

UNC Workgroup 0438S Minutes
Update of UNC TPD Section Y to reflect Exit Reform
arrangements

Thursday 10 January 2013

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Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP Gas
Antony Miller	(AM)	Centrica Storage
Chris Wright	(CW)	Centrica
Colin Williams	(CW1)	National Grid NTS
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	National Grid NTS
Fiona Strachan	(FS)	Gazprom
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Harvey Beck	(HB)	Ofgem
James Thomson	(JT)	Ofgem
John Costa	(JC)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lewis Hodgart	(LH)	Ofgem
Peter Bolitho	(PB)	Waters Wye Associates
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Hounslea	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Marshall	(RM1)	National Grid NTS
Roddy Monroe	(RM)	Centrica Storage
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Statoil

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The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 March 2013.

1.0 Outline of Modification

RH introduced the modification. The NTS charging arrangements post Exit Reform (October 2012) are contained in an Appendix rather than the main body of the charging methodology. Modification 0438S seeks to update the UNC such that the current charging arrangements are in the main body of TPD Section Y rather than in an Appendix. The opportunity to correct typographical errors is also being taken.

2.0 Initial Discussion

Attention was drawn to the proposed deletion of the value of the Expansion Constant, with a calculation methodology being inserted instead. This was explained and briefly discussed, and the Workgroup accepted that this was a pragmatic move to avoid the need for regular modifications to be raised when the number is updated.

The modification's impact on the Relevant Objectives was considered, and it was agreed that " (b) that, so far as is consistent with sub-paragraph (a), the charging methodology properly takes account of developments in the transportation

business;” was better facilitated as the modification would be bringing it up to date.

The Workgroup considered the nature of the changes being proposed and their translation into the legal text, and found these acceptable.

It was agreed that the Workgroup Report should be finalised and published.

RH then referred to Modification 0436S – Consequential changes to the UNC resulting from RIIO-T1 (to be considered by the Governance Workgroup) which also proposes changes to UNC TPD Section Y. Mindful of the progress of Modification 0436S, he suggested that it might be beneficial if this Modification 0438S were to proceed to consultation as soon as possible in an effort to provide Modification 0436S with an updated Section Y on which to base its proposed changes. National Grid NTS therefore proposed to ask the Modification Panel to consider the Workgroup Report at short notice.

3.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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

No further meetings required.