

UNC Workgroup 0375 Minutes

To provide Users with a choice as to how their Unsecured Credit Limit is determined in line with UNC TPD Section V3.1.7

Thursday 26 May 2011

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Tim Davis (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(ARa)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Wallace	(AW)	Ofgem
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Hill	(CH)	First Utility
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Turpin	(DT)	Xoserve
Elaine Carr	(EC)	Scottish Power
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Jon Wisdom	(JW)	RWE npower
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Linda Whitcroft	(LW)	Xoserve
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	Xoserve
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waterswye
Phil Broom	(PB)	GDFSuez
Rosie McGlynn	(RM)	British Gas
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Stefan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy

1. Introduction

BF welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Outline of Modification

CH introduced the modification. The intention is to create choice instead of the present lower-of rule - Transporters set a User's Unsecured Credit Limit no higher than the lower of the credit value recommended within a User's Independent Assessment and the value calculated by applying the Independent Assessment Score to the Transporter's Maximum Unsecured Credit Limit.

3. Consider Terms of Reference

No further comments were received on the Terms of Reference.

4. Initial Discussion

CH noted the initial representation provided by WWU. The analysis for the WWU network suggested that the impact from the modification produced larger unsecured

credit values than CH had anticipated. In light of this, CH would welcome working with the DNs to amend the modification in order to reach a mutually acceptable way forward.

JF felt personnel actively working on credit management should be involved in the assessment process, and suggested discussions involving those with the requisite knowledge, as opposed to a general Workgroup, would be fruitful. BF agreed to arrange a separate meeting on the basis that credit managers would be involved, from both Shippers and Transporters.

CH confirmed that, notwithstanding his initial aspiration to achieve implementation by 1 July 2011, he would now prefer the modification to be fully developed and an appropriate solution identified.

5. AOB

None raised.

6. Diary Planning for Review Group

The Joint Office agreed to identify suitable meeting dates, with discussions likely to be by teleconference. Details will be added to the Joint Office diary, www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary.