

UNC Workgroup Minutes

0535 - Implementation of Non Effective Days to enable Annual AQ Review (independent of Nexus transition)

Tuesday 12 May 2015

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Attendees

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Andy Miller	(AM)	Xoserve
Bobbie Gallacher	(BG)	Scottish Power
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Debbie Draycott	(DD)	BP
Derek Clark*	(DC)	CNG
Edward Hunter	(EH)	npower
Emma Lyndon	(EL)	Xoserve
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Glen Nixon	(GN)	Utiligroup
Huw Comerford	(HC)	Utilia
James Hill*	(JH)	EDF Energy
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Joint Office
Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Carlin	(MC)	SSE
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Lyndon*	(ML)	National Grid NTS
Michelle Downes	(MD)	Xoserve
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*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 June 2015.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

2.0 Amended Modification

Recognising that Modification 0535 had previously been considered concurrently with 0532, LJ clarified that this modification was related to the AQ review that would take place each year and that, now that the Nexus Go-Live date was being deferred, 0535 needed to progress. Responding to Workgroup questions, DA clarified that this was necessary due

the implementation of Faster Switching initiatives, which had the effect of removing some flexibility in timings that had typically allowed the AQ processing to take place.

DA explained that the amended modification had identified that the non-effective days for 2015 would be 29 and 30 September and confirmed that no further changes had been made.

3.0 Consideration of Legal Text

Participants considered the Text provided by Scotia Gas Networks on 07 May 2015. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Text met the Solution, however views were expressed that it would be clearer if the affected processes were explicitly included. LJ noted that suitable Text Commentary might also help colleagues to understand exactly how the Text would apply the Solution. The Report was annotated to capture these views for Panel consideration.

4.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

LJ conducted an on-screen review of the Report, drawing the Workgroup's attention to the Relevant Objectives in particular. CW felt that 0535 had no impact on Objective c) as described in the draft, since this was not a transporter Licence obligation. After further discussion it was agreed that, although a Supplier Licence related activity and therefore outside of UNC, the proposal furthered Relevant Objective f) Promotion of Efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

AL felt that there was a further positive impact to Objective d) Facilitation of effective competition between shippers since, otherwise, for the same amount of NDM energy, the apportionment between shippers would be wrong and this would result in inaccurate buying signals for shippers. Participants agreed with this view and the Report was updated accordingly.

5.0 Next Steps

Concluding discussions, LJ explained that the Workgroup Report would now go to the Panel meeting on 21 May 2105 with a recommendation that it goes out to consultation.

6.0 Diary Planning

No further meetings of the Workgroup are planned at this time.