

**Review Group 0140 Minutes
Monday 09 July 2007
Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	JB	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alexandra Campbell	AC	EON UK
Chris Logue	CL	National Grid Transmission
Claire Rozyn	CR	Ofgem
Chris Wright	CW	BGT
Ian Barnes	IB	National Grid Transmission
Louise McGoldrick	LM	National Grid Transmission
Paul Gallagher	PG	National Grid Transmission
Roger Golding	RG	Scotia Gas Networks
Stefan Leedham	SL	EDF Energy
Steve Rose	SR	RWE npower
Tim Davis	TD	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Eddie Proffitt	EP	MEUC

Apologies

Paul Savage	energywatch
Joel Martin	Scotia Gas Networks
Christiane Sykes	Statoil

1. Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

2.1. Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

2.2. Updates on Actions

Action RG140/01: BGT to review (publication, timing, sensitivity, etc) of its data list (provided at the Transmission Workstream) before the next Review Group meeting.

Update: CW presented (see below). **Action closed.**

Action RG140/02: National Grid NTS (PG) and DNs (RG) to consider whether both types of demand can be displayed on the system, and establish/confirm that the DNs would be in acceptance of such. RG to ascertain data owned by DNs and confirm that inclusion on a single website would be acceptable.

Update: Action remained on hold.

Action RG140/07: JO and National Grid NTS to devise an appropriate programme of work. CL to provide a full list of data to be reviewed (to be published on JO website)

Update: A programme of work (Work Plan) has been devised and can be accessed on the JO website. **Action closed.**

Action RG140/08: CL/PG to check whether 'push' or 'pull' APIs had been considered and which were to be used.

Update: In the response circulated on 26 June 2007, CL confirmed that 'pull' APIs were to be used. SL suggested that National Grid NTS look at the possibility of also providing a push option, which would be of value to users and suggested a discussion between IT professionals may be helpful. **Action closed.**

Action RG140/09: Provision of LDZ offtake data and Supply Point demand data broken down into three categories to be considered by National Grid NTS (CL/PG).

Update: CL reported that investigations were ongoing into feasibility of doing this. **Action carried forward.**

Action RG140/10: National Grid NTS to make proposals at the next meeting on how actual flexibility capacity utilisation could be most usefully reported.

Update: CL asked for this to be carried forward pending the 0116V Appeal outcome. **Action carried forward.**

Action RG140/11: National Grid NTS to make proposals at the next meeting on what supply data should be included.

Update: No progress to report. **Action carried forward.**

Action RG140/12: SL to check internally on the perceived usefulness of the availability of an annual figure of interrupted capacity in each DN on 01 October each year.

Update: SL reported that internal discussions were continuing. **Action carried forward.**

Action RG140/13: All to discuss Balancing data requirements within own organisations and feedback perceived relevance to the next meeting.

Update: On agenda. **Action closed.**

Action RG140/14: Following each Data Tranche review National Grid NTS (CL/PG) will provide updated spreadsheets, together with an associated draft data dictionary.

Update: Updated spreadsheets had been produced, which would be placed on the Joint Office website and a dictionary was under development. **Action carried forward.**

3. **Potential Additional Data Items (Action RG140/01)**

BGT had reviewed the SO data (SO operations and system capability) it believed relevant for publication and CW presented its preliminary suggestions, emphasising that he had canvassed opinion from other parties, rather than speaking solely for BGT.

CL asked what was expected in terms of information on physical capability at terminals, where forecasts depended on a range of assumptions. EP asked BGT whether this assessment should rely solely on Shipper nominations, which affect capability, or other data such as Delivery Facility Nominations (DFNs)? JB suggested that the information used by National Grid NTS to determine capacity rights to be offered within day might be available and relevant.

