

DEMAND ESTIMATION SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes

Monday 25th July 2005

51 Homer Road, Solihull

Attendees

John Bradley	(JB)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Dennis Rachwal	(DR)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	xoserve
Rohan Desilva	(RD)	NGT Transmission
Julie Round	(JR)	Npower
Gary Barter	(GB)	Wales&West Utilities
Ed Rains	(ER)	EdF Energy
Craig Shaw	(CS)	Centrica
Dean Johnson	(DJ)	xoserve
Steve Taylor	(ST)	BGT

1. Minutes and Actions from 3rd June 05 DESC meeting

The minutes from DESC meeting of 3rd June 05 were accepted which included notes on closure of actions.

2. Representation received on consultation on NDM Profiling and Capacity Estimation Algorithms for 2005/06

RD summarised the one representation that had been received in response to the consultation. The representation was based on a comparative analysis using published NDM model data from 2004/05 and 2005/06 NDM reports (Appendix 7). An explanation was sought for the apparent ensuing large differences in demand values.

The representation also queried the practice of reviewing Demand Attribution.

3. Gas Transporter response to representation and DESC consensus

The presentation from RD concluded that the apparent discrepancies reported in the representation are because:

- The model parameters used apply to sample sizes of different AQ levels
- The models and weather variables compared are not on the same consistent basis
- The underlying modelling decisions are different from one year to another (e.g. summer reductions and cut-offs)

On the matter of replication of Demand Attribution, SA commented that there is no code obligation to do this, however gas transporters do review this as a matter of course. Work on 2003/04 gas year was reported to DESC on 23rd February 2005, and for 2004/05 up to end of February 2005 work was circulated to DESC on 16th March. In the autumn, work is scheduled for algorithm performance evaluation of new (2005/06) models applied retrospectively to the full gas year 2004/05.

There was consensus support for submission of the proposed algorithms to be forwarded to Ofgem without alteration.

4. Timescale for Implementation

Gas Transporters have until 15th August 2005 to publish their final proposals. Transporters or Users have 5 business days to apply to Ofgem for disapproval. If an Ofgem determination is made this will be within a further 5 business days.

Post meeting note: Notification was sent on 26th July 2005 that proposals were unaltered.

5. Proposed Work Plan 2005/6

The Sub Committee accepted the proposed work plan for 2005/6. The change of weather station in Wales South LDZ was discussed in the broader context of Met Office changes. DESC members were alerted to the 90 day consultation [Met Office Structure](#) which commenced on 5th July 05. Gas Transporters are concerned about the potential adverse effect if restructuring lead to further changes of weather stations.

6. Schedule of Planned Future meetings

19 September 2005 - to include consideration of longer-term developments.
Venue: 10 Old Bailey, London

14 November 2005 - Venue: tbc

12 December 2005 -Venue: tbc

23 January 2006 - Venue: tbc

5 June 2006 - Venue: tbc

24 July 2006 - Venue: tbc

It was suggested that the venue for meetings alternates between London and the Midlands.

Action ALL Provide feedback on acceptability of alternating venue for meetings.

Accompanying documents

1. Presentation slides
2. Demand Estimation Work Plan 2005/06, Tabled 25th July 2005