

UNC Workgroup 0629S Minutes

Standard Design Connections: A20 connection process modification

Thursday 04 January 2018

at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees		
Chris Shanley	(CS)	Chair
Karen Visgarda	(KV)	Secretary
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE
Elvan Akkaya*	(EA)	South Hook LNG
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
John Costa	(JC)	EDF Energy
Jon Dutton	(JD)	National Grid NTS
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Liam Drummond-Clark	(LDC)	Ofgem
Matthew Hatch	(MH)	National Grid NTS
Nick King	(NK)	CGN Services
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Grid NTS
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Rowan Hazell*	(RH)	Cornwall Insight
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Sinead Obeng	(SO)	South Hook Gas
Terry Burke	(TB)	Statoil
*via teleconference		

Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/040118>

1. Introduction

The minutes were approved for 07 December 2017.

2. Development of Workgroup Report

NL provided an overview of the background for the modification and explained that the modification proposed to make changes to the Connection Charging Methodology to facilitate Standard Design Connections.

NL also explained that the area of 'Ability of offer Enhancements to Minimum Offtake Connection (MOC) for filtration and Metering', was being removed from the modification, as Project CLoCC have concluded their options analysis for providing Enhancements and the option to be pursued does not require a UNC modification. If this were to change in future a separate UNC Mod could be raised.

She then explained that the focus of this meeting was to identify the appropriate fee that can be charged to reflect the reduced time required for a Standard Design Connection and overviewed the principle fee options in relation to Section Y. She added, that she was going to enhance this section to provide greater clarity on the proposed approach.

3. Review of Outstanding Actions

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

Update: NL provided a view of whether the feasibility studies would be required if connecting into an existing site (block valve, pig trap etc) and the Workgroup agreed this was helpful.

There was then a brief general discussion about the ramp rate study requirements and minimum flow threshold for the NTS connection. NL explained that National Grid NTS were investigating the 'strictness' of Uniform Network Code (UNC) that meant that NTS would only consider these small connections in exceptional circumstances where suitable alternative connections to a DN are not available then NG will consider requests on case by case basis.

NTS were considering whether it was feasible to 'soften' this to become on a 'case by case basis' and not exceptional circumstances. This change could promote economic and efficient connections to the NTS.

A ramp rate study 'may' be required for anything > 50 MW/min and the relevance of the 58,600,000 kWh pa threshold for the NTS connection was discussed. NL confirmed following the discussions that this action be now be closed. **Closed**

4. Next Steps

CSh said his expectation for the following meeting was to start to develop the Workgroup Report.

5. Any Other Business

NL said she wanted to bring to everyone's attention that the CLoCC project was seeking an expression of interest (one party) to trial a pilot connection under the proposed new processes and there would be no charge, as it was going to be funded by Network Innovation. Further details regarding this topic could be obtained via the links below:

Project CLoCC Customer Pilot EOI- Expression of Interest issues for registration of interest in being CLoCC Pilot customer – Deadline 19 January 2018 at 10.00am.

The documentation has been published on Project CLoCC website www.projectclocc.com

The Statement of Gas Transmission Connection Charging, in respect of the NTS Connection Application Fee Charges.

This informal consultation document is being issued to industry to obtain views and comments for the introduction of new Connection Application categories for:

- Project CLoCC Customer Pilot

The closing date for submission of responses is 19 January 2018; however, National Grid NTS welcome any responses ahead of this date.

The documentation has been published on National Grid's website <https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/connections/applying-connection>

6. Diary Planning

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

Time/Date	Location
10:00, Thursday 01 February 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
10:00, Thursday 01 March 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Action Table (as at 04 January 2018)

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)	Closed