Theft of Gas Review Group (UNC0245) Minutes Monday 09 November 2009 Teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair) BF Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary) HC Joint Office of Gas Transporters

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Anne Jackson AJa Scottish and Southern Energy

Chris Hill CH RWE Npower

Chris Warner CW National Grid Distribution

Collette Baldwin

David Watson

Gareth Evans

Keith Stout

Mark Woodward

CB E.ON UK

DW Centrica

GE Waterswye

KS Fulcrum

MW xoserve

Hannah Mummery HM Consumer Focus Lorraine McGregor LM Scottish Power

Phil Lucas PL National Grid Distribution

Richard Street RS Corona Energy

Steve Mulinganie SM UK Gas Industry Consultant

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes from previous Review Group Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed.

1.2. Review of actions from previous Review Group Meetings

No outstanding actions to review.

2. Review Group Report

The Review Group discussed the Review Group Report.

CW expressed concern on behalf of all the Transporters on the late provision of the process flow charts for appendix 2 & 3 and the lack of time to consider the report in its entirety.

The flow diagrams were discussed and the SM/DW asked how it would be possible to overcome the concerns raised by the Transporters and enable the Review Group Report to be completed in time for the November Panel Meeting.

The Review Group believed that the flow diagram is subject to further discussion and was simply a model to aid further discussion in an appropriate operational forum. It was reiterated that nothing in report obligates the use of the process.

RS doubted if delaying the approval of the Review Group Report would allow the Review Group to come to any better conclusions, or whether it was worth making all views clear.

As the DNs expressed a preference to comment on flow diagram, it was agreed to include some appropriate caveats with the process flow diagram for DNs to consider. It was agreed that CW would consult with the other DNs and if they were not able to accept the caveats used to provide a positive response, which the DNs would be able to accept.

CW wished to highlighted some points, in particular the funding issues within the proposed Shipperless sites process referring to disconnection. It was recognised that there may be funding impacts and it would be useful to refer to the DNOs note to the Review Group discussed at the 03 November 2009 meeting.

DW wished to include a recommendation relating to reporting Shipper performance in detecting theft. However, CB thought it was agreed that further discussions were required and the Review Group provided an amendment to reflect the change.

DW asked AJa if it would be beneficial to remove the advantages/disadvantages section of appendix 5. AJa agreed it was not detrimental to the report and the Review Group agreed the amendment.

CW agreed to report back on the DNs response to the review group report drafted today.

It was agreed that there is an assumption that the report will be submitted to the November UNC Panel meeting.

3. Diary Planning for Review Group

No further meetings planned.

4. AOB

None