

UNC Workgroup 0471S Minutes **Amending the start time that a Day-ahead Market Offer can be accepted**

Thursday 05 December 2013

Energy UK, Charles House, 5-11 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Anthony Miller	(AM)	Centrica
Bethan Winter*	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Beverley Viney	(BV)	National Grid NTS
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Chris Shanley	(CS)	National Grid NTS
Chris Wright	(CW)	Centrica
Dave Addison*	(DA)	Xoserve
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Hayley Burden	(HB)	National Grid NTS
Isabell-Agnes Magne*	(IAM)	GDF Suez
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Jeff Thomson	(JT)	Ofgem
John Grant-Arrowsmith*	(JGA)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Mark Cockayne	(MC)	Xoserve
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Nahed Cherfa	(NC)	Statoil
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	EDF Energy
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Lea	(RL)	Gazprom
Ryan McLaughlin	(RM)	Ofgem
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Vanessa Sturman	(VS)	Ofgem

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The Workgroup Report is due to the Modification Panel by 20 February 2014.

1.0 Outline of Modification

UNC 471S Amending the start time that a Day-ahead Market Offer can be accepted presentation

Reviewing the presentation, NR advised that the November Panel had approved self-governance status for the modification on the grounds that it involves minimal change.

HB indicated that whilst National Grid NTS had had some initial reservations relating to trade nominations, these had been resolved following a discussion with the proposer.

When asked, NR indicated that she would be happy for the modification to progress further based on the initial cost predictions rather than requesting a ROM at this time.

2.0 Initial Discussion

Completion of Workgroup Report

During an onscreen review of the draft Workgroup Report (v0.2, dated 05 December 2013), various amendments were made by LJ in response to discussions around the table.

TD pointed out that at the November Panel, National Grid NTS had voiced concerns around certain aspects of the modification. Responding, HB reiterated that following discussions with the proposer, National grid NTS are now happy for the modification to proceed.

In examining the User Pays table, NR confirmed that EDF Energy proposes an equal split of costs between Shipper and Trader Users based on their respective throughputs. In briefly discussing what is truly meant by the term 'throughput', MC provided a brief explanation of the Xoserve definition whilst LJ continued to amend the WGR wording in line with the discussions – it was agreed that keeping consistent with the Xoserve definition would be beneficial. Views remained divided as to whether or not the charges would apply to both Shippers and Trader Users – in the end it was agreed to keep as both. TD questioned whether the amendments to the UP table potentially conflicted with the Relevant Objectives as currently written. A request was placed on Xoserve (DA) to look to provide a supporting ACS by close of play on Friday 06 December to accompany the WGR.¹ When asked, TD suggested that it would be likely that without an accompanying ACS, the Panel would not be inclined to send the modification out to consultation.

During a debate on the Relevant Objectives, NR agreed that the reference to objectives a) and b) could be removed as there were doubts voiced as to whether or not there would be any benefits involved.

In reviewing the implementation statement, LJ made some onscreen changes to reflect discussions and Xoserve (DA) agreed to provide an implementation timeline, along with a supporting indication of costs (but not an actual ROM per se) by no later than the end of January 2014.

Moving on to consider the legal text, HB confirmed that she would confirm the legal text status (i.e. as final legal text) in an email to the Joint Office on Friday 06 December. NR then advised that she would now amend the modification to align with the changes prescribed within the WGR.²

In concluding discussions, the Workgroup approved the report, as amended for submission to the 19 December Panel.

3.0 Any Other Business

None.

4.0 Diary Planning

No further meetings of the Workgroup are planned at this time.

¹ Post meeting note: an ACS was provided by Xoserve on 06/12/13 and can be viewed on the Joint Office web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/proposedACS>

² Post meeting note: an amended modification was published on 06/12/13 on the Joint Office web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0471>