

**Review Group 0140 Minutes
Monday 08 October 2007
Ellexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	JB	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Lorna Dupont	LD	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Amrik Bal	AB	Shell
Chris Logue	CL	National Grid NTS
Chris Wright	CW	BGT Centrica
Christiane Sykes	CS	Statoil
Claire Rozyn	CR	Ofgem
Ian Barnes	IB	National Grid NTS
Paul Savage	PS	energywatch
Stefan Leedham	SL	EDF Energy

Apologies

Roger Golding	RG	Scotia Gas Networks
Tim Davis	TD	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Alexandra Campbell	AC	EON UK
Stephen Rose	SR	RWE Npower

1. Introduction

JB welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting (21 August 2007)

2.1. Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

2.2. Updates on Actions

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: CL gave an update. It was difficult to achieve a consensus across the DNs. National Grid NTS was happy to continue publishing the data as it was currently doing. **Action agreed 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: Although unable to commit to provision at this time CL reported that National Grid was considering this as part of MIPI 08. CL was happy to provide updates on progress at the Transmission Workstream. **Action carried forward – update to be given at the next Transmission Workstream (01 November 2007).**

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 and data dictionaries had been published on the Joint Office website, excepting the spreadsheets and draft data dictionaries for Capacity and Miscellaneous. CL would provide these to members by Friday 12 October 2007. **Action carried forward.**

Action RG140/19: National Grid NTS (CL) to consider whether the data behind the capacity sold graphs presented to the Operational Forum could be published on a daily basis during the forthcoming winter.

Update: CL advised that National Grid NTS was committed to publishing user friendly data and was looking at how capacity data can be better presented; this was being considered as part of the system development work. **Action carried forward – update to be given at the next Transmission Workstream on 01 November 2007.**

Action RG140/21: National Grid NTS (CL) to consider whether the data relating to “actual linepack updated hourly” may be made available; what costs would be associated with such provision, and whether there would be any commercial sensitivity issues.

Update: CL affirmed that it could be made available, but the benefits would need to outweigh the costs. It was observed that this was probably now part of the exit reform debate and the **action was agreed closed.**

Action RG140/22: EDF Energy (SL) to investigate what benefits there might be in the provision of hourly linepack information.

Update: A review of this information might be better placed once the SO incentive is finalised. **Action agreed closed.**

Action RG140/23: National Grid NTS (CL/IB) to clarify details of this data item (Calorific Value).

Update: IB defined as the national flow weighted CV. **Action agreed closed.**

Action RG140/24: National Grid NTS (CL/IB) to circulate the updated information relating to Data Tranches 1, 2 and 3 to all RG0140 members.

Update: See Action RG140/14. **Action agreed closed.**

Action RG140/25: BGT to provide a more focused list of the information to be released after the event, the production of which could form the basis for a Modification Proposal.

Update: See item 4 below. **Action agreed closed.**

Action RG140/26: Demand and Supply Data Dictionaries - All to provide written comments to the Joint Office by Wednesday 29 August 2007. National Grid NTS to

provide updated documents for publication on the Joint Office website by Monday 10 September 2007.

Update: Completed. **Action agreed closed.**

2.3 Mapping – Status Agreement of All Outstanding Items

The group discussed the few items that remained at ‘amber’ status and reached the following agreements:

Balancing – NORM04: The final categorisation of the 7 remaining items was agreed as a status change to ‘green’.

Demand – NORM06 Demand Analysis: A status change to ‘red’ was agreed.

Prices – OC46 (SAP, SMP Buy, and SMP Sell): These 3 items remained at ‘amber’, to be reviewed by CL and IB.

Action RG140/27: Prices – OC46 (SAP, SMP Buy, and SMP Sell): 3 items remaining at ‘amber’, to be reviewed by CL and IB, and reported to Transmission Workstream (01 November 2007).

Shrinkage – SV01 Network Total: A status change to ‘green’ was agreed.

Supply – NORD01 Daily Operation Information: A status change to ‘red’ was agreed.

3. Agreement of Dictionary

The members were asked if they were content to sign off the dictionary on the basis that this would form the major part of the NCORM going forward.

It was observed that some minor presentation details may need attention, such as the units of measurement, and the consistency of references to UNC terms, eg initial capitals, etc. The heading ‘Source Data’ should be changed to ‘Data Source’.

SL questioned why the Balancing Data Dictionary in particular contained many omissions under the Source Data heading. CL responded that balancing data came from the Shipper nominations on Gemini; this could be added in the column. It was also observed that the data dictionary needed updating on a regular basis.

