

**UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday 03 December 2014**  
**31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Bob Fletcher (Secretary)	(BF)	Joint Office
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Colin Thompson*	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON
Shiv Singh	(SS)	National Grid Distribution
Usama Hafeez	(AH)	Xoserve

\* via teleconference

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**1. Introduction, confirmation of membership and apologies for absence****1.1. Apologies for absence**

C Warner (National Grid Distribution) and R Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities)

**1.2. Note of Alternates**

SS (National Grid Distribution) for C Warner (National Grid Distribution) and CT (Scotia Gas Networks) for R Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities).

**2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting****2.1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**2.2. Actions****DTW0502:**

- a) DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October.

**Update:** CI and SB confirmed amended data sets had been provided to Xoserve for review and analysis. FC requested that this action be considered further at the January meeting, so that lessons can be learned with an update provided to other Users who may want to provide aid for future analysis activities.

CI asked if it would be possible to circulate to a wider circulation list to allow other Users the opportunity to take part.

FC agreed to draft an email when the next similar action is ready to commence. **Carried Forward.**

**New Action DE1201:** FC to prepare an email for circulation to the industry inviting parties to support DESC Technical Workgroup analysis and data sets, if the use of shipper data in the autumn validation exercise is a success.

### 3. Seasonal Normal Review

FC referred to the [Final Approach to Seasonal Normal Basis 2015](#) document, which had been updated with the agreed approach to derivation of the Seasonal Normal basis from October 2015 onwards.

This had been applied in the Seasonal Normal calculations, which had been reviewed at the earlier Technical Workgroup meeting and were now recommended for approval by DESC.

Referring back to the recent CWV Optimisation exercise, CI wanted to know how many models were used for each LDZ. JL explained that they didn't use a specific number of models but considered scenarios and adjusted parameters to find the optimum values that 'fitted' the best on average against the LDZ aggregate NDM demand

Members unanimously agreed to apply the recommendations of TWG that the proposed Seasonal Normal calculations are adopted, following a period of time to allow industry participants to provide comments.

### 4. Next Steps

FC agreed to prepare a communication to be issued to the wider industry during week commencing 08 December 2014, welcoming views on the final Seasonal Normal Composite Weather Variable (SNCWV) values, with comments to be received no later than 12 December 2014.

A DESC teleconference has been scheduled for 17 December 2014 to discuss any comments received and finalise the SNCWVs for use in AQ calculations and Demand Estimation modeling.

DESC Members agreed the following workplan:

#### January to March 2015:

Spring 2014 NDM analysis reworked using new CWVs and SNCWVs

Back-runs of individual years' EUC models using new CWVs and SNCWVs required for spring 2015 NDM analysis

Produce revised WAALPs for all EUCs from 01/10/2011 onwards using new CWVs and SNCWVs – required for 2015 AQ review

#### April to June 2015:

Spring 2015 NDM analysis (using new CWVs and SNCWVs)

Continue with off-line production of revised WAALPs

### 5. Any Other Business

None Raised

### 6. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

#### **DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2014/15**

<b>Time / Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Programme</b>
10:00 Wednesday 17 December 2014	Teleconference	<b>DESC</b>	<b>Seasonal Normal Basis from October 2015</b>  Consideration of Industry SNCWV comments  DESC Approval of SNCWV  Review of CWV Optimisation and

			SNCWV Process 2014
10:00 Monday 19 January 2015	Teleconference	<b>DESC TWG</b>	Spring Approach 2015
10:00 Wednesday 11 February 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<b>DESC</b>	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strands 2 & 3 - RV & NDM Sample data  TWG recommendation for Spring 2015 Approach
10:00 Monday 27 April 2015	Teleconference	<b>DESC TWG</b>	Discuss and confirm modeling runs to take forward based on data aggregations and WAR band definitions
10:00 Tuesday 19 May 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	<b>DESC TWG</b>	Review single year modeling results and provide approval to commence model smoothing stage
10:00 Wednesday 24 June 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<b>DESC TWG</b>	Review TWG responses to draft proposals and agree key messages for DESC
10:00 Wednesday 08 July 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<b>DESC</b>	Review and Approval of 2015/16 NDM Algorithms as recommended by TWG
10:00 Wednesday 29 July 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	<b>DESC</b>	Response to industry representations on 2015/16 NDM Algorithms
10:00 Tuesday 17 November 2015	31 Homer Road, or ENA	<b>DESC</b>	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 - SF & WCF

<b>DESC Action Table</b>					
<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date(s)</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
<b>DTW0502</b> transferred in from DESC TW	21/05/14	DESC TWG 3.0	DESC and Xoserve to work together to look at ways to enhance the current data sets with a target to have additional data for October	All	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>DE1201</b>	03/12/14	2.2	FC to prepare an email for circulation to the industry inviting parties to support DESC Technical Workgroup analysis and data sets	Xoserve (FC)	<b>Pending</b> (Review at February meeting)

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