

UNC Workgroup 0461 Minutes Changing the UNC Gas Day to Align with the Gas Day in EU Network Codes

Friday 13 September 2013

Energy Networks Association, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
Chris Wright	(CW)	Centrica
Clare Cattle-Jones	(CCJ)	Energy Networks Association
Dan Donovan*	(DD)	Xoserve
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Hayley Burden	(HB)	National Grid NTS
Hilary Chapman*	(HC)	Xoserve
Jessica Housden	(JH)	Ofgem
Keith Dixon*	(KD)	Northern Gas Networks
Lorna Lewin*	(LL)	DONG Energy
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Lea	(RL)	Gazprom
Steve Catling	(SC)	Scotia Gas Networks
Vanessa Sturman	(VS)	Ofgem

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Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0461/130913>

The Workgroup Report is due to the Modification Panel by 19 December 2013.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions (05 August 2013)

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Actions

0461/0801: Flex Impacts - DNs and Shippers to consider impacts on Flex and return with views on the most appropriate time period, eg 06:00 – 10:00 or 05:00 – 10:00.

Update: No responses had been received and therefore, in the absence of any firm preference being indicated, National Grid NTS propose that the existing 06:00 – 22:00 time period continues. **Closed**

0461/0802: Capacity Processes and Auctions - DNs to consider impacts and return with views as soon as possible.

Update: HB advised that one query had been raised around the Capacity and Exit Capacity auctions processes that would be covered elsewhere in this meeting. **Closed**

2.0 Discussion

CS explained that Modification 0461 had been revised following discussions at the previous meeting and welcomed any feedback on the amendments. He confirmed that the intention would be to update the modification after each meeting to ensure that the proposed way forward is visible to all parties.

2.1 Capacity Update

In drawing attention to the 'Section B Capacity' presentation given to the 05 August meeting, and specifically UNC reference paragraph 3.5.2 (relating to the release of Daily Exit (Flat) Capacity), HB enquired if the Workgroup considered it appropriate to retain the timings. GJ suggested that the more flexibility users have in this area, the better. CS then advised that National Grid NTS intends to provide a more detailed view at the next meeting.

Update on Issues Raised at Mod 461 Meeting 5th August 2013 presentation

Whilst a consensus was reached to move the clearing allocation timing from D07:00 to D06:00, there were some concerns raised about any potential 'hidden' impacts associated with moving the timing of capacity offers from 02:00 to 01:00 in Annex B1 3.2 as it reduces the time between capacity offers and capacity bids to 1 hour (raised by NGN T-con). Whilst advising that the National Grid NTS Capacity team had not identified any such impacts in moving the timing, HB indicated that she would be happy to double check with her colleagues and provide a view at the next meeting.

Action 0901: National Grid NTS (HB) to check whether there are potential 'hidden' impacts associated with moving the timing in Annex B1 3.2.

2.2 Nominations and Balancing

HB observed that the Gemini initial impact assessment is drawing to a close and she expects to provide an update on its conclusions at the next meeting. It was confirmed that the Gemini run timing does not generally match the time stated within the UNC (i.e. the Code generally states by, not at, X hours).

In regard to UNC references TPDC 4.1.3 and 5.2.2 and the question around the timing of bids, CS indicated that, in essence, a user may bid at any time during the day and that it is an internal National Grid process issue to align the timings. HB also agreed that the basic principle for 5.2.2 is that we have an earlier start time allied to an earlier finish time – the consensus view of those present being that both proposed rationales are acceptable.

As far as UNC reference TPDC 5.2.3 is concerned the recommended change from 07:00 to 06:00 is to reflect the gas day change - the consensus view of those present being supportive.

In considering UNC reference TPDD 2.2.1(h) the consensus view was that the 19:00 should stay as-is and the 04:00 be changed to 03:00.

In considering UNC reference TPDD Annex 5.1 the consensus view was that the 12:00 timings should stay as-are whilst the 03:35 ones should be changed to 02:35. Asked whether or not this would reduce market participants' time to undertake the necessary actions, HB confirmed that this would not be the case as the gas day is starting earlier.

In considering UNC reference TPDD Annex D-1 5.6, it was recognised that this may impact upon traders - AP agreed to check this with his trader contacts. In a similar vein, when considering UNC reference TPDD Annex 7, GJ indicated that he would like an opportunity to check the potential impact as to whether or not there is value in retaining these timings.

For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise stated all remaining items identified within the table were either approved to stay as-are, or the proposed (timing) changes accepted.

Action 0902: BP (AP) to check whether the TPDD Annex 5.6 timing move would be expected to impact trading.

Action 0903: Centrica (GJ) to check whether there is value in retaining the timings in TPDD Annex D-1 7.

2.3 Other UNC TPD Section Considerations

DC provided a brief overview of the presentation.

