
UNC Offtake Arrangements Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday 29 November 2011
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Ben Kirkman	(BK)	Independent Expert
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Brian Durber*	(BD)	E.ON UK
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
Jeanette Gregory	(JG)	National Grid Distribution
Katherine Porter*	(KP)	EDF Energy
Keith Dixon	(KD)	Northern Gas Networks
Mark Amos	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Stuart Gibbons	(SB)	National Grid Distribution
Tom Connolly	(TC)	Scottish Power
Quenton Robert	(QR)	National Grid Distribution

* via teleconference

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Review of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of actions

OF0904: General review of Measurement Error Notification Guidelines to be undertaken.

Update: Item deferred for Shipper discussion. **Carried Forward**

OF1003: Establishment of a formal Log to capture reasons for MEs and remedies - DNs to consider in what format it might best be produced.

Update: All confirmed they are now happy with the information that is being provided. **Closed**

OF0701: Measurement Error NT008 (Horndon B MTA) - National Grid Distribution to provide an explanation as to why the change in data had not signalled an issue such that the error would have been identified earlier.

Update: See item 2.1. **Complete**

OF0702: Scotia Gas Networks to review the Six Point Plan to identify if a similar error to Horndon would be picked up in the future.

Update: Item deferred. It was considered that the Six Point Plan could be published at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/MER. **Carried forward**

0110: ISS034 - National Grid to provide a legal view on the 2 Hour / 5% rules and establish if the UNC change had been a misinterpretation.

Update: PH outlined related business rules that supported OAD development. It was agreed to make this document available for further consideration. RCH confirmed a modification had been raised, and further debate will be part of the modification assessment process. **Closed**

2. Significant Measurement Error Updates

2.1. NT008: Horndon B MTA – Report

BK provided an update on the Horndon Measurement Error. He provided details of the site and change in pressure profile and the daily average temperature error. The presentation provided the Data Processing Rules and details of the correction.

BD questioned if the differential and pressure differential would correlate and should have been picked up with on-going flow management. BK explained the error occurred whilst there was no flow. He acknowledged it was not usual practice to compare temperature fluctuations with the daily profile at other sites. BD questioned if there were any lessons learned to avoid two years of an error before it is noticed. BK went on to explain the use of three wire and four wire RTBs and that a four wire RTB would not have the problems associated with a three wire RTB.

TC enquired about the upstream and downstream temperature conversion. BK explained the temperature is measured downstream and all downstream measures are converted to upstream conditions.

TD explained that British Gas had submitted a number of comments and queries for consideration by the ITE late on the previous evening. It was confirmed that these would be forward to National Grid for consideration.

3. ITE Nominations

TD confirmed the three names of nominated ITEs - Paul Daniel, Charlie Johnson and Ali Niazi. No objections were expressed with regards to the additional ITEs.

4. Workgroups

4.1. 0397 - Amendments to Section I of the OAD to reflect Offtake Profile Notice rules & recognition of different NTS/LDZ Offtake sensitivities.

(Report to Panel 15 December 2011)

Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0397

4.2. 0400 – Removal of obligation to install duplicate Telemetry Equipment

(Report to Panel 19 January 2012)

Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0400

4.3. 0401 – Amendments to the provisions for agreeing pressures at the Offtakes from the National Transmission System to Distribution Networks.

(Report to Panel 19 January 2012)

Papers at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0401

5. Issues

5.1. ISS 0002, NTS Exit Reform

Raised by National Grid NTS 12 May 2005. It was agreed to close this issue as this item was not required for the industry to maintain a watching brief.

5.2. ISS 0004, NTS – LDZ Operational Information for Low Demand Days

Raised by National Grid Distribution 04 August 2005. It was agreed to close this issue as a modification was pending.

5.3. ISS 0005, Assured Offtake Pressures

Raised by National Grid NTS 02 November 2005. It was agreed to close this issue as Modification 0401 had been raised.

5.4. ISS 0034, 2 Hour 5% Rule

Raised by Wales & West Utilities 18 October 2011. RCH gave a background to the issue. Direct connections to the NTS compared to embedded VLDMCs was considered and the terms for LDZs surrounding the 2 Hour 5% rule. BW explained that new power stations would not want to be subject to such a rule but the DNs may need it to comply with their restrictions.

DA supported that DNs do not want conditions in the NExA that would cause a breach to the OAD. DA pointed out that the contracts don't quite work and DNOs are in breach. MA has some concerns with the rules, MW wanted to understand what assurances would be in place to ensure issues are not created for NTS.

It was agreed to close this issue as Modification 0407 had been raised.

5.5. ISS 0035, Embedded VLDMs

Raised by Wales & West Utilities 18 October 2011. It was agreed to close this issue as it is intended to raise a new Modification.

5.6. New Issues

5.6.1. OCS/OPS process

FH explained that National Grid NTS would like to raise a new issue to consider the OCS/OPS process:

- a) Provision of Pressures down the demand Curve
- b) Provision of Pressures and Flex down the demand Curve
- c) Incremental Flex Process

It was agreed that National Grid NTS would present information on the issue at a January 2012 Offtake Arrangements Workgroup.

6. Any Other Business

7. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

The next meetings of the Workgroup will take place on:

10:30, 20 December 2011, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Offtake Arrangement Workgroup Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
OF0904	08/09/10	3.0	General review of Measurement Error Notification Guidelines to be undertaken.	All	Carried forward
OF1003	08/10/10	3.1	Establishment of a formal Log to capture reasons for MEs and remedies - DNs to consider in what format it might best be produced.	All DNs	Closed
OF0701	11/07/11	2.1	Measurement Error NT008 (Horndon B MTA) - provide an explanation as to why the change in data had not signalled an issue such that the error would have been identified earlier	National Grid (AR)	Closed
OF0702	11/07/11	2.1	Review the Six Point Plan to identify if a similar error to Horndon would be picked up in the future.	Scotia Gas Networks (JM)	Carried forward
OF00110	18/10/11	4.1	ISS034 - National Grid to provide a legal view on the 2 Hour / 5% rules and establish if the UNC change had been a misinterpretation	National Grid NTS	Closed