

UNC Workgroup 0600S Minutes

Amend obligation for the acceptance of EPDQD revisions made after D+5

Thursday 05 January 2017

Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Aisling Jensen-Humphreys	(AJH)	ConocoPhillips
Andrew Blair	(AB)	Interconnector UK
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP Gas
Angharad Williams	(AW)	National Grid NTS
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
David Cox	(DC)	London Energy Consulting
David Eastlake*	(DE)	CVSL
David O'Donnell	(DO)	NMSP
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Howard Miller	(HM)	CVSL
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Justin Goonsinghe	(JG)	National Grid NTS
Murray Kirkpatrick	(MK)	BP Gas
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Robin Dunne*	(RD)	Ofgem
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve
Terry Burke	(TB)	Statoil
Tom Andrews*	(TA)	Cornwall-Insight

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0600/050117>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 February 2017.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes (01 December 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

AW gave a brief outline of the context and the proposed revised Solution, detailing the changes required to the UNC and other documents. The proposed legal text was displayed.

Shippers raised concerns regarding the use of the word '*discretion*' (at TPD Section E1.4.2(b)) and a discussion ensued. NW asked what discretion was needed for the Transporter to decide to accept/reject. AW explained the current practice; she was unable to confirm if rejections had been made in the past as a result of a late amendment submission.

JG pointed out that the modification was trying to codify the current practice (not currently compliant) and enable National Grid NTS to still be able to deal with revisions past D+5. Shippers believed they needed more certainty; there needs to be a cut-off point for revisions. Shippers need to provide justifications for any revisions past a certain date. DE believed that discretion was important, and gave an example where discretion was used (correctly) not to accept. In 99% of cases submissions were probably OK, but National Grid could use its discretion to identify and prevent erroneous DQs creeping in (incorrectly input/human error). HM added that it was beneficial to have some discretion and pointed out that this was a reflection of what happened now.

JCo wondered if this might lead to an increase in risk of errors. JG noted this but believed National Grid NTS and CVSL can improve the process to reduce any potential errors. The reality of the discretion is that a dialogue would be had with the party if a rejection were apparent. JG explained the relationships between the parties as it currently exists, and that they would continue to use these as part of the late amendment process. This was quite a manual process and in effect elements of discretion were used now. HM added that the relationship between National Grid NTS and CVSL had improved to the satisfaction of both and that CVSL was comfortable with the proposed arrangements.

GJ suggested that some sort of qualification (e.g. a reasonableness test, and/or when it would be deployed, etc.) could be set around the use of the '*discretion*' to make it clearer and more acceptable to parties. Noting these concerns, AW will consider revisions to the text and bring back to the next meeting.

Continuing with the presentation AW advised that in developing the new Solution National Grid NTS had engaged with CVSL and the Gas Operational Forum and will continue to engage with system entry points at Operational Liaison meetings. Taking into account feedback received to date, further opportunities for developing process improvements are to be explored.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

To be pursued at the next meeting.

4.0 Review of Outstanding Action(s)

1002: CVSL (DE) to look to provide a statement for inclusion within the Workgroup Report that identifies the effort being expended by both National Grid NTS and CVSL to obtain an acceptable quality of data/minimise the number of post D+5 revisions.

Update: AW advised that instead of the above, she would provide some statistics that would confirm the small percentage of post D+5 amendments currently made. **Closed**

5.0 Next Steps

At its next meeting the Workgroup will consider the amended modification and revised legal text, and will aim to develop/complete the Workgroup Report with a view to submission to the February UNC Modification Panel for its consideration.

6.0 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
Thursday 02 February 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended modification • Review of legal text • Development/Completion of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 05 January 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1002	03/11/16	1.0	To look to provide a statement for inclusion within the Workgroup Report that identifies the effort being expended by both National Grid NTS and CVSL to obtain an acceptable quality of data/minimise the number of post D+5 revisions.	CVSL (DE)	Closed