

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Minutes
Wednesday 09 July 2014
via teleconference

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
James Hanks	(JH)	EDF Energy
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Xoserve
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve
Penny Rowlands	(PR)	E.ON
Rob Nickerson	(RN)	National Grid NTS
Steve Marland	(SM)	National Grid NTS

Copies of papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/090714>

1. Introduction

The meeting was declared quorate.

2. Confirmation of membership and apologies for absence**2.1. Apologies for absence**

C Warner (National Grid Distribution), C Thomson (Scotia Gas Networks) and J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks).

2.2. Note of Alternates

FC (Xoserve) for C Warner (National Grid Distribution) and C Thomson (Scotia Gas Networks); SM (National Grid NTS) for J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks).

3. Review of Minutes from previous meeting (25 June 2014)**3.1. Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3.2. Actions

DE0305: *Changes to Gas Day - Impacts (Weather Data)* – Xoserve to explore with the Transporters what they are intending to do with their timings, e.g. forecasting, and whether they are staying on ‘odd’ hours.

Update: HC confirmed a post meeting note had been added to the previous set of minutes to clarify “*National Grid Transmission, who proposed the Modification and provided the legal text, have confirmed that the intention of the workgroup was that Gas Day 30 September 2015 would be a 23-hour day, beginning at 06:00 and ending at 05:00. Gas Day 1 October would then be a 24-hour day, beginning and ending at 05:00. National Grid Transmission are satisfied that the implementation notice is correct as it stands.*” **Complete**

DTW0501: To review the E.ON ‘Within-day Shape Analysis’ paper.

Update: Item deferred. **Carried Forward**

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.

b) Xoserve to provide the DESC members with a specification by the end of July.

Update: Item deferred. **Carried Forward**

4. Review and Approval of 2014/2015 NDM Algorithms

MPE gave a presentation on [DESC Modelling Summary](#), outlining the purpose of NDM Modelling, obligations under UNC TPD Section H, the agreed 2014 Modelling Workplan/Timetable, and the basis of the 2014 modelling, and gave a summary of the overall process followed to date with the involvement and cooperation of the Technical Work Group (modelling, analysis, and samples of the modelling results).

Noting that these had been reviewed and discussed at the last DESC TWG, MPE then drew attention to the four queries raised by E.ON, briefly summarising Xoserve's responses in each case, supported by illustrative graphs.

Diverting from the main presentation at this point, MPE reported that a further set of three queries had since been received from British Gas - [NDM Gas Demand Allocation Profile Data for Gas Year 2014/2015](#) and that Xoserve's responses to these queries had been provided and published. Each query was briefly reviewed in turn and FC outlined the key points of Xoserve's response in each case. CI indicated his satisfaction with the answers provided [Xoserve Responses to British Gas Comments on 2014/15 NDM Algorithms](#).

Attention was then redirected to the main presentation, recommencing at slide 35.

MPE stated that the NDM Report had been published and was now available to access on the Xoserve website (UK Link Docs area). SM enquired if Appendix 13 demonstrated that the Algorithms were still a good fit. Xoserve confirmed all the results suggest they are still fit for purpose.

MPE summarised the recommendations to DESC. The DESC members present unanimously agreed to proceed to the next phase and submit the NDM proposals to Transporters and Users, as required under the UNC.

Next Steps

Draft NDM proposals will be submitted to the wider industry for review; Users and Transporters will then have 5 business days to review and submit representations to DESC.

A DESC meeting will be held (planned for 10:00 on Wednesday 30 July 2014, Solihull) to review any representations received and to consider response(s). DESC will then provide formal response(s) to representations (via Xoserve).

Xoserve, on behalf of Transporters, will then publish the final proposals to industry (no later than 15 August) and submit interface files to key systems.

5. Any Other Business

None raised.

6. Diary Planning

DESC and DESC Technical Workgroup Meetings 2014

Meetings will take place as follows.

Time/Date	Venue	Meeting	Programme
10:00 Wednesday 30 July 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	DESC	Review representations (if any) and consider responses Preliminary results from CWV optimisation 0451AV Draft Profile
10:00	31 Homer Road, Solihull	DESC	<i>Provisional meeting – to be confirmed</i>

Monday 18 August 2014	B91 3LT		
10:00 Monday 22 September 2014	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	DESC	<i>Provisional meeting – to be confirmed</i>
10:00 Wednesday 12 November 2014	Energy Networks Association (ENA), 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	DESC	Evaluation of Algorithm Performance: Strand 1 – SF and WCF

Action Table: Demand Estimation Sub-committee

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DE0305	25/03/14	6.	<i>Changes to Gas Day - Impacts (Weather Data)</i> – Xoserve to explore with the Transporters what they are intending to do with their timings, e.g. forecasting, and whether they are staying on 'odd' hours.	Xoserve and Transporters	Closed
DTW0501 <i>(transferred from DESC Technical Workgroup)</i>	21/05/14	<i>DESC TWG 2.2</i>	To review the E.ON 'Within-day Shape Analysis' paper.	All	Carried forward
DTW0502 <i>(transferred from DESC Technical Workgroup)</i>	21/05/14	<i>DESC TWG 3.0</i>	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; and b) Xoserve to provide the DESC members with a specification by the end of July.	All	<i>By 30 July 2014</i> Carried forward