

UNC Workgroup 0489 Minutes
EU Gas Balancing Code – Information Provision changes
required to align the UNC with the EU Code
Thursday 22 May 2014
31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andrew Burke*	(AB)	esb
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI UK
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWEst
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
Debbie Brace	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Douglas O'Brian*	(DO)	Bord Gais
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Isabelle Magne	(IM)	GDF Suez
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
Jessica Housden*	(JH)	Ofgem
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK

**via teleconference*

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 September 2014.

1.0 Introduction

LJ welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

2.1 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2.2 Actions

0402: JH to confirm Ofgem's understanding and interpretation of EU requirements in respect of content and publication of the NDMA Accuracy report.

Update: JH confirmed that from an Ofgem perspective, an aggregated report would be sufficient for compliance purposes. However, should a different approach be adopted, a supporting cost / benefits case would be required. **Closed**

0403: Shippers to consider what information might be found useful to be included in an accuracy forecast, and consider whether any such information should be shown as a percentage or an amount.

Update: DB advised that a single page presentation had been provided prior to the meeting before confirming that no feedback had been received to date. The suggestion is therefore to go with the forecast and percentage allocation approach. **Closed**

3.0 Discussion

DB advised that recent amendments to the modification, culminating in the publication of version 5.0 on 19 May 2014, had focused on Section 6 – Legal Text changes only.

4.0 Legal Text

During the more detailed Workgroup Report discussions undertaken in item 5.0 below, those present indicated that in their opinions the ‘Suggested legal text’ contained in both the amended modification and the draft WGR version 0.4 was fit for purpose. Thereafter DB provided a brief explanation of the rationale behind how the legal text has been prepared (i.e. aligning / basing it to the 0432 legal text due to become effective 06:00hrs on 01 October 2015).

In considering the new paragraph 5.3.1 wording, it was debated whether or not the term ‘at’ in the sentence “.....Gas Year as published at 14:00 hours on the.....” Should really be ‘by’ – in recognising that Code states ‘by’, the conclusion was that by leaving it as drafted we have the flexibility to provide the information earlier should it be deemed appropriate.

When asked, DB confirmed that this should now be considered as (final) Text.

5.0 Workgroup Report

During an onscreen review of the draft WGR, GJ enquired as to whether or not the system information provided was sufficiently systematised. Responding, CS advised that Xoserve had confirmed that the current (system) D+1 data provision is working effectively and that as a rule, the D+2 fallback facility is not being utilised.

In focusing on paragraph 3.2 NDMA Accuracy report, AS asked whether or not any reconciliation data was also being taken into account. CS suggested that the information relates to final positions and as such, reconciliation remains out of scope of this modification – as accuracy is the prime driver / target for this modification, it is the initial and final allocations that are the main focus. He also advised that there are a number of existing reconciliation reports available to assist parties in managing their reconciliation requirements. CS suggested that should AS wish to pursue the matter further, it might be best to discuss with Xoserve.

Concluding discussions, the Workgroup agreed that the WGR could be signed off and therefore presented to the June Panel for consideration.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

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

At this point in time there are no additional Workgroup meetings planned.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0402	25/04/14	4.0	JH to confirm Ofgem's interpretation of EU requirements in respect of content and publication of the NDMA Accuracy report.	Ofgem (JH)	Closed
0403	25/04/14	4.0	Shippers to consider what information might be found useful to be included in an accuracy forecast, and consider whether any such information should be shown as a percentage or an amount.	Shippers	Closed