

UNC 0685:

Amendment of the UNC term 'Gas Deficit Warning' to 'Gas Balancing Notification'



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Why change?



- The purpose of a Gas Deficit Warning (GDW) is to signal to gas market participants that they either need to provide more gas or reduce demand to address a system imbalance
- It does not necessarily mean there is insufficient gas available
- National Grid NTS issued a GDW on 1st March 2018 which we consider was taken out of context by some market observers, fuelling a sense of panic in the market that was unwarranted
- National Grid NTS therefore considers that the term 'Gas Deficit Warning' does not adequately reflect the purpose of the message and should be changed

Options



- UNC 0669R has considered the subject matter of this Modification
- National Grid NTS proposed a number of alternatives to the GDW term
- Our preference is the term ‘Gas Balancing Notification’ which more accurately represents the purpose of this market message

Solution



- Replace the UNC defined term ‘Gas Deficit Warning’ with the term ‘Gas Balancing Notification’
- Replace the UNC defined term ‘GDW Withdrawal Notice’ with the term ‘GBN Withdrawal Notice’
- Correct a typographical error in the section of UNC TPD section V5.9.7(c)(i)

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should
 - Not be subject to self-governance because it is likely to have material effects on future and existing gas consumers and on matters relating to security of supply as explained in the Modification; and
 - Consistent with the recommendation of the Transmission Workgroup at the ‘pre-mod discussion stage’, proceed directly to consultation