PG queried what was meant by capability – was it the design capacity of the facilities at that ASEP or was it something else? CW suggested that the information provided by National Grid NTS for the Transfer and Trading Proposals was the type of model that was useful. This model showed a range of system capabilities within zones that equated to the least and most favourable flow configuration on the NTS. If information was available on where the system was, at any time, within this system capability envelope, it would be possible for users to see when a constraint situation was being approached. Users would then be able to anticipate the steps that National Grid NTS might take to relieve the constraint.

PG suggested there was a question on what is practically possible but also a question about commercial implications surrounding information release. CW acknowledged that it may be better to have information published rather than have incentive schemes. The reverse was also true - a review of information published should have implications for the structure of incentive schemes, if a change resulted from that review.

On pressures into and out of compressor stations, CW said that as near real time data as possible was sought – in line with the Modification 0006 model. In an ideal scenario, CW envisaged a clickable map of the NTS which would show real time pressures and flow rates at the selected point(s).

On Exit Point data, SL questioned whether exit point pressures would be helpful – particularly as total flow information would only be available for the Day.

EP said we should be clear what was being sought – was this an effort to provide auditability, or to replicate control room information in order for Shippers to “manage” the system themselves, pre-empting National Grid NTS decisions? EP was concerned that the latter could give a competitive advantage to larger Shippers and discourage smaller Shippers. SL said the key benefit for Shippers in having additional information was in prompting actions that avoided TFAs. This could help avoid costly actions and would be for the benefit of all. EP re-emphasised that he saw this as potentially benefiting larger Shippers, who could justify the overhead of monitoring and using the information. He was concerned that this would impact upon maintenance of a level playing field. SL argued that much of this information was, in any event, available to larger producers at each entry point so more publication could level the playing field.

An alternative would be for National Grid NTS to announce when a stress situation was foreseen – CL repeated the concern about commercial implications if National Grid NTS effectively announced that buy-backs were likely to be needed. This could be counter-productive.

SL suggested linepack data – perhaps hourly – might usefully be published in addition to the items identified by BGT. PG responded that a national linepack figure would not reveal very much about constraints that are, by their nature, locational effects.

SR questioned whether this system capability related data was the kind of information that was foreseen by Ofgem, when a Licence obligation to release a network model was put forward. CR agreed to check with her colleagues what it is now proposing in terms of a network model and why.

Action RG140/15: Ofgem to clarify the current intent of their proposed Licence obligation with respect to provision by National Grid NTS of a network model.

Action RG140/16: JO to include consideration of the BGT points on a future Review Group agenda, giving all interested parties an opportunity to consider the issues raised and develop a proposed way forward.

4. Review of Data Tranche 1 (continued from previous meeting)

Taking the principles agreed at the previous meeting into account, the data items on the spreadsheet provided by National Grid NTS were reviewed. Updated spreadsheets will be produced reflecting the agreed changes recorded below.

4.1. Prices

PG introduced the spreadsheet information, and the proposed categorisations were accepted with the exception of:

Prices (Actuals Perspective)

- Hourly SAP and SMP publication within day rather than at D+1 to be considered.

4.2. Balancing

It was pointed out, in the previous meeting, that most of the data within the spreadsheet was simply derived from data items included under the headings of supply and demand. This had led National Grid NTS to the conclusion that most of the data items could be set at red. The group discussed the units used and agreed that consistency across the various reports would be beneficial, and PG said that National Grid NTS would seek to achieve this in the data dictionary.

Balancing (Forecast Perspective)

- NB05 and NORD01 to be green rather than amber – the data to continue to be available.

Balancing (Actuals Perspective)

- The value of the NORD01 Balancing Summary in six hour time slots was questioned and it was agreed that, instead, information on each trade involving the system operator – both locational and title should be provided. This would be reflected in the data dictionary although a revised format for publication could be appropriate.
- NORM04 M+30 data to remain amber while its value and when it can be published is considered.

Balancing (Summary Perspective)

- It was agreed that the amber items could be red and need not be included in the data dictionary since they are calculable.