The members were satisfied for UNC Committee to be the governance route for any further changes required. SL suggested that it would also be prudent to keep the UK Link Committee informed as many changes may involve IT systems.

The members agreed to provisionally sign off the items present in the data dictionary, while waiting for the outstanding items (Capacity and Miscellaneous) to be provided for their final consideration by Friday 12 October 2007.

CS made a request to CL that National Grid NTS consider provision of within day hourly demand aggregated for all storage (split into two categories, storage/interconnectors, and consumption) at the same time as predicted linepack is published. CL was not sure what happened at embedded storage within day and was only seeking access to NTS storage information. CW observed that the apparent development of a ‘two speed’ regime was of concern (eg the recent Modification 0154 – “Enduring Provisions for LDZ System Entry Points”) and this request only applied to NTS Storage Connections. AB pointed out that in the NTS entry regime some entry points were treated differently. CW commented that there was nothing in the Proposal that implied the scale of such points. AB thought a review of what had been suggested might be necessary if flows increased substantially with a new connection.

4. Agreement of Additional Data Items

CW commented that in the interests of moving things forward, BGT was happy to accept the provision as soon as possible after the Day, eg D+1, with a view to progressing to on the Day publication if there was merit in doing so.

There was a short discussion on the items relating to the publication of pressure information. CW stated that the purpose behind seeking the publishing of pressures was to better understand how the system was working and how close it may be getting to TFAs. Was the publication of minimum/maximum during the day possible? This would depend upon the cost of monitoring on an hourly basis and/or publishing the data. However, as Shippers would be paying for the information there was some concern that it should not be over specified. CL would consider what might be involved in the publishing of information (at exit and entry) on an hourly basis.

Action RG140/28: National Grid NTS to consider what might be involved in the publishing of pressure information (at exit and entry) on an hourly basis. (Action to be reported on at the next Transmission Workstream on 01 November 2007.)

The subject of flows compared to Baseline Capacity was discussed. CL explained that National Grid NTS had an obligation to make Baseline Capacity available. The total demand on the system rarely equalled the sum of all the baselines on a day; usually unused capacity was available. CS thought that Shippers already had a fair idea of utilisation. It was questioned why BGT had restricted an item to DN Offtakes rather than encompassing all; CW was unable to explain the thinking behind this. CS raised a concern that the additional items would be giving away other parties' commercial information to the wider industry.

CL observed that all entry points interact in some way and therefore their capabilities are also somewhat dependent on each other. National Grid NTS had a view on what was expected to be input, but the actual capability depended on other variables, eg the mechanics of the system. SL pointed out that two entry points were of particular interest – Easington and Teesside, and the issue was around what extra capability could be squeezed in on the day. This winter was the concern; next winter was not seen to be a problem because of investment that was taking place. CS was not comfortable with the amount of commercial information released, at a cost to the industry, or convinced of the necessity for such release.

CW explained that it was an attempt to seek a better level of detail to obtain more clarity on system capability and operation, and perhaps whether National Grid NTS could have released more under Trades and Transfers, etc. Auditing was suggested, and CL confirmed that National Grid NTS was already audited in this area. In AB's view this additional information had no commercial value and he questioned why BGT should want it. There was some disagreement as to the commercial value to certain parties. SL thought that it may be of value to a Shipper who was in a position to flex its capability to bring gas in at more than point. AB thought that it was of more relevance to the work of the Regulator, and not to the work of Shippers. CS thought that too much data could obscure data that was really useful.

CW thought that the question was would this information drive better SO performance? AB thought that should be reviewed by Ofgem – Shippers cannot do anything with the information and should not be attempting to do what Ofgem was funded to do. CW questioned that in which case, if the information was not currently available to Shippers perhaps it already was available to Ofgem to enable it to monitor?

CS commented that it was sensible to include operational data within the Data Dictionary but pointed out that the additional items put forward by BGT were quite

different. PS felt that from the discussions it was evident that the group was not moving towards support of these items, and it was suggested that BGT may wish to raise its own separate proposal in respect of these items.

SL suggested that the group could request more transparency around Ofgem's monitoring process. CL confirmed that National Grid NTS was already audited against compliance. CW was concerned that everything around baselines and entry capacity had been agreed between National Grid NTS and Ofgem. Did this mean that Ofgem was, in effect, being asked to police itself?

The group agreed to add the following wording in the Review Group Report:

"Whilst consensus was not achieved on this, it was recognised that Ofgem is involved in this type of monitoring activity. Ofgem is invited to consider further, how it may report its findings and activities of this nature to the industry."

