

**UNC Workgroup 0407 Minutes**  
**Standardisation of notice periods for offtake rate changes for all**  
**National Grid NTS Exit Users**  
**Monday 21 May 2012**  
**31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Charles Ruffell*	(CR)	RWE npower
Dave Adlam	(DA)	National Grid Distribution
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
Jakob Forman*	(JF)	DONG Energy
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Tim Davis*	(TD)	Joint Office

\* via teleconference

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**1.0 Introduction and Status Review**

**1.1. Review of minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**1.2. Review of actions**

No actions outstanding.

**2.0 Discussion**

RH gave a short presentation on the analysis scope, identifying the impacts from an NTS perspective.

RCH raised concerns regarding the projected length of the timescales, and observed that various sources had given him to understand that these could potentially be shortened. RH reiterated the current uncertainties, eg the as yet unknown outcome of the GL Denton output, following which there may be a lot of work or, conversely, none required to be done by National Grid NTS.

Responding to a question from BW, RH confirmed that National Grid NTS was not looking at the scenario where the LDZ does not get back into balance at the end of the day. BW expressed her concern. RCH was concerned that the analysis may not be available in time to meet the October window for

implementation, and he expressed his disappointment given that this was raised in November 2011.

### **3.0 Legal Text**

The draft legal text was reviewed.

Responding to a question from AC, RCH affirmed that it had been confirmed that it was appropriate for this text to be removed, and added that the gap in the remaining text that would be left following its removal would be addressed by appropriate re-numbering. This would be clearly indicated in the formal text once this was requested.

No further questions were raised.

### **4.0 Workgroup Report**

National Grid NTS had provided a number of written comments and these were considered as the Workgroup discussed and reviewed its Report.

The Workgroup attendees contributed varying and often disparate views to the discussion and these were included in the Workgroup's Report.

Given the complexity of views that had been expressed, it was suggested that the draft Report should be circulated for review/comment following this meeting.

Comments should be provided to the Joint Office by Friday 25 May 2012.

A teleconference will be arranged to finalise the Report (see details at 6, below).

The Workgroup Report will then be submitted to the June UNC Modification Panel for its consideration.

### **5.0 Any Other Business**

None raised.

### **6.0 Diary Planning for Review Group**

*Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)*

It was agreed that the next meeting to finalise the Workgroup's Report will be scheduled for 09:30 on Wednesday 30 May 2012 and will take place via teleconference.