4.3. Storage

The definitions, including the exclusion of OM gas, and the proposed red/green status in the spreadsheet were agreed. It was, however, agreed that National Grid NTS would look at the inclusion of opening and closing stocks for each Day to see if this could be simplified.

4.4. Shrinkage

Shrinkage (Forecast Perspective)

- It was agreed that the shrinkage quantity (the Shrinkage Factor x LDZ Demand) could be red rather than green.

Shrinkage (Summary Perspective)

- It was questioned whether the LDZ shrinkage data needed to in the data dictionary or was calculable. National Grid NTS would ascertain this and reflect the outcome of their analysis in the updated spreadsheet.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Diary Planning for Review Group

The next meeting of Review Group 0140 has been arranged for Friday 27 July 2007, at Elexon Offices, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW (10:00 – 16:00).

ACTION LOG - Review Group 0140: 09 July 2007

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
RG140/01	18/05/07	2.1	BGT to review (publication, timing, sensitivity, etc) its data list (provided at the Transmission Workstream) before the next Review Group meeting.	BGT (CW)	BGT presented the results of its review on 09/07/07 Action Closed.
RG140/02	18/05/07	2.2	National Grid NTS and DNs to consider whether both types of demand can be on the system, and establish/confirm that the DNs would be in acceptance of such. RG to ascertain data owned by DNs and confirm that inclusion on a single website would be acceptable.	National Grid NTS (PG) and DNs (RG)	RG confirmed that inclusion on a single website was acceptable but that the DNs would prefer to display any appropriate data on a neutral website, such as the JO or xoserve. Action placed on hold.
RG140/07	18/05/07	4.0	JO and National Grid NTS to devise an appropriate programme of work. CL to provide a full list of data to be reviewed (to be published on JO website).	JO (JB) and National Grid NTS (CL)	A programme of work (Work Plan) and the full list of data has been devised and can be accessed on the JO website. Action Closed.
RG140/08	19/06/07	3	MIPI: Check whether 'push' or 'pull' APIs had been considered and which were to be used.	National Grid NTS (CL/PG)	Confirmed as 'pull' APIs; response circulated 26 June 2007 Action Closed.
RG140/09	19/06/07	4	Consider provision of LDZ offtake data and Supply Point demand data broken down into three categories.	National Grid NTS (CL/PG)	09 July 2007 Action Carried Forward.
RG140/10	19/06/07	4.1	Make proposals at the next meeting on how actual flexibility capacity utilisation could be most	National Grid NTS (CL/PG)	09 July 2007 Action Carried Forward.

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RG140/11	19/06/07	4.2	Make proposals at the next meeting on what supply data should be included.	National Grid NTS (CL/PG)	09 July 2007 Action Carried Forward.
RG140/12	19/06/07	4.4	Check internally on the perceived usefulness of the availability of an annual figure of interrupted capacity in each DN on 01 October each year.	EDF Energy (SL)	09 July 2007 Action Carried Forward.
RG140/13	19/06/07	4.5	Discuss Balancing data requirements within own organisations and feedback perceived relevance to the next meeting.	All	Members clarified requirements 09 July 2007. Action Closed.
RG140/14	19/06/07	4	Following each Data Tranche review provide updated spreadsheets, together with an associated draft data dictionary.	National Grid NTS (CL/PG)	Action ongoing.
RG140/15	09/07/07	3	Ofgem to clarify the current intent of their proposed Licence obligation with respect to provision by National Grid NTS of a network model.	Ofgem (CR)	
RG140/15	09/07/07	3	JO to include consideration of the BGT points on a future Review Group agenda, giving all interested parties an opportunity to consider the issues raised and develop a proposed way forward.	JO (JB)	

Action Owners: CW – Chris Wright, PG – Paul Gallagher, RG – Roger Golding, CL – Chris Logue, JB – John Bradley, SL – Stefan Leedham, CR – Claire Rozyn.

