

## UNC Workgroup 0435 Minutes

### Arrangements to better secure firm gas supplies for GB customers

Thursday 01 November 2012

at ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

#### Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Bob Fletcher (Secretary)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP Gas
Anjili Mehta	(AM)	Ofgem
Antony Miller	(AMi)	Centrica Storage
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE Npower
Claire Thorneywork	(CT)	National Grid NTS
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	National Grid NTS
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fiona Gowland*	(FG)	Total E&P
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Laura Mason	(LM)	National Grid NTS
Lewis Hodgart	(LH)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	Xoserve
Mark Dalton	(MD)	BG Group
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rhys Ashman	(RA)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Roddy Monroe	(RM)	Centrica Storage
Tom Farmer	(TF)	Ofgem

*\*via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0435/011112](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0435/011112)

The Workgroup Report is due to the UNC Modification Panel on 18 April 2013.

#### 1. Outline of Modification

It is proposed that, through an agreed methodology, National Grid NTS (NG) identifies the voluntary demand side reduction (DSR) volumes necessary to

protect supplies to higher priority customers, and conducts a process to secure those volumes.

GJ gave a presentation that introduced the modification and clarified its procedural standing in relation to Ofgem's Significant Code Review (SCR). Ofgem agrees that Modification 0435 relates to the SCR, but at this stage it does not intend to suspend development of the modification (although that option remains open), and assessment and development by the Workgroup will therefore continue.

## **2. Initial Discussion**

GJ suggested a programme of meetings, detailing specific aspects for discussion, was put forward. The Workgroup's views on how work should be progressed were sought.

The Workplan was discussed and it was agreed that the questions and topics set out in the presentation were relevant. TD advised that he would liaise with National Grid NTS to arrange a number of separate meetings to discuss the topics in more detail, since their input to discussions would be critical.

AM advised that Ofgem would review SCR consultation responses and any Government announcements on security of supply, prior to making a decision on whether this modification should be suspended and subsumed in the SCR.

NW asked if the cash out aspect would be covered in area 6 of the discussion questions put forward for consideration. GJ advised it would be, and agreed it was essential to ensure it is covered during the assessment process.

RF asked if the process for alternatives could be clarified. TD advised that alternatives should be raised as soon as possible to ensure the Workgroup has sufficient time to assess them.

### **New Action 1101 – TD to agree meeting plan with National Grid NTS and British Gas**

## **3. Consider Terms of Reference**

No comments were received.

## **4. Any Other Business**

None raised.

## **5. Diary Planning for Review Group**

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

The next meeting date will be notified when set.

### Action Log

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	01/11/12	2.0	Agree meeting plan with National Grid NTS and British Gas	Joint Office (TD)	Pending