

**UNC Workgroup 0443 Minutes
Arranging Flow Swaps between NTS/LDZ Offtakes with
increased lead times or for prolonged periods**

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
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
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 on 15 August 2013.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Actions

Action 0101: National Grid NTS to provide a view on the modification considering scheduled maintenance.

Update: FH confirmed that the RIIO project team had been consulted about scheduled maintenance and confirmed that it doesn't apply to RIIO, conversations are ongoing with DNs about summer maintenance issues. He believed that the proposal was a long-term flow swap process and was not looking at maintenance for this summer. However, BW remained concerned about the scheduled maintenance at the LDZ offtakes. BW and DM believed scheduled maintenance on LDZ offtakes would be affected. SS suggested from experience that flow swaps between NTS and LDZ could be affected in relation to urgent maintenance and forward planning. FH questioned what are the circumstances, how the process is applied, will it feed into the OPN and what are the long-term implications. He referred to the modification's solution to the process and that there was no reference to summer maintenance. It was agreed that the modification solution would need to be re-examined. The Workgroup agreed to close the action and request clarification from the proposer on the intent of the modification. **Closed.**

New Action 0301: Proposer to clarify the intent of the modification for long term flow swaps and maintenance.

Action 0102: All to provide views on the modification’s timescales for advanced notices.
Update: DM confirmed he had received some feedback from WWU and NTS regarding the 30-day notice period. **Closed.**

Action 0201: NTS to provide a view on what the UNC rules would allow.
Update: FH believed there was enough flexibility in the UNC with the potential for a contractual solution for Summer Maintenance contracts. However, he was aware that there might be other issues where long-term flow swaps may be required not just summer maintenance. **Closed.**

2.0 Discussion

FH believed that this modification had not been raised to address any summer maintenance issues. He also believed that there was a possibility to simplify the modification with the right to ask for a flow swap. He explained that capacity wouldn’t move.

SK explained that the OPN process in some scenarios would not work with SGN.

National Grid NTS and the DNs agreed to hold an offline meeting and report back to the Workgroup.

3.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

4.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

The next meeting will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution 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
0101	29/01/13	2.0	National Grid NTS to provide a view on the modification considering scheduled maintenance.	National Grid (DC)	Closed
0102	29/01/13	2.0	All to provide views on the modification’s timescales for advanced notices.	All	Closed
0201	26/02/13	2.0	National Grid NTS to provide a view on what the UNC rules would allow.	National Grid NTS (FH)	Closed
0301	26/04/13	1.2	Clarify the intent of the modification for long term flow swaps and maintenance.	SGN (EM)	Pending