

Workgroup 0415 Minutes
Revision of the Gas Balancing Alert Arrangements
Thursday 05 April 2012
Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Fox	(AF)	National Grid NTS
Angela Turner	(AT)	EDF Trading
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Daniel Treverton	(DT)	National Grid NTS
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	National Grid NTS
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fiona Gowland*	(FC)	Total*
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jacopo Vignola	(JV)	Centrica Storage
James Thomson*	(JT)	Ofgem
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lewis Hodgart*	(LH)	Ofgem
Malcolm Arthur	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rekha Theaker	(RT)	Waters Wye Associates
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Hounslea	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Statoil
Steve Dixon	(SD)	National Grid NTS

* *via teleconference*

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1. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. No actions outstanding.

2. Discussion

DT gave a presentation illustrating examples of the proposed information provision for the Margins Notice and Gas Deficit Warning and the withdrawal notices, and the post event reporting information.

It was confirmed that the Daily GBA and Storage Monitor Position Update would be published each day, ahead of the gas Day.

Responding to a question from JCx, DT agreed to confirm if there was/will be an archive on the website of historical information relating to Alerts and Warnings.

Action 0401: Historical information relating to Alerts and Warnings - Confirm if there is/will be an archive on the website.

RF asked what lay behind the choice of nomenclature to be used. MA explained that European Guidance had been reviewed for interpretation of stages and degrees of severity. RF questioned whether use of the word 'deficit' could present an exaggerated perception, ie be construed as 'alarmist', in some quarters external to the industry. SD responded that a Gas Deficit Warning is a very serious event but is very rare, and would be issued only if available supply is less

than demand. SD explained the background to the evolution of the current GBAs. MA confirmed that the majority of notices issued would have been margins notices.

JCx asked if DECC was now looking to comply with EU guidance, and MA offered to check if black, amber, etc. were to be used. JCx was concerned that this was still a misalignment with EU stages/degrees used. MA responded that 'Alert' was used when the market was still open, and 'Emergency' was used when the market was closed; National Grid NTS had aligned stages accordingly.

3. Consideration of Legal Text

The suggested text was reviewed and discussed. The following comments were offered:

Paragraph 5.9.4 – Remove: 'is notified'.

Paragraph 5.9.6 – Review definition of "Expected Available Supply".

Winter Outlook Report – consider changing to remove potentially restrictive references, eg at 5.9.6(a)(ii).

MA noted these and will consider revising the text.

4. Completion of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup considered the impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives and were supportive of the position in the modification.

The Workgroup Report will be reviewed and completed at the next meeting, with the intention of submitting it to the May Modification Panel.

5. Any Other Business

None raised.

6. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

The next meeting will be accommodated within the Transmission Workgroup, scheduled to take place on Thursday 03 May 2012 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Action Log – Workgroup 0415: 05 April 2012

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0401	05/04/12	2.0	Historical information relating to Alerts and Warnings - Confirm if there is/will be an archive on the website.	National Grid NTS (DT)	