

UNC Workgroup 0629S Minutes

Standard Design Connections: A20 connection process modification

Thursday 07 December 2017

at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees		
Rebecca Hailes	(RH)	Chair
Helen Bennett	(HB)	Secretary
Brian O'Shea	(BO'S)	Bord Gais
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
David Adlam	(DA)	Cadent
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Dickson	(GD)	IUK
Graham Jack*	(GJ)	Centrica
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Service Ltd
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Grid NTS
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Robin Dunne	(RD)	Ofgem
Sean Hayward	(SH)	Ofgem
Shiv Singh*	(SS)	Cadent
Terry Burke	(TB)	Statoil
Tomas Dangarembizi	(TD)	National Grid NTS
*via teleconference		

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1. Introduction

The minutes were approved for 02 November.

2. Outline of Modification

NL reminded the workgroup that the aim of this Modification is to provide a more efficient, shorter timeframe to receive a connection proposal and offer a lower cost connection process.

NK asked if an Exit Connection were tying in to an existing block valve site, would that require a feasibility study? NL to investigate.

New Action 1201: NL to investigate if a feasibility study is required when an Exit connection is tying in to an existing block valve site.

It was mentioned that a standard design definition might be required (“what is a standard design?”).

Looking at the modification itself under section 5 Solution and bullet point 3, it is proposed that TPD is amended to allow the following principles to apply:

1. Define a Standard Design Connection which allows a connection with a flow rate of less than 57gwh/d to connect to the NTS at a location which is verified and utilises the Standard Designs.
2. Define Standard Designs – Pre-approved and Pre-appraised designs in accordance with T/SP/G/19 for Entry and Exit up to 300mm Minimum Offtake Connections.
3. Ensure all current UNC definitions are still applicable or updated accordingly to accommodate Standard Design connections. (e.g. V.13/Y2.12)
4. Include all new potential customer types within the Entry and Exit requirements (e.g. TPD I1.2.2/J1.4.4)
5. Allow appropriate NTS connection application fees

NK asked about references to specific NTS documents (e.g. T/SP/G/19) may limit applicability for the future. RH suggested the wording ‘in accordance with’ or ‘suitably equivalent’.

3. Next Steps

Development of the Workgroup Report.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. Diary Planning

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

Time/Date	Location
10:00, Thursday 07 December 2017	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Action Table (as at 07 December 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1201	05/10/17		NL to investigate if a feasibility study is required when an Exit connection is tying in to an existing block valve site.	National Grid NTS (CH)	Pending