

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

Tuesday 26 March 2013

31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andrew Finch	(AF)	National Grid Distribution
Andy Hine	(AH)	National Grid NTS
Alice Etheridge	(AE)	National Grid NTS
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
David Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Emma Buckton*	(EBu)	Northern Gas Networks
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Harvey Beck*	(HB)	Ofgem
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
Julie Cox*	(FC)	Energy UK
Lewis Hodgart*	(LH)	Ofgem
Mark Freeman	(MF)	National Grid Distribution
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Skipp	(SK)	Scotia Gas Networks

*via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel by 16 May 2013.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

1.2. Actions

1202: DNs to give views on any other options to be considered, eg reducing obligated capacity levels at Offtakes, and identify any consequential effects.

Update: RCH confirmed that this action could be closed as recent developments meant it had been superseded. **Closed.**

2.0 Discussion

BF explained that revised legal text and an amended modification had been expected, however they were not available in time for today's meeting. RCH confirmed that the legal text is very close to completion and will be sent through to National Grid NTS to ensure the text is one with the intent of the modification.

RCH explained that the default position will be for the rule to be turned off but can be called upon by National Grid NTS.

CS confirmed a presentation was provided last month for the revised solution with a day ahead notice warning should the rule need to be turned on - this would be an enhanced capability. He confirmed that NTS could provide day ahead notices now, however they have only ever issued notices within day and he anticipated that the day ahead warning notice would be issued 2-5% of the time. CS believed from operational experience that within day notices have only occurred 2-5 times a year. He explained that work is ongoing for the processes and methodology that will support the modification.

RCH suggested that some scenarios might assist parties to understand the historic issuing of notices. CS explained that there are 5 or 6 factors that NTS need to consider and he agreed to provide a flavour of historical notices to inform the Workgroup of previous scenarios of the circumstances would in this process trigger a warning notice.

Action 0301: National Grid NTS to provide historical examples of within day notices and the circumstances that triggered the notice.

RCH confirmed that the DNs are looking at assurances for compliance when the notices are triggered.

JC asked a question around remit and EU Legislation for the transparency on flexibility issues and the potential impact on prices.

CS confirmed the before day notice could trigger the need for a remit notice but not in every circumstance, as not every notice would trigger the need to issue a remit. National Grid NTS were examining the obligations around remit notices but it is not clear-cut at this stage that a remit notice will be issued with every day-ahead notice. CS confirmed that the industry is looking at a single platform for issuing remit notices. If there is an obligation to issue a remit this would be undertaken.

The Workgroup considered the Panel report date. The expectation was that the Workgroup Report could be provided to Panel in June. RCH highlighted that the Transmission Workgroup would be interested in the modification, he suggested that the modification may want to be discussed at the Transmission Workgroup and he would suggest this as a course of action at the April Transmission Workgroup with a view to going through the detail in early May.

RCH hoped that an amended modification with legal text and the National Grid NTS previous scenarios would be available by 12 April 2013 to allow further consideration of the Workgroup Report.

The Workgroup agreed a one month extension would be required to allow finalisation of the Workgroup Report in May.

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

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Offtake Arrangements Workgroup on:

Monday 22 April 2013, at 10:30, Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1202	12/12/12	3.0	DNs provide views on any other options to be considered, eg reducing obligated capacity levels at Offtakes, and identify any consequential effects.	DNs	Closed
0301	26/03/13	2/0	Provide historical examples of within day notices and the circumstances that triggered the notice.	National Grid NTS (CS)	Pending Target Completion 12 April 13