

Terms of Reference – V0.1
UNC Modification Reference Number 0140
Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange

Purpose

A Uniform Network Code Review Group is required to:

1. Establish what information is currently being published within the Gas/Operational data area of the National Grid's Information Exchange;
2. Assess the relevance of the data within the reports;
3. Confirm whether the information is being utilised or superseded by other data items;
4. Review the Network Code Operations Reporting Manual (NCORM);
5. Consider National Grid NTS's approach to data presentation within the Gas/Operational data area within the Information Exchange website; and
6. Provide feedback to National Grid NTS where changes would facilitate the achievement of the relevant objectives.

Background

The Gas/Operational data area within National Grid's Information Exchange website is devoted to the provision of Operational and Market information to all industry stakeholders. The primary objectives of this site are to:

1. Reduce market uncertainty;
2. Reinforce equal access to information for all participants;
3. Increase information transparency; and
4. Facilitate efficiency in the capacity and energy markets.

National Grid NTS provides information that is published on a 'within day' and 'after the day' basis, available as portable document format (PDF) reports with comma separated variable (CSV) download capability.

Since the development of the Gas/Operational data area within Information Exchange, there has been a number of Transco and UNC Modifications which have changed the gas regime and instigated the release of additional information.

The NCORM is very prescriptive - not only about the data items that are published but also the layout and format of the reports.

In recognition that the Industry is signalling that there may be further requests relating to both the amount of data and the frequency of data provision, National Grid NTS has been reviewing whether the information provision should be provided as data rather than in formatted reports to enable End Users to export and manipulate data to best suit their needs.

Scope and Deliverables

The Review Group is asked to consider:

1. Carrying out a data exercise on information provided within the Gas/Operational data area of National Grid's Information Exchange website to assess the relevance of the data contained in the reports and to confirm whether the data is being utilised or may have been superseded by other data items/reports.
2. Identifying data items for potential inclusion on National Grid's Information Exchange, Gas/Operational data area. An assessment of the benefits and how the changes facilitate the relevant objectives should be completed.
3. Reviewing the NCORM to confirm whether the current structure and format of the manual is appropriate or whether a more flexible format can be adopted to be more efficient, such as a data item matrix or dictionary.
4. National Grid's approach to data presentation on the Information Exchange website, Gas/Operational data area and to provide feedback to National Grid where changes would facilitate the relevant objectives.

Limits

The Review Group will consider:

1. Potential changes to the Uniform Network Code
2. Potential changes to NCORM, which is a Code Document

Changes to either of these will be recommended prior to the completion of the Review Group meetings where a distinct requirement has been identified and developed by the Group.

Reports of progress will be made to the Modification Panel and Ofgem's Demand Side Working Group.

The Review Group will not concern itself with:

1. Review of information published via alternative systems, eg Gemini;
2. Information published as a result of Modifications Proposals implemented or to be implemented since June 2006.

Composition

Name	Organisation
John Bradley (Chair)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	Joint Office
Abid Sheikh	energywatch
Amrik Bal	Shell
Chris Logue	National Grid NTS
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Joel Martin	Scotia Gas Networks
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Stefan Leedham	EDF Energy
Steve Rose	RWE Npower
Stuart Waudby	Centrica Storage
Tim Davis	Joint Office

A Review Group meeting will be quorate providing at least 2 Transporter and 2 User representatives are present.

Information Sources

- Uniform Network Code – [Section V](#)
- National Grid Gas plc, Gas Transporter Licence in respect of the NTS.
- [Network Code Operations Reporting Manual](#)

Timetable

- Frequency of meetings – at least monthly. The frequency of meetings will be subject to review and potential change by the Review Group.
- Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Chairman’s Guidelines.