

UNC Workgroup 0414S Minutes Discontinuation of ANS usage for Interruption Communications by Transporters

Thursday 23 February 2012

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Tim Davis (Secretary)	(TD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross	(ARo)	Northern Gas Networks
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anne Jackson	(AJa)	SSE
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waterswye
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Shell
Marie Clarke	(MC)	Scottish Power
Rob Cameron-Higgs*	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Tabish Khan	(TK)	Ofgem

* *by teleconference*

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1.0 Outline of Modification and initial discussion

DM explained that the ANS system is no longer used for DN communications and that there is no merit in keeping the system available and maintained by DNs. As such, the modification is simple and, hopefully, not contentious.

2.0 Discussion

It was suggested that a Workgroup Report could be produced at the next meeting. BD requested caution in ensuring that no unintended impact on emergency management will be created. For example, if the Significant Code Review proposes a return to a form of interruptible status, is it clear that the DNs will not be asked to use the ANS system to support demand side response? TD believed that any ANS communications would be via Transmission, but it was agreed that National Grid Transmission should be asked to confirm this and also that there would be merit in ensuring there is no proposal emerging from the SCR that would be supported by retention of the ANS capability. SM felt a delay

to see the SCR outcome was worthwhile as the expectation of cost savings was small such that any delay would not be costly. DM agreed to quantify the expected savings.

Action 0001: DM to clarify with National Grid Transmission whether ANS usage by the DNs might be required for any scenarios being considered for the Gas Security of Supply SCR.

Action 0002: DM to ascertain the level of cost savings anticipated as a result of implementing the modification.

3.0 Consider Terms of Reference

The Workgroup then considered the Terms of Reference in light of the previous discussion. No comments were offered.

4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

5.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

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

The next meeting of the Workgroup will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on Thursday 22 March 2012, Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Workgroup 0414S – Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0001	23/02/12	2.0	Clarify with National Grid Transmission whether ANS usage by the DNs might be required for any scenarios being considered for the Gas Security of Supply SCR	SGN (DM)	Pending
0002	23/02/12	2.0	Ascertain the level of cost savings anticipated as a result of implementing the modification	SGN (DM)	Pending