When asked whether or not it is also intended to review the various ancillary documents, CS confirmed that these would be reviewed in due course. However, he asked parties to note that some documents (i.e. NEAs/NExAs) are contractual documents rather than specific Code related ones – any views on how best to combine the various lines of investigation would be welcomed.

As far as UNC reference TPDG Annex G-2 was concerned, some wondered whether this would be impacted by the default allocation rules. TD suggested that this possibly relates to existing agreements and, as a consequence of this fact, questioned whether or not any old agreements would simply carry on – a new action was placed on DC to investigate and provide a view at the next meeting.

Moving on to consider UNC reference TPDQ 7.2.1, DC agreed to check whether or not the 04:00 timing is the same as the equivalent Gemini timing.

As far as UNC reference TPDX 2.6.5, 2.7.1, 2.7.3, 2.7.5, 2.7.9, 2.10.3, 2.10.5, 2.10.9 and 2.10.10 are concerned DC agreed to check with Xoserve as to whether or not they are happy to retain the timings going forward. RF suggested that it may be beneficial to consider any potential impact upon the Energy Balancing Credit Rules.

Moving on to consider UNC references TPDV Annex V-1, it was agreed to leave the publication of information (via MiPi) timings as-is unless someone can justify changing these. In looking at the (yellow) Gas Flow Day timings, GJ requested more time to consider the proposed change from 05:59 to 04:59 and its potential impact on Centrica's internal processes, before committing to a view.

DC agreed to add a new item to cover Annex V-2 formula year consideration.

With reference to TPDZ 5.6.1, HB confirmed that National Grid LNG had been consulted.

Action 0904: National Grid NTS (DC) to investigate, with respect to TPDG Annex G-2, whether the timings within any agreements need amending.

Action 0905: National Grid NTS (DC) to check, in respect of TPDQ 7.2.1, whether the 04:00 timing is the same as the equivalent Gemini timing.

Action 0906: National Grid NTS (DC) to check, in respect of TPDX 2.6.5, 2.7.1, 2.7.3, 2.7.5, 2.7.9, 2.10.3, 2.10.5, 2.10.9 and 2.10.10, whether Xoserve are happy to retain the timings.

2.4 UNC OAD Considerations

HB provided a presentation. She indicated that, as no issues had been raised by any of the DNs, and unless anyone else had anything to raise, the recommendation is to leave the timings within the OAD as they are – a view supported by those present at the meeting.

3.0 Any Other Business

Proposed Implementation Date for Modification 0461 Confirmation

During a brief discussion around the proposed 01 October 2015 implementation date for the modification, HB confirmed that, whilst some concerns were raised by industry participants at a recent meeting with Ofgem, the aspiration remains to hit that target date. HC responded by indicating that Xoserve also have some (AQ process impact) concerns. CS suggested that these could be discussed at the next meeting.

4.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

HB advised that all ancillary documents currently published on the Joint Office web site would now be considered and that the modification would be updated to reflect discussions.

The agenda for the next meeting will include consideration of Xoserve system impacts and an ancillary documents review.

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 25 October 2013, at the Energy Networks Association, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Action Table – Workgroup 0461

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0461/0801	05/08/13	2.2	<i>Flex Impacts</i> - DNs and Shippers to consider impacts on Flex and return with views (as soon as possible) on the most appropriate time period, eg 06:00 – 10:00 or 05:00 – 10:00.	DNs and Shippers	Update provided. Closed
0461/0802	05/08/13	2.3	<i>Capacity Processes and Auctions</i> - DNs to consider impacts and return with views as soon as possible.	DNs	Update provided. Closed
0461/0901	13/09/13	2.1	Check whether there are potential 'hidden' impacts associated with moving the timing in Annex B-1 3.2.	National Grid NTS (HB)	Pending.
0461/0902	13/09/13	2.2	Check whether the TPDD Annex 5.6 timing move would be expected to impact trading	BP (AP)	Pending.
0461/0903	13/09/13	2.2	Check whether there is value in retaining the timings in TPDD Annex D-1 7.	Centrica (GJ)	Pending.
0461/0904	13/09/13	2.3	Investigate, with respect to TPDG Annex G-2, whether the timings within any agreements need amending	National Grid NTS (DC)	Pending.
0461/0905	13/09/13	2.3	Check, in respect of TPDQ 7.2.1, whether the 04:00 timing is the same as the equivalent Gemini timing	National Grid NTS (DC)	Pending.
0461/0906	13/09/13	2.3	Check, in respect of TPDX 2.6.5, 2.7.1, 2.7.3, 2.7.5, 2.7.9, 2.10.3, 2.10.5, 2.10.9 and 2.10.10, whether Xoserve are happy to retain the timings.	National Grid NTS (DC)	Pending.