

**UNC Workgroup 0407 Minutes
Standardisation of notice periods for offtake rate changes for all
National Grid NTS Exit Users**

Monday 01 July 2013

Via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
David Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Lewis Hodgart	(LH)	Ofgem
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Tim Davis	(TD)	Joint Office

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The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel by 18 July 2013.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Actions

Action 0501: Proposer to amend the modification in line with Workgroup discussions adding a developmental background appendix.

Update: Complete

Action 0502: National Grid NTS provide an updated Short Term Access to System Flexibility Allocation Methodology.

Update: MC referred to the updated document published, National Grid NTS explained this is an internal operational document outlining the principles by which National Grid NTS will make short-term access to system flexibility available to Users, over and above contractual rights and entitlements. PH clarified if National Grid NTS haven't issued a within day warning notice this would not preclude an event which was not anticipated and having to go straight to rejecting an OPN request without a warning notice (this will be where an OPN request triggers the restraint). **Complete.**

2.0 Discussion

RCH wished to clarify from the documentation and legal text provided that there would be no definitive statement by National Grid NTS that the rule is on or off. RCH understood that the process in place would be that the rule is off, with no definitive statement that the rule is on. PH explained the intention was not to remove the rule but simply change the application of the rule. The rule would not apply to GDNs unless otherwise advised by National Grid NTS. If an OPN was accepted this would provide an indication that the rule is effectively off. BW understood that notices would still be provided.

RCH was uncertain that the modification correctly reflected the solution verbally described. He recognised that the modification solution would need to be amended to ensure that the solution and the legal text were aligned.

National Grid NTS provided some proposed amendments to the modification, which were considered by the Workgroup and further refinements made to the modification to allow the production of the Workgroup Report.

The Workgroup discussed the solution recognising that the modification would not remove the 2 hour 5% rule but amend its application, such that OPNs that are outside of the rule will be accommodated by National Grid NTS where operational circumstances permit. The Workgroup agreed and recorded a summary description of the solution to utilise existing methodology and to accept OPNs outside the existing 2 hour 5% rule unless operational circumstances required a rejection and reviewed the remainder of the modification.

The Workgroup amended the modification and agreed to provide a copy of the document to Wales & West Utilities for consideration. On approval of the modification it was agreed the Workgroup Report would be published on the website on the understanding that if no feedback was received by Friday the report would be considered finalised and submitted to the July UNC Panel meeting.

3.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

Subject to no adverse comments being received on the Workgroup Report and amended modification once published, no further meetings would be planned.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0501	21/05/13	2.0	Proposer to amend the modification in line with Workgroup discussions adding a developmental background appendix.	WWU (RCH)	Complete
0502	21/05/13	2.0	National Grid NTS provide an updated Short Term Access to System Flexibility Allocation Methodology.	National Grid NTS (PH)	Complete