

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-Committee (DESC) Minutes

Wednesday 24 April 2024

Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA and
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)*	(HC)	Joint Office
Harmandeep Kaur (Secretary)*	(HK)	Joint Office

Shipper Members (Voting)

Cosmin Popovici	(CP)	Total Energies Gas & Power Ltd
Mark Linke	(ML)	Centrica
Prashant Verma	(NC)	SSE (Alternate)
Sarah Palmer (joined at 10:30)	(SP)	E.ON (Alternate)
Tom Parker	(TP)	Brook Green Energy

Transporter Members (Voting)

David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks (SGN)
Gregory Hill	(GH)	Wales & West Utilities (WWU Alternate)
Murugan Babumohanan	(MB)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Paul O'Toole	(PO)	Northern Gas Networks (NGN)
Sanjeev Loi	(SL)	Cadent

Observers (Non-Voting)

Catarina Casteleiro	(CC)	Shell Energy
Jaime Fleming	(JF)	Scottish Power
James Morrow	(JM)	Brook Green Supply
Jonathan Freeman	(JF)	Representative of Xoserve
Mark Perry*	(MP)	Representative of Xoserve
Michael Maguire*	(MM)	Representative of Xoserve
Penny Griffiths	(PG)	Representative of Xoserve
Simon Bissett*	(SB)	Representative of Xoserve

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DESC meetings will be quorate where there are at least four Voting Members or their alternates, of which at least two shall be Users and two Transporters are in attendance.

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Helen Cuin (HC) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Apologies for Absence

Bhavesh Tailor, Shipper Representative
Katherine Uzzell, Shipper Representative
Neil Stovold, Transporter Representative

1.2. Note of Alternates

Sarah Palmer for Bhavesh Tailor
Prashant Verma for Katherine Uzzell

Gregory Hill for Neil Stovold

1.3. Quoracy Status

The meeting was confirmed as being quorate.

1.4. Approval of Minutes (06 March 2024)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.5. Approval of Late Papers

The Committee reviewed and approved the agreed late paper for item 2.0.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Actions

None.

2. Collection of Daily Gas Consumption Data for EUC Modelling

Simon Bissett (SB) provided the Committee with an overview of the collection of the Daily Gas Consumption Data for EUC Modelling. SB provided a summary of the Daily Gas Consumption Collection and Validation review of the sample datasets available for use in Small NDM Modelling and Large NDM Modelling.

Please see the published slides for full details.

A Committee Member queried whether IGT data is being used in the Target Numbers and Stratification on Page 14. SB confirmed that IGT data is included in the data set, although, not as much as normal sites.

The Committee approved the optimum data sets to be used to represent the demand models for each EUC (using LDZ aggregations where necessary).

The Committee approved the Winter Annual Ratio (WAR) Thresholds for EUC Bands 3 and above.

SB confirmed the following next steps for the period of April to June 2024:

- Demand Estimation Team will share EUC demand modelling results for DESC to review in the week commencing 13 May 2024.
- EUC demand modelling results will be presented and discussed in the 22 May 2024 DESC meeting.
- Demand Estimation Team will prepare draft profiles for Gas Year 2024/25 between 23 May 2024 and 7 June 2024.

3. Seasonal Normal Review 2025 Update

Michael Maguire (MM) provided the Committee with an overview of Seasonal Normal Review 2025 providing an update on the CWV formula review including exploratory analysis of the current CWV formula and the next steps of Seasonal Normal Review, focusing on a recent Technical Workgroup meeting with the Met Office to discuss the refresh of the Climate Change Methodology (CCM).

Please see the published slides for full details.

Sarah Palmer (SP) noted that if parameters are optimised to provide the best fit on average between CWV and Aggregate NDM demand over the selected 8-year period, additional consideration may need to be given to the customer behaviour change data in recent years to understand the trends. MM noted SP's point and agreed that they will look at individual years when it comes to making a decision regarding the data.

MM confirmed the next steps as follows:

- Will begin the Trial Optimisation phase for selected LDZs.
- DESC TWG will work with Met Office to produce a refreshed CCM.
- Met Office will deliver a refreshed CCM by the end of June 2024.
- Findings of the Trial Optimisation phase will be presented to DESC in July 2024.

4. Any Other Business

Mark Perry (MP) noted the potential for late papers for next month's meeting. Committee members accepted that some information may not be available until 2 days before the meeting.

5. Communication of Key Messages

A Key Message Communication will be published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc/summarykeymessages>

6. Diary Planning

DESC meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Wednesday 22 May 2024	5 pm Tuesday 14 May 2024	Radcliffe House, Warwick Road Solihull, B91 2AA & Microsoft Teams	NDM Algorithms Update Gas Year 2023/24 Review of NDM Single Year Modelling Results (2023/24 data) Seasonal Normal Review 2025 Update
10:00 Wednesday 03 July 2024	5 pm Tuesday 25 June 2024	Radcliffe House, Warwick Road Solihull, B91 2AA & Microsoft Teams	TBC
10:00 Wednesday 24 July 2024	5 pm Tuesday 16 July 2024	Radcliffe House, Warwick Road Solihull, B91 2AA & Microsoft Teams	TBC
10:00 Wednesday 09 October 2024	5 pm Tuesday 01 October 2024	Radcliffe House, Warwick Road Solihull, B91 2AA & Microsoft Teams	TBC
10:00 Wednesday 11 December 2024	5 pm Tuesday 03 December 2024	Radcliffe House, Warwick Road Solihull, B91 2AA & Microsoft Teams	TBC