

**UNC Workgroup 0397 Minutes
Amendments to Section I of the OAD to reflect Offtake Profile
Notice rules & recognition of different NTS/LDZ Offtake
sensitivities**

**Tuesday 29 November 2011
at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Dave Adlam	(DA)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
Jeanette Gregory	(JG)	National Grid Distribution
Keith Dixon	(KD)	Northern Gas Networks
Mark Amos	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Quenton Robert	(QR)	National Grid Distribution

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1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Actions

WG001: Provide a set of draft principles for categorising offtakes.

Update: MA provided a note for the Workgroup to consider. PH explained the principles for designating offtakes, for tolerance determination and the review of designated and non-designated status. **Complete.**

2. Discussion

JG asked if there would be any merits in aggregating offtakes with particular operational characteristics. PH welcomed consideration of this.

RCH explained his intention to amend the legal text. The legal text includes two new clauses 3.1.4 and 3.1.5 and he confirmed these two will be removed.

Consideration was given to the comments provided by National Grid NTS, it was agreed to recommend amending the modification so that any change to the supplemental agreement will take a maximum of three months prior to

implementation rather than a minimum of three months from the point of confirmation of the tolerance change.

The Workgroup Report was then considered and completed on screen, recommending that the modification should proceed to consultation.

3. Legal Text

The legal text was considered. It was agreed that a defined term would be required for non-designated offtakes.

The numbering of 2.3.5 was questioned and whether the “;or” in paragraph 2.3.5 (a) needed to exist if there were no proceeding subsections.

MA questioned if paragraph 2.5.2 (a) should be removed - he believed that the DNO’s request should include justification for a flow swap request. TD highlighted that the text reflects the modification which is explicit that this should be removed. MW was unsure what would be gained by removing a justification for requesting a flow swap change. BW challenged why a DNO should justify the reason for the change when flow swaps are only undertaken for the safe end economic operation of the system. AR pointed out that National Grid NTS does not have a clause to justify changes, and all DNs questioned the need for DNOs having this requirement when NTS does not.

RCH agreed that WWU would review and amend the text, and a revised Modification would be submitted in time for the December Panel meeting.

4. Any Other Business

None raised.

5. Diary Planning for Review Group

No further meeting were planned.

Workgroup Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0001	18/10/11	2.0	Provide a set of draft principles for categorising offtakes.	National Grid NTS (MA)	Complete