

**UNC Workgroup 0470 Minutes
Notification of Minimal Safety operating gas needs of large
customers**

**Thursday 28 August 2014
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Darren Healey	(DH)	First Utility
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Ian Hollington	(IH)	Joint Office
Kirsten Elliott-Smith*	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Richard Vernon	(RV)	RWE Npower
Rob Johnson*	(RJ)	Wingas
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0470/280814>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel on 20 November 2014.

1.0 Introduction

BF confirmed that following the UNC Panel meeting in April the Final Modification Report had been sent back to the Workgroup for consideration of the issues raised during consultation.

In response to the issues raised, GE had considered varying the modification and a draft had been prepared for the Workgroup to consider.

RJ confirmed that DECC had considered the concerns raised in the representations, however they had not in his opinion expressed any concerns and did not advise they felt that DECC should be responsible for the process.

2.0 Draft Modification (Variation Request)

GE provided a draft modification to illustrate the changes he believed would be required for submission as a Variation Request, which included a change in the title to: "Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of site characteristics". The proposed amendment would change the original intent of the modification.

GE summarised that it is proposed that daily read customers (i.e. DM Mandatory, DM Voluntary and DM Elective) connected to DN would be able to register their suggested

requirements in advance on a System Needs Register. In the event of an emergency the DN would then be able to consider this information when handling the emergency. He clarified that for the avoidance of any doubt, simply having system needs registered does not provide the customer with any further protection from being disconnected; the transporters would continue to have complete discretion over managing any emergency (national or local).

AM enquired if the modification would consider minimum offtake levels. GE explained that the modification would no longer concentrate on minimum offtake it was about providing information to Transporters.

The Workgroup discussed whether pre and post Nexus arrangements ought to be considered or whether implementation should be delayed until after Nexus implementation. CB asked for clarity of what sites this modification would apply to. GE advised that the modification applies to DM sites (including DMV and DME), though he anticipated that post Nexus this would only apply to Class 1 Mandatory DM Sites. CB enquired about the enduring solution and threshold cross-overs, if a customer is no longer a Class 1 post Nexus. GE advised that would probably fail the re-qualification process.

SM enquired about the incentives on Transporters in relation to the Demand Side Response (DSR) mechanism. He was concerned that this modification should not cut across the DSR mechanism. It was agreed that the DSR mechanism would apply prior to an emergency response for firm load shedding therefore the process should not be impacted..

AM enquired about the System Needs Register and the management of contact information. MA explained the process for managing a national emergency data and suggested that National Grid NTS would need to approach the DNs.

3.0 Next Steps

The Workgroup considered the best course of action. GE agreed to consider whether to submit a variation request for Modification 0470 or whether to withdraw and raise a new modification.

BF explained that if the proposer decides to vary the modification a variation request would need to be submitted to the UNC Panel for consideration on its materiality and the next steps in the process to be adopted.

It was agreed the variation request or new modification would need to consider where the obligations should sit with regards to data submissions and maintenance.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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

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

Thursday 25 September 2014, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT