribution proforma. NGN had completed its surveys and will review data against National Grid's proforma.

Action SF0801: National Grid Distribution (MM) to circulate the 'AGI venting survey data capture proforma' to the DNs.

MM confirmed that he will start drafting a modification in due course.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Timetable for Shrinkage Events 2016/17

HC requested an update to the current published timetable to include the required schedule for 2016/2017 (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sf/miscpublications>). GG agreed to review and provide an updated timetable for publication, and suggested it could relate to the financial year

Action SF0802: Northern Gas Networks (GG) to provide an updated timetable for Shrinkage Events covering the period 2016 to Q1 2017.

Following a suggestion from CB that better visibility of this document might be useful, HC agreed to publish future versions of the timetable on the main Shrinkage Forum page at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sf>.

5.2. Medium Pressure Modification

MM referred to an Innovation Project being undertaken. Some laboratory tests had been undertaken and established a correlation between leakage rates and pressure. GL and National Grid Distribution are discussing the approach and planning out the project, and will provide further updates in due course.

It was agreed this should be added to the agenda as a standing item.

5.3. Leakage Smart Metering Report

IM confirmed that the GDNs will shortly be engaging with parties for the Smart Metering paper.

Action SF0803: Smart Metering Report Update - WWU (IM) to circulate information on the way forward.

5.4. Scotia Gas Networks - change of personnel

JF introduced himself as the replacement for D Simpson.

6. Diary Planning

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

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
10:30, Tuesday 27 October 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/2017 Timetable • 2015/2016 Shrinkage Proposals • Annual Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review Update • July 2016 Shrinkage and Leakage Smart Metering Report • Interference Damage Modification Update • AGI Venting Update • Medium Pressure Modification Update
10:30, Wednesday 03 February 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015/2016 Shrinkage Proposals • Interference Damage Modification Update • July 2016 Bi-Annual Shrinkage and Leakage Smart Metering Report
March 2016	Teleconference	<i>To be confirmed</i>
June 2016	Teleconference	<i>To be confirmed</i>
August 2016	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	<i>To be confirmed</i>
October 2016	Teleconference	<i>To be confirmed</i>

Action Table (19 August 2015)					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
SF0301	19/03/15	1.2	<i>Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement</i> - WWU to liaise with the System Operations team to understand what CVs are being submitted.	Wales & West Utilities (IM)	Closed
SF0601	23/06/15	3.0	Parties to consider the Joint GDN Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review 2014/15 Consultation Report and provide comments/feedback on inputs to the 2015/16 report by 01 October 2015	All	Carried Forward
SF0801	19/08/15	4.0	Circulate the 'AGI venting survey data capture proforma' to the DNSs.	National Grid Distribution (MM)	Pending
SF0802	19/08/15	5.1	Provide an updated timetable for Shrinkage Events covering the period 2016 to Q1 2017.	Northern Gas Networks (GG)	Pending
SF0803	19/08/15	5.3	<i>Smart Metering Report Update</i> - WWU (IM) to circulate information on the way forward.	Wales & West Utilities (IM)	Pending