

UNC European Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 02 October 2014

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

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Ian Hollington (Secretary)	(IH)	Joint Office
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI UK
Antony Miller	(AMi)	Centrica Storage
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWEst
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
Colin Williams	(CW)	National Grid
David Reilly	(DRe)	Ofgem
Dennis Rachwal	(DRa)	National Grid NTS
Francisco Goncalves	(FG)	Gazprom
Isabelle Agnes Magne*	(IM)	GDF Suez
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy UK
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lucy Field (part)	(LF)	Poyry Consulting
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	E.ON
Rosie Firth	(RF)	Centrica Storage

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/european/021014>

1. Introduction and Status Review

LJ welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Review of Actions

0901: Interoperability and Data Exchange Code/Common Units - Provide a legal view on whether Alternative 2 would be compliant and report to the next meeting.

Update: PH provided a presentation covering this topic showing three options with option three being preferred by National Grid. He advised that the legal view he had received was that National Grid could not adopt a conversion factor which rounded to two decimal places as this would cause energy figures quoted by reference to 15/15 reference conditions as being equal to figures quoted by reference to 0/24. He asked for comments on the legal conclusion and the three options being put forward advising that a modification would be needed to resolve this issue.

The presentation moved on to cover an update on gas quality in the EU. In summary the BSI has reviewed the comments received and issued a negative response to the proposed standard, applying for a Special National Condition to be included for the UK. The rejection is based on a number of grounds including safety and potential damage to turbine equipment and it's warranties. The Conclusions document can be found on the JO website (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/european/021014>). **Closed.**

0902: Interoperability and Data Exchange Code/Common Units - Shippers to consult within their organisations and provide views on preferences prior to the next meeting.

Update: The presentation given by PH covered this topic in which he pointed out that the final comitology report was due on 3 or 4 November, or immediately before the next meeting of the EU Workgroup, meaning that documents would be only available at short notice **Closed**.

0903: EU Interoperability Code - Internet based solutions - Shippers to confirm whether they would be interested in using internet based solutions for the nominations process or whether they would wish to continue to use Gemini 'as-is'.

Update: PH confirmed that only one reply had been received – use Gemini - and it was agreed to close this action. **Closed**.

0904: Planned UK Link Downtime and the New Nominations Process at IPs - National Grid NTS to review alignment with the closing times of other TSOs, the OCM and other markets and provide more details at the next meeting.

Update: This item was covered by the presentation given by CH and it was agreed it could be closed. **Closed**.

0905: Planned UK Link Downtime and the New Nominations Process at IPs - Shippers to review the options discussed and provide views ahead of the next meeting.

Update: CS provided a presentation covering the outage process and advised that National Grid will be consulting on the daily outage project. He expected that a consultation paper will be issued in November with option one – outages as at present - being the preferred option. He confirmed that as much time as possible will be allowed for the consultation period. **Closed**

2. Workgroups

None.

3. EU Code Updates

3.1 Tariff Code (TAR NC) and Incremental Capacity Amendment

CH gave a presentation on the above which he pointed out may not be implemented until 2020. The presentation also covered Transmission services and Dedicated services which he advised are still being defined.

When going through the section on The Payable Price. CW noted that the correct formula for the fixed price mechanism was “(allocated reserved price x indexation) + the premium”. The presentation went on to a section on One-off Capacity Reset, which CH explained is currently not planned to be included in the Code but a paper is in development that will set out the counterarguments.

In the final part of the presentation covering the EU Incremental Capacity Amendment, CW outlined the key issues identified at the Stakeholder Workshop on 23 September, with a focus on predictability of tariffs.

4. UNC Modification Plans

PH gave a presentation on this topic that included the proposed timescales.

5. EU Implementation Programme – System Developments Update

CS went through a slide-pack on phase two, explaining the timescales and where we are currently. He advised that the proposed implementation date is 6 September 2015 to allow for usual lead times ahead of the 01 October 2015 go live date and confirmed that an invitation for the Project team to attend the November meeting had been accepted.

6. Draft EU Modifications

There were no draft EU modifications for review.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Bridge to 2025 and the Gas Target Model

CS spoke about dates and the information on this slide advising that ACER have published a conclusions paper on energy regulation, which includes the ACER Gas Target Model.

AMi asked for confirmation of when the GB Registration would be available and DR advised that he would send the date via the Joint Office

8. Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Programme
10:00 Wednesday 08 October 2014	ENA, 6th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	Workgroups: 0500 and 0501
10:00 Tuesday 21 October 2014	ENA, 6th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	Workgroups: 0500 and 0501
10:00 Wednesday 05 November 2014	ENA, 6th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	Workgroups: 0500 and 0501
10:00 Thursday 06 November 2014	ENA, 6th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	European Workgroup
10:00 Thursday 04 December 2014	ENA, 6th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	European Workgroup

Action Table

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EU0901	04/09/14	4.2	<i>Interoperability and Data Exchange Code/Common Units</i> - Provide a legal view on whether Alternative 2 would be compliant and report to the next meeting.	National Grid NTS (PH)	Closed
EU0902	04/09/14	4.2	<i>Interoperability and Data Exchange Code/Common Units</i> - Shippers to consult within their organisations and provide views on preferences prior to the next meeting.	Shippers	Closed
EU0903	04/09/14	5.	<i>EU Interoperability Code - Internet based solutions</i> - Shippers to confirm whether they would be interested in using internet based solutions for the nominations process or whether they would wish	Shippers	Closed

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