

UNC Workgroup 0472 Minutes
Restricting the number of registration attempts by a supplier
Tuesday 10 December 2013
Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw*	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirsten Elliot-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lesley Ferrando*	(LF)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	First Utility
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Sasha Pearce	(SP)	RWE npower

* *via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 April 2014.

1.0 Outline of Modification

SP introduced the modification and explained the rationale behind improving the process for managing registrations and to reduce multiple registration attempts.

2.0 Initial Discussion

The Workgroup considered the initial representation provided on behalf of the Major Energy Users Council

CW explained that the submission of a registration request warrants there is a contract in place and Transporters would not be aware of the number of attempts to transfer a supply point.

CB explained the process operated by E.ON when a transfer is rejected. She explained when an objection is lodged, E.ON will make contact with the customer to ascertain why this may have happened and re-attempt a registration. CB suggested a schedule in SPAA might be a more suitable alternative to a UNC modification.

The Workgroup considered the SPAA schedule mechanisms, which would provide opportunities for Suppliers to communicate.

The Workgroup briefly considered; the materiality of the issue; the validation of such a process; the appropriate number of attempts allowed and the justification, what obligations should be placed on Shippers, how such a process would better achieve the relevant objectives, and how to not to impair but further competition.

CW explained there is an obligation on Shippers and Transporters in section G of the UNC and that any change would need to consider in detail and how these obligations are managed going forward. It was also recognised that the modification would need to be mindful of the incumbent and outgoing shipper provisions. CW also asked RWE npower to consider what actions they would want Transporters to take after the 5th confirmation attempt.

The Workgroup believed the principal of the modification in theory was a good idea, to encourage the right behaviours and were interested in understanding the view of such a modification within the electricity market.

SP agreed to reconsider the modification in light of the discussions today and how an alternative solution could be managed through a SPAA schedule.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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

The next meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on:

Tuesday 07 January 2014, at 10:30 at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update