

UNC Workgroup 0714 Minutes
Amendment to Network Entry Provision at Perenco Bacton terminal
Thursday 07 May 2020
Via Teleconference

Attendees

Lorraine O'Shaughnessy Chair)	(LOS)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Bill Reed	(BR)	RWE
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exon Mobil
David Adlam	(DA)	Cadent
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	TPA Solutions
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamila Nugumanova	(KN)	ESB
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	Conoco Phillips
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul Youngman	(PY)	Drax
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	BBLC
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Sinead Obeng	(SO)	Gazprom Energy
Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Energy
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Terry Burke	(TB)	Equinor
Tracy Brogan	(TB)	Neptune Energy

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 May 2020.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (02 April 2020)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

2.0 Amended Modification

LOS invited TBr to provide an update of the amended Modification advising that this is an enabling Modification. TBr explained that the main change related to the timing, originally this arrangement was scheduled for mid-June 2020, however, with COVID-19 the planned offshore outage has been delayed until May 2021.

Accordingly, the dates in the Modification have been amended to reflect the new schedule.

3.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

AR commenced an onscreen review of the current version of the draft Workgroup Report and advised this version reflects the most recent changes made to the Modification as mentioned in section 2.0 of this agenda.

AR highlighted the following sections which had changed:

- The Modification Timetable has now been updated to reflect that short notice for Panel consideration is no longer required.
- The Governance section now includes an Authority Direction ratification.

When asked, AR clarified that the reasons why this Modification should remain as Authority Direction is covered within the Workgroup Report and advised that that UNC Panel were made aware of the Workgroup's recommendation relating to governance at the April Panel.

In response to concerns about the proposal reverting to self-governance and being approved at the May Panel, AR advised that following any approval route, the bilateral Network Entry Agreement (NEA) would need to be modified and that could only happen once other regulatory hurdles had been satisfactorily negotiated.

PH confirmed that if the Modification were to be approved without a safety case derogation from the HSE being received, National Grid could not amend the NEA.

Based on Workgroup discussions, AR confirmed he would update the Workgroup Report in readiness for its completion and presentation to UNC Panel 21 May 2020.

PH went on to provide a verbal review of the operational procedures, added recently to latest version of the report in the Workgroup Impact Assessment section, providing more detail on the actions that National Grid would undertake to monitor and manage flows in order to mitigate the risk of off-spec gas entering the GS(M)R Network.

PH the proceeded to provide an explanation of how a combination of flow monitoring equipment and alarms would be used to undertake the blending actions to ensure compliant gas leaves the terminal.

RH asked for additional clarity to be added to the Workgroup report; specifically, where it mentions a compliant blend *leaving the terminal*, asked for the wording to be expanded to *leaving national grid terminal*. This has been updated in the Workgroup Report. PH confirmed this refers to NTS feeders, interconnector offtakes and Great Yarmouth power station offtake.

PH explained that Bacton Terminal staff and National Grid Terminal staff will be alerted to off-spec gas by National Grid installing the alarms on the NTS pipeline that leaves the terminal. The alarms will be set to just above 47.2 MJ/m³, which would alert the National Grid Control Room that the Wobbe Index is only just meeting compliance. These will be additional secondary alarms operating alongside the primary monitors.

Confirming the Recommendations section, AR advised UNC Panel will be asked to:

- reconsider the decision for making the proposal Authority Direction, in light of the suggestion made by the proposer and the documented discussion at the Workgroup, and
- to consider the Workgroup’s recommendation that the proposal proceeds to consultation, and
- to note that while this solution would be a temporary amendment to the NEA at Perenco Bacton Terminal, operational experience gained in managing these flows could provide useful insight into how National Grid may be able to offer further blending services in future.

PH advised that National Grid is separately working on a more enduring gas quality blending service with Bacton being the candidate. He added that this Modification will give valuable learning on how such blending services might operate in the future. National Grid is forming plans to consult with Industry later in the year.

Post meeting update:

The Workgroup Report has been fully updated and includes the discussion held at Workgroup in readiness for it to be submitted to UNC Panel on 21 May 2020.

4.0 Review of outstanding actions

Action 0401: *What specific mitigations National Grid are putting in place at the Exit Point of the terminal, after the gas has been blended.* PH to provide a description of what these mitigations will be.

Update: This has been provided and the Workgroup Report has been updated. **Closed**

Action 0402: National Grid (PH) to Confirm how HSE discussions are progressing.

Update: PH provided an update on how discussion are progressing with HSE (outstanding action 0402) and advised he has completed a submission to HSE explaining what the agreement is and how it is going to be managed, also confirming that it is temporary. He has also provided an elaboration of the additional controls that National Grid are looking to put in place. PH is now awaiting HSE response. **Closed**

5.0 Next Steps

LOS summarised the next steps:

- Finalise the Workgroup Report in readiness for UNC Panel on 21 May 20

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
No further meetings planned		

Action Table (as at 07 May 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0401	02/04/20	3.0	<i>What specific mitigations National Grid are putting in place at the Exit Point of the terminal, after the gas has been blended. PH to provide a description of what these mitigations will be.</i>	National Grid (PH)	Closed
0402	02/04/20	3.0	National Grid (PH) to Confirm how HSE discussions are progressing	National Grid (PH)	Closed