5. Progress Check

5.1 NCORM

The group agreed that NCORM could be revised and the final revisions be sent out to members for their comments/confirmation of approval.

5.2 Review Group Report

The draft Review Group Report was reviewed in light of foregoing discussions and amendments were made with the agreement of the group.

The final revisions will be made and sent out with the finalised NCORM. Members will then either confirm approval or discuss any minor changes via teleconference (major changes would require the arrangement of a physical meeting point). The Report may be deferred to the November meeting of the UNC Modification Panel if agreement cannot be achieved by email or teleconference.

5.3 UNC Proposal

As agreement was not achieved on the additional data items, this was not progressed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Compliance with European Directive Information

CL raised an issue relating to Transmission Access Regulation EC No1775/2005 and questioned whether information at exit points regarding the capability at each exit point, the sold capacity, and what might be available, should be published. Currently some of this information is published, eg baselines and in aggregate what has been booked at each exit zone. Implementation of 0116V would have added further publication of information, but the CC decision means that the situation is now different.

There were certain restrictions relating to the confidentiality of information and on not publishing data where there were less than three parties involved. In terms of booked capacity at storage sites, there was nothing much to report, so this would leave interconnectors. However, in terms of usage versus capacity, there was not much meaningful information that could be published, eg Moffat is 70% interruptible. The group's view was sought as to whether National Grid NTS should be doing anything more than at present, or was it preferable to wait and see what progress was made within the current Exit Reform debates. CL did not believe National Grid NTS to be in an exposed position at present. SL thought that this may need further

discussion but did not believe there was any great cause for concern at present. SL thought that Shared Supply Points was a possible issue, and it was pointed out that at the recent meeting of Review Group 0166 parties using Moffat had quite a few concerns and that maybe publishing the information would help to alleviate these concerns. CL said that he was not really concerned about entry, more so about exit. It was agreed to leave in abeyance until a greater understanding of an enduring exit regime was reached, at which time it could be reviewed.

6.2 Concluding Remarks

JB thanked the group for their contributions.

ACTION LOG - Review Group 0140: 08 October 2007

Please Note: *It has been agreed that any outstanding actions will be reported on at the next Transmission Workstream meeting on 01 November 2007 (under Topic 018TR Information Transparency).*

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref (original ref)	Action	Owner*	Status Update
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)	See item 2.2 Action agreed 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)	Under consideration as part of MIPI 08. Action carried forward - update to be given at the next Transmission Workstream (01/11/07).
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)	See item 2.2. Two outstanding items to be provided to members by 12/10/07. Action carried forward.
RG140/19	27/07/07	3.2	National Grid NTS to consider whether the data behind the capacity sold graphs presented to the Ops Forum could be published on a daily basis during the forthcoming winter.	National Grid NTS (CL)	Under consideration. Action carried forward - update to be given at the next Transmission Workstream (01/11/07).
RG140/21	21/08/07	3.1	National Grid NTS (CL) to consider whether the data relating to "actual linepack updated hourly" may be made available; investigate what costs would be associated with such provision, and whether there would be any commercial sensitivity issues.	National Grid NTS (CL)	See item 2.2. Action agreed closed.
RG140/22	21/08/07	3.1	EDF Energy (SL) to investigate what benefits there might be in the provision of hourly linepack information;	EDF Energy (SL)	See item 2.2. Action agreed closed.

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RG140/24	21/08/07	4	National Grid NTS (CL/IB) to circulate the updated information relating to Data Tranches 1, 2 and 3 to all RG0140 members.	BGT (CW)	See item 2.2. Action agreed closed.
RG140/25	21/08/07	5.1	BGT to provide a more focused list of the information to be released after the event, the production of which could form the basis for a Modification Proposal.	BGT (CW)	See item 4. Action agreed closed.
RG140/26	21/08/07	6.1	Demand and Supply Data Dictionaries a) All to provide written comments to the Joint Office by Wednesday 29 August 2007. b) National Grid NTS to provide updated documents for publication on the Joint Office website by Monday 10 September 2007.	ALL National Grid NTS (CL)	Action agreed closed. Action agreed closed.
RG140/27	08/10/07	2.3	Prices Mapping – OC46 (SAP, SMP Buy, and SMP Sell): 3 items remaining at ‘amber’, to be reviewed by CL and IB.	National Grid NTS (CL/IB)	Report to Transmission Workstream
RG140/28	08/10/07	4	National Grid NTS to consider what might be involved in the publishing of pressure information (at exit and entry) on an hourly basis.	National Grid NTS (CL)	Report to Transmission Workstream

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