
UNC Workgroup 0382 Minutes
Reducing the capacity element of LDZ system charges for SSPs
Monday 25 July 2011
via teleconference

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andy Manning	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Clare Cattle-Jones	(CCJ)	Energy Networks Association
Denis Aitchison	(DA)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Helen Inwood	(HI)	RWE npower
James Stone	(JS)	E.ON UK
Jo Parker	(JP)	Scotia Gas Networks
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
John Edwards	(JE)	Wales & West Utilities
Julia Haughey	(JH)	EDF Energy
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Armstrong	(SA)	National Grid Distribution
Tom Connolly	(TC)	ScottishPower
Will Guest	(WG)	Northern Gas Networks

1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of Actions

WG0382/0604: National Grid Distribution (CW) to commission legal text for consideration at the 25/07/11 meeting.

Update: Provided. **Closed**

WG0382/0605: Joint Office (TD) to prepare a draft Workgroup Report for consideration at the 25/07/11 meeting.

Update: Provided. **Closed**

2. Discussions

2.1 Completion of the Workgroup Report

TD ran through the Report, as drafted by the Joint Office.

Relevant Objectives

The relevant objectives were discussed and the disparity of views emerged, with some members offering support for 50:50, and some for 95:5, with others relatively neutral. It was believed that the degree of support on either side would become more apparent during the consultation period when representations were submitted. ST pointed out that Ofgem would like to see what factors had changed, and that this could usefully be made more explicit.

Implementation Date

Practical implementation dates were considered. HI pointed out that there were contractual implications for Shippers (2 year deals were currently being priced) and they would be looking for a relatively long period of notice. DA also believed that Xoserve would need a reasonable period of time to implement the change. After some discussion parties agreed that 01 April 2013 would be likely to be the most satisfactory.

Legal Text

Suggested and Draft legal text had been provided and TD briefly reviewed the differences between them.

SA believed that, from the DNs' point of view, the Draft text was more accurate and hence to be preferred. TD pointed out that the drafting should implement the proposal, and the issue was whether this was achieved, not a view of accuracy. CW agreed to reconsider and review the text to reflect more precisely the changes proposed under the modification.

Action WG0382/0701: Revise the Draft legal text to reflect more precisely the changes proposed under the modification. (*For provision within the DMR.*)

HI asked if the DNs would be willing to provide an indication of the impact on charges, ie indicative figures following an (assumed) Ofgem decision to implement. DA and SA believed this could be provided, and TD added that, if provided quickly, they could be included in the Draft Modification Report.

Action WG0382/0702: Provide an indication of the impact on charges, ie indicative figures following an (assumed) Ofgem decision to implement. (*For provision within the DMR.*)

TD indicated he would publish the Workgroup Report including the amendments discussed; any further comments should be submitted as soon as possible. The Workgroup Report will be submitted to the August Modification Panel.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning for Workgroup

No further meetings are to be planned.

Action Log: Workgroup 0382 – 25 July 2011

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
WG0382/0604	28/06/11	2.	Commission legal text for consideration at the 25/07/11 meeting.	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Required by 18/07/11
WG0382/0605	28/06/11	2.	Prepare a draft Workgroup Report for consideration at the 25/07/11 meeting.	Joint Office (TD)	Required by 18/07/11
WG0382/0701	25/07/11	2.	Revise the Draft legal text to reflect more precisely the changes proposed under the modification.	National Grid Distribution (CW)	As soon as possible (<i>For inclusion within the DMR.</i>)
WG0382/0702	25/07/11	2.	Provide an indication of the impact on charges, ie indicative figures following an (assumed) Ofgem decision to implement.	DNs	As soon as possible (<i>For inclusion within the DMR.</i>)