

UNC Workgroup 0454 Minutes Introduction of a Long Term Non Firm Capacity Product

Thursday 07 November 2013

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

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alena Aliakseyeva	(AA)	Ofgem
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Dave Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Hayley Burden	(HB)	National Grid NTS
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Les Jenkins	(LJ)	National Grid NTS
Marie Maurice	(MM)	GDF Suez
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Sarah Lloyd	(SL)	National Grid NTS
Steve Catling	(SC)	Scotia Gas Networks
Vanessa Sturman	(VS)	Ofgem

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented to the UNC Modification Panel on 21 November 2013.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2.0 Workgroup Report

Revised Modification

Following the last meeting the modification had been revised, and SL explained the minor changes that had been made to the wording.

Agency Charging Statement (ACS)

Testing had been completed. Costs were still estimated to be between £10k and £50k, and the proposed ACS had been provided.

Legal Text

There were no further comments on the legal text, which had been reviewed previously.

Workgroup Report

The draft Workgroup Report was reviewed, and consideration was given to the relevant objectives and how these might be better facilitated by implementation of this modification.

EM observed she was unable to recognise any benefit to GDNs and asked for an explanation of the User Pays apportionment. MW responded that no distinction was being made between Users, as there could be new or expanding connections. EM reiterated that it was highly unlikely that a DN would ever make use of this product. JCx described an example of an extended chain where there might be a possibility that its use might be considered.

Next Steps

The Workgroup Report was finalised and will be submitted to the November Modification Panel.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning for Workgroup

The Workgroup's report has now been completed and no further meetings are required.