

UNC Workgroup 0675S Minutes

Enabling changes to the BBL Interconnection Agreement to facilitate physical reverse flow

Monday 15 April 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA

Attendees		
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Andrew Blair*	(ABI)	Interconnector UK
Angharad Williams	(AW)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CR)	Exxon Mobil
Graham Jack*	(GJ)	Centrica
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamila Nugumanova*	(KN)	ESB
Lea Slokar*	(LS)	Ofgem
Nick Tyler*	(NT)	National Grid
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sinead Obeng*	(SO)	Gazprom
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
*via teleconference		

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1. Introduction and Status Overview

1.1. Approval of minutes (07 March 2019)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0101: *Reference Interconnection Agreement* - National Grid NTS (JR) to examine the current Interconnection Agreement and ascertain whether the 01 October 2019 date is 'hardcoded' in the Agreement and thereafter consider if NTS wish to remove the date from the modification.

Update: JR advised National Grid have removed the October 2019 date from the Modification and confirmed this date is not in the agreement. **Closed**

Action 0102: *Reference ROM Assessment Requirements* – CDSP (SP) to double check the Gemini system metering setup and identify any potential impacts.

Update: Steve Pownall (SP) advised there are no system impacts. **Closed**

3. Consideration of Amended Modification

The Modification was amended on 09 April 2019. Jennifer Randall (JR) talked the Workgroup through the amendments made covering the following aspects:

- An updated Timetable
- Removal of date (01 October 2019) (see Action 0101)

4. Consideration of Legal Text

JR talked the workgroup through the main changes within the agreement advising that Appendix 2 Network Exit section is where the main set of changes are. There are minor changes to other sections within the agreement.

GJ said that the oxygen content limit has previously been contentious and asked if National Grid are looking to do some heat map analysis to assess the potential impact of this. PH responded and advised that, referencing Modification 0561S, this was a previous enabling Modification which has enabled the oxygen content limit changes which are only now being reflected in the Interconnection Agreement. (The oxygen content limit changes were not made to the Interconnection Agreement at the time of implementation of Modification 0561S).

5. Development /Completion of Workgroup Report

Pavanjit Dhesi (PD) advised that Interconnector UK have written to National Grid to assess potential amendments which may be required to their Interconnection Agreement. These potential changes have been triggered as a result of the BBL Interconnection Agreement changes. Interconnector UK is requesting a review of areas such as pressure services, flow rates and velocity protocols.

Interconnector UK is keen to initiate the review of its Interconnection Agreement and is of the view that this should be progressed and completed alongside changes to BBL's Interconnection Agreement as detailed in this Modification 0675S. PD confirmed that he believed this is required in order to avoid there being a negative impact on competition for Modification 0675S (Relevant Objective d).

Relevant Objective d) looks at impacts relating to:

d) Securing of effective competition:

- (i) between relevant shippers;
- (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or
- (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.

PD said the impacts of the 0675S Proposal need to be finalised and he believes they are not complete at the moment. National Grid said that they are not opposed to reviewing the IUK Interconnection Agreement but believed this should not delay the processing of the BBL Interconnection Agreement.

GJ said this is an operator to operator agreement and therefore does not impact the Shippers (referencing the wording of Relevant Objective d)).

National Grid commented that IUK has had visibility of the BBL Interconnector Agreements since it was published on 09 April 2019.

The comments and concerns made by PD have been recognised within the Workgroup Report for 0675S.

PD is of the view that the issues/concerns need to be discussed further.

AB advised that in his opinion Relevant Objective b)¹ is negatively impacted.

Relevant Objective b) looks at impacts relating to:

- b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of
 - (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or
 - (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.

AB believed that Modification 0675S has an impact on IUK's Interconnection Agreement.

JR confirmed that in relation to the wording for Relevant Objective b) Relevant Gas Transporter here does not include Interconnector UK.

PH recognised that Interconnector UK and BBL are very similar and confirmed that National Grid is happy to have the discussions regarding a review of the Interconnector UK Interconnection Agreement. He also confirmed that in National Grid's view the assessment of the Interconnector UK Interconnection Agreement was a separate activity which should not impact the timelines for Modification 0675S.

RH clarified that there is nothing within the process that suggests this Modification should be delayed, therefore, as long as all Workgroup comments are noted within the Workgroup Report, it is proposed that the Workgroup Report will be submitted to UNC Panel as planned on Thursday 18 April 2019.

The Workgroup Report was completed.

6. Any Other Business

None discussed

7. Next Steps

The completed Workgroup Report will be presented to UNC Panel on Thursday 18 April 2019.

8. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Action Table (as at 15 April 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0101	21/01/19	1.2	<i>Reference Interconnection Agreement - National Grid NTS (JR) to examine the current Interconnection Agreement and ascertain whether the 01 October 2019 date is 'hardcoded' in the Agreement and thereafter consider if NTS wish to remove the date from the modification.</i>	National Grid NTS (JR)	Closed
0102	21/01/19	1.2	<i>Reference ROM Assessment Requirements – CDSP (SP) to double check the Gemini system metering setup and identify any potential impacts.</i>	CDSP (SP)	Closed