# UNC Workgroup 0510 Minutes Reform of Gas Allocation Regime at GB Interconnection Points Thursday 04 September 2014

## ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

#### **Attendees**

Les Jenkins (Chair) Lorna Dupont (Secretary) Andrew Pearce Anna Shrigley Antony Miller Charles Ruffell Chris Shanley Colin Hamilton David McCrone*	(LJ) (LD) (AP) (AS) (AMi) (CR) (CS) (CH) (DM)	Joint Office Joint Office BP Gas ENI Centrica Storage RWEst National Grid NTS National Grid NTS Ofgem
David Reilly	(DRe)	Ofgem
Francisco Goncalves	(FG)	Gazprom
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
John McNamara	(JM)	National Grid NTS
Julien Quainon*	(JQ)	GDF Suez
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kevin Brown	(KB)	Petronas
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lucy Manning	(LM)	Interconnector UK
Marshall Hall	(MH)	Oil & Gas UK
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Nigel Sisman	(NS)	SEC
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	
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Copies of all papers are available at: <a href="https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0510/040914">www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0510/040914</a>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 March 2015.

## 1.0 Outline of Modification

Introducing the modification PH outlined the current arrangements and the need for change as a result of the new requirements under the (draft) EU Interoperability Code.

## 2.0 Initial Discussion

The Operational Balancing Account (OBA) principles were explained. PH confirmed it would be proportional allocation by TSOs, not an agent. Default allocation in exceptional events was briefly discussed.

PH reiterated the aims of the modification and the terminology that would be introduced, and illustrated how National Grid NTS would work with its adjacent TSOs to facilitate allocate as nominate.

A potential timeline for progression of the modification was proposed, to enable an Ofgem decision by the end of Quarter 1 2015.

The necessity for Business Rules was considered and PH indicated that National Grid NTS would welcome any suggestions on how this might work. NR raised concerns regarding the degree of transparency surrounding balancing actions as it would impact through the neutrality mechanism - even if small it would need to be shown (for Shippers' reassurance); PH responded that the views of adjacent TSOs would have to be taken into account when considering this.

#### 3.0 Next Steps

LJ confirmed that the Workgroup Report was due for submission to the UNC Modification Panel on 19 March 2015.

In order to progress the modification it was agreed that the next Workgroup meeting would be held at 10:00 on Wednesday 01 October 2014, at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

### 4.0 Any Other Business

None.

#### 5.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Wednesday 01 October 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	To be confirmed

## **Action Table**

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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