

**UNC Workgroup 0489 Minutes**  
**EU Gas Balancing Code – Information Provision changes**  
**required to align the UNC with the EU Code**  
**Friday 25 April 2014**  
**31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
Debbie Brace	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Jessica Housden*	(JH)	Ofgem
Mike Thorne	(MT)	National Grid NTS
Ricky Hill	(RHi)	British Gas

\*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0489/250414>

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**1.0 Introduction**

LJ welcomed all to the meeting.

**2.0 Review of Minutes and Actions**

**2.1 Minutes**

The Minutes were accepted.

**2.2 Actions**

**0401:** Shippers to consider and feed back views on whether D+1 or D+5, or both, is appropriate, and what forecasts should be compared. (Views to be sent to [Deborah.brace@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Deborah.brace@nationalgrid.com) by 22 April 2014.)

**Update:** DB confirmed that minimal feedback had been received. **Closed**

**3.0 Discussion**

In a brief presentation, DB gave an example of an NDMA Accuracy Report, and reported that only two responses had been received, one of which supported D+5 allocation reporting, and the other supported both D+1 and D+5 allocation reporting. DB confirmed that Project Nexus was not within the remit of this Modification 0489.

National Grid NTS therefore proposed to proceed using D+1 and D+5 and the modification had been revised accordingly (version 3 had been published the previous day).

**4.0 Workgroup Report**

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 18 September 2014.

The draft report was reviewed. DB reiterated and clarified the three key aspects indicated within the Solution.

*Non daily metered forecasts (3.1)*

The best available data would be used to fill any gaps for the early forecast, eg Shrinkage would be based on the last available forecast.

*NDMA Accuracy report (3.2)*

It was noted that National Grid NTS would be exceeding the EU requirements by choosing to publish yearly rather than every two years. National Grid NTS' interpretation of the requirements with respect to content was questioned and Ofgem was asked for its view. JH indicated that Ofgem had made same interpretation as National Grid NTS, but she would double check with its legal team and confirm.

It was queried what might be contained in the high level commentary to be included with the report. It was felt this might be difficult to know what would be required at present and various means of eliciting this information was discussed. It was agreed that shipper views on useful content would be helpful at this stage.

**