

Minutes Development Work Group 0277
Creation of Incentives for the Detection of Theft of Gas
(Supplier Energy Theft Scheme)
Monday 22 March 2010
31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	BF	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	HC	Joint Office
Alison Jennings	AJx	xoserve
Andrew Wallace	AW	Ofgem
Anne Jackson	AJ	SSE
Bali Dohel	BD	Scotia Gas Networks
Phil Lucas	CW	National Grid Distribution
Dave Watson	DW	British Gas
Gareth Evans	GE	Waterswye
Steve Mulliganie	SM	Gazprom

1. Introduction

1.1. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Review of actions from previous meeting

Action DG0277 002: British Gas to provide geographic evidence on theft from their portfolio.

Action Update: DW confirmed that he was continuing to progress this action.

Carried Forward

Action DG0277 004: CH to ascertain if RWE Npower would be willing and able to share geographic evidence of its theft detection activity

Action Update: CH to confirm. **Carried Forward.**

Action DG0277 005: Ofgem to confirm when open letter on evidence of theft will be published.

Action Update: AW confirmed he is continuing to progress this he anticipated a response in about a months time. **Carried Forward.**

Action DG0277 006: DW to develop a straw man proposal to inform the development of SETS business rules.

Action Update: DW confirmed that he was continuing to progress this action.

Carried Forward

2. Review Group Discussion

2.1. Terms of Reference

BF confirmed that Consumer Focus have requested a change to the Terms of Reference for the group to consider methods preventing the cost of the scheme unduly exceeding the money recovered.

DW agreed to contact Consumer Focus to discuss their concerns in more detail.

AW also expressed that Ofgem would not want to see a scheme that was disproportionate to the value recovered.

It was agreed to review the development of the scope and deliverables and report back to the April Panel Meeting.

Action DG0277 007: DW to contact Consumer Focus to discuss their concerns about the cost verses benefits of the scheme.

Action DG0277 008: DW to review the Terms and Reference following Consumer Focus raised concerns and report back to the April Panel Meeting.

2.2. Geographic Incidence of Theft

See Action Update Action DG0277 002 and 004.

2.3. Evidence of Theft

At the previous meeting, DW suggested creating a matrix of evidence and theft types. The Group did not request any further amendments to the table.

The code of practise was discussed and what this would covered. Audits were also briefly discussed. The group acknowledged that these need to be considered further and will need to be included within the strawman.

3. AOB

None raised.

5. Diary Planning for Development Group

The following meetings are due to take place, following the meeting of Development Group 0274:

Thursday 29 April 2010, 13:00, ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AF

Monday 17 May 2010, 13:00, ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AF

Friday 18 June 2010, 13:00, ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AF

ACTION LOG - Development Group 0277

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DG0277 002	19/01/2010	4.0	British Gas to provide geographic evidence on theft from their portfolio.	British Gas (DW)	Update due on 29 April
DG0277 004	05/03/2010	2.1	Ascertain if RWE Npower would be willing and able to share geographic evidence of its theft detection activity	RWE Npower (CH)	Update due on 29 April
DG0277 005	05/03/2010	2.2	Confirm when open letter on evidence of theft will be published	Ofgem (AW)	Update due on 29 April
DG0277 006	05/03/2010	2.2	Develop a straw man proposal to inform the development of SETS business rules	British Gas (DW)	For discussion on 29 April
DG0277 007	22/03/2010	2.1	Contact Consumer Focus to discuss their concerns about the cost verses benefits of the scheme.	British Gas (DW)	Pending
DG0277 007	22/03/2010	2.1	Review the Terms and Reference following Consumer Focus raised concerns and report back to the April Panel Meeting.	British Gas (DW)	Pending