

UNC European Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 07 August 2014

Energy Networks Association, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP Gas
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
David Reilly	(DRe)	Ofgem
Francisco Goncalves	(FG)	Gazprom
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lucy Manning	(LM)	Interconnector UK
Marshall Hall	(MH)	Oil & Gas UK
Michelle Webley	(MW)	Petronas
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Nick Wye*	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/european/070814>

1. Introduction and Status Review

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Actions

EU0701: *Balancing Code Extension Option* – Clarify the cut off date for making an application for an extension, prior to the next Workgroup meeting.

Update: PH confirmed there was no formal cut off point. **Closed**

EU0702: *System Developments* - Confirm the Business and System Delivery Team's email address.

Update: Post meeting update provided with the previous Minutes. **Closed**

2. Workgroups

2.1 0493 – EU Balancing Code – Daily Nominations at Interconnection Points (IP)

Minutes for this Workgroup are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0493/070814.

3. General Update

An update was provided on the status and timelines of each of the EU Codes. It was noted that there were no major changes from the previous month.

PH drew attention to the Interoperability and Data Exchange code compliance, advising that National Grid NTS planned to deliver the majority of Interoperability aspects by 01 October.

Process and progress of the various codes were briefly discussed. NR observed that ACER had already said that it did not like aspects of the Tariffs code; it was difficult to predict how long that might take to reach Comitology.

There was no change to the Road Map. AP suggested that the box referring to 'Other codes (TBD) [Trading Code]' could be removed.

4. EU Code Updates

4.1 Tariff Code (TAR NC) and Incremental Capacity Amendment

EU Tariff Code Update

Consultation closed on 30 July 2014, the responses are under review and the report will be published in early September. The Stakeholder refinement Workshop will be held on 24 September 2014.

PH advised that National Grid NTS was looking into the application of the Cross Subsidy Test and Single Regulatory Accounts and will provide an update at the next meeting.

EU Incremental Capacity Amendment Update

Consultation closed on 30 July 2014, the responses are under review and the report will be published in early September. The Stakeholder refinement Workshop will be held on 23 September 2014.

General

Details of the analysis of the comments and likely changes to the draft text of both codes will be given at the September EU Workgroup meeting.

4.2 Interoperability and Data Exchange Code Update

PH gave an overview of the main issues and the current position; further meetings have been scheduled for 01/02 October. The Commission was considering whether the CEN standard should be binding.

There was potential Data Exchange 'scope creep'. TSO delivery obligations were a key issue for National Grid NTS. Continued use of Gemini in parallel with the Internet based solutions contemplated under the EU codes was discussed. It was as yet uncertain what additional infrastructure/interfaces might be required; the methods to use to transfer/deliver files were under consideration. PH commented that TSOs have to implement common data exchange solutions but can have additional methods if compatible and efficient. AS indicated that from a Shipper perspective she would prefer to have a system/method that was harmonious for use/interaction across all countries.

5. UNC Modification Plans

Phase 2 UNC Modifications – potential timescales

No major change. It was noted that a modification regarding Units might be required (Interoperability and Data Exchange Code) and PH will bring further details if this is deemed necessary.

6. EU Implementation Programme – System Developments Update

No update provided this month. For further information please contact Chris Gumbley on 01926 65407. Email address: Box.GasOps.BusinessC@nationalgrid.com

7. Draft EU Modifications

None provided for review.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 0501A - Treatment of Existing Entry Capacity Rights at the Bacton ASEP to comply with EU Capacity Regulations, *including capacity return option* (Graham Jack)

GJ gave a brief presentation, outlining the difference between this modification and Modification 0501.

MH indicated that because it accommodated a reset/return option it was likely to be supported by a number of parties. Observing that it would be supported by ENI, AS believed it to be a fairer approach and would avoid over-subscription. She also noted that there appeared to be a gap in both Modification 0501 and 0501A in respect of application to secondary trading. GJ acknowledged this point, adding that it would have to be addressed. This was briefly discussed.

GJ confirmed that his modification has been formally submitted for consideration at the August UNC Modification Panel meeting, with the recommendation that it be sent to Workgroup for development alongside Modification 0501.

8.2 Gas Day – Application to amend EU Codes

Responding to a question from MH, CS confirmed that National Grid NTS had begun discussions with various DFOs and it was hoped to conclude these next month.

MH advised the EU Workgroup that a formal proposal to change the EU Network Codes had been submitted by the 'UK Gas Industry' to ACER on 24 July 2014, setting out the position regarding the GB Gas Day and explaining why the costs/benefits of complying with the change was out of balance for GB and why it should not be imposed. No response to this had been received from ACER as yet. It was noted that it would test any amendment procedure as this was the first proposed change to the Codes. ENTSOG will probably make an evaluation but it is ultimately a decision for the Commission. It is calling into question the requirement for standard harmonisation principles, and it was noted that departures from these principles had already been made in respect of the Tariffs code.

It was recognised that for the present National Grid NTS must proceed with achieving compliance.

NR asked if the proposal/application submitted to ACER could be published on the Joint Office website; MH indicated he would have to check this with the Gas Forum first.

9. Diary Planning

In order to ease pressure on the primary European Workgroup meeting and to more efficiently address the business related to individual Workgroups, additional European Workgroups Days have been arranged. Please see below for further details.

UNC European Workgroup meetings scheduled for 2014

Please note the start time of **10:00** for ALL meetings, unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Location
Tuesday 12 August 2014 European Workgroups Day: 0500 and 0501	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 04 September 2014	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Tuesday 16 September 2014 European Workgroups Day: 0500 and 0501	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT
10:30 Tuesday 23 September 2014 Workgroup 0493	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT
Thursday 02 October 2014	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Wednesday 08 October 2014 European Workgroups Day: 0500 and 0501	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Tuesday 21 October 2014 European Workgroups Day: 0500 and 0501	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Wednesday 05 November 2014 European Workgroups Day: 0500 and 0501	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 06 November 2014	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 04 December 2014	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Action Table – UNC European Workgroup: 07 August 2014

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EU0701	03/07/14	1.2	<i>Balancing Code Extension Option</i> – Clarify the cut off date for making an application for an extension, prior to the next Workgroup meeting.	National Grid NTS (CH)	Closed

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EU0702	03/07/14	6.	<i>System Developments</i> - Confirm the Business and System Delivery Team's email address.	National Grid NTS (CG)	Closed