

UNC Workgroup 0435 Minutes
Arrangements to better secure firm gas supplies for GB customers

Thursday 04 April 2013

Energy Networks Association, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

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| Tim Davis (Chair) | (TD) | Joint Office |
| Lorna Dupont (Secretary) | (LD) | Joint Office |
| Charles Ruffell | (CR) | RWE Npower |
| Chris Wright | (CW) | Centrica |
| Claire Thorneywork | (CT) | National Grid NTS |
| Clement Perry | (CP) | Ofgem |
| Colin Williams | (CW1) | National Grid NTS |
| Erika Melen | (EM) | Scotia Gas Networks |
| Ewan Thorburn | (ET) | Ofgem |
| Fergus Healy | (FH) | National Grid NTS |
| Gerry Hoggan | (GH) | ScottishPower |
| Graham Jack | (GJ) | Centrica |
| James Thomson | (JT) | Ofgem |
| Jane Butterfield | (JB) | Gemserv |
| Jeff Chandler | (JC) | SSE |
| Julie Cox | (JCx) | Energy UK |
| Mark Cockayne | (MC) | Xoserve |
| Mike Wassell | (MW) | National Grid NTS |
| Peter Bolitho | (PB) | Waters Wye Associates |
| Phil Broom | (PB1) | GDF Suez |
| Richard Griffiths | (RG) | National Grid NTS |
| Richard Lea | (RL) | Gazprom |
| Ritchard Hewitt | (RH) | National Grid NTS |
| Sean McGoldrick | (SM) | National Grid NTS |
| Steve Pownall | (SP) | National Grid NTS |
| Tom Farmer | (TF) | Ofgem |

1. Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of Actions

0435 11/03: All to consider whether it would be beneficial for National Grid NTS to be able to contract directly with customers.

Update: Under consideration. **Carried forward**

0435 12/02: *Business Rules* - Consider what might be required for the development of an appropriate methodology for accepting offers.

Update: CT indicated that she was waiting for more detail, but was beginning to consider constructing a methodology. Any suggestions as to what should be included would be welcomed. **Carried forward**

0435 02/01: *NDM Customer Compensation* - Check details of payment timescales adhered to by the DNs for failure to supply gas (FSG).

Update: Update not available; EM will pursue. **Carried forward**

2. Discussion

CW confirmed that he would revise the modification to reflect the position he feels it has reached following Ofgem's Workshop on 08 April 2013, where new ideas are being discussed for keeping the market open for longer. He wants to hear and gauge reactions to see if any should be included in the modification. The revised modification will then form the basis for the development of the Business Rules.

Referring to the parallel running of the Ofgem group, TD suggested suspending the UNC discussions and development of Modification 0435 until such time as the modification had been revised, and instead setting up some discussions to look at more detailed questions, perhaps with a straw man provided by National Grid NTS as a starting point. CT indicated that she would consider this.

The Workgroup agreed to these suggestions.

3. Any Other Business

None raised.

4. Diary Planning

Details of the next Workgroup meeting/discussion opportunities will be communicated when arrangements are made.

Workgroup 0435 - Action Table

| Action Ref | Meeting Date | Minute Ref | Action | Owner | Status Update |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 0435 11/03 | 16/11/12 | 2.0 | Consider whether it would be beneficial for National Grid NTS to be able to contract directly with customers. | All | Carried forward |
| 0435 12/02 | 17/12/12 | 3.0 | <i>Business Rules</i> - Consider what might be required for the development of an appropriate methodology for accepting offers. | National Grid NTS (DL) | Carried forward |
| 0435 02/01 | 19/02/13 | 2.1 | <i>NDM Customer Compensation</i> - Check details of payment timescales adhered to by the DNs for failure to supply gas (FSG). | All DNs | Carried forward |