

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

Thursday 22 March 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	(AJe)	Xoserve
Andrew Green	(AG)	Total Gas and Power
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Anthony Wright	(AW)	Shell Gas Direct
Brian Durber	(BD)	E.ON UK
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter*	(EH)	RWE npower
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Erika Melèn	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Matt Smith	(MS)	Xoserve
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

* *by teleconference*

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1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

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.

Update: EM believed the answer would be no, but will clarify this with NTS.

Carried forward

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

Update: EM indicated the cost is small, being tens rather than hundreds of thousands across all the DNs. SM said that, given this and the former action, there may be merit in holding off as savings are not significant. EM emphasised that ANS is not being switched off but will continue to be used for NTS purposes. In light of this assurance, SM was content for the process to proceed. **Closed**

2.0 Workgroup Report

AW asked whether the consequence of removal of ANS would be to simply rely on fax, since the UNC specifies ANS and fax as the communication routes. He suggested that replacing ANS with email may be preferable. AR clarified that the ANS was only used to let Shippers know that a batch file was available. This batch file related to interruptible sites, and is no longer used following interruptible reform and the implementation of Modification 0090. Given this, there is no requirement for ANS nor an alternative.

BF indicated that the Workgroup Report could only be completed once the legal text is available, which EM expected to be in good time for the next 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

The next Workgroup meeting will take place within the Distribution Workgroup on:

Thursday 26 April 2012, 10:00, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT.

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)	Carried Forward
0002	23/02/12	2.0	Ascertain the level of cost savings anticipated as a result of implementing the modification	SGN (DM)	Closed