

UNC Workgroup 0458 Minutes Seasonal LDZ System Capacity Rights

Thursday 25 July 2013

at Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3QQ

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Andrea Varkonyi	(AV)	First Utility
Andrew Margan	(AM)	British Gas
Andy Clasper	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Anne Jackson*	(AJ)	SSE
Chris Hill	(CH)	Cornwall Energy
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Addison	(DA)	Xoserve
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Dean Johnson	(DJ)	Xoserve
Edward Hunter	(EH)	RWE npower
Erika Melén	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fergus Healey	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Huw Comerford	(HCo)	Utilita
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Jon Dixon	(JD)	Ofgem
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	Dong Energy
Marie Clark	(MC)	Scottish Power
Steve Deery	(SD)	Xoserve
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom

** via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0458/250713

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 December 2013.

1.0 Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2. Actions

No outstanding actions for review.

2.0 Workgroup Report

JM introduced the modification and made it clear that it is not changing the charging methodology but to allow for a seasonal requirement for capacity that would not be utilised through the winter period, thus avoiding uneconomical investment.

He confirmed that SGN have considered restricting the access to capacity eg April to September for new and existing connections for customers who only need access to capacity in the summer.

SM enquired about the rationale for the 200,000 thresholds. JM explained that he would be willing to consider an alternative threshold if the market could provide information that would suggest smaller consuming sites would have an interest in accessing such a product however he also mindful of striking a balance with the ability to monitor and manage a large portion of sites.

The Workgroup considered the Business Rules which prompted a number of questions these included but not limited to the potential to game, the envisaged need for NExAs to be in place, sites needing to be DM to verify any offtake of gas and access to data for system control, the cost implications to SSP sites and the management of freed up capacity, the management of breaches and any continuing breaches, other solutions eg a new EUC band profile.

Action 0701: Evidence required that the 200,000tpa threshold is appropriate.

The Workgroup agreed to consider the modification further at the next meeting.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary

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

Thursday 22 August 2013, 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Thursday 26 September 2013, 10:30 ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	25/07/13	2.0	Evidence required that the 200,000tpa threshold is appropriate.	Scotia Gas Networks (JM)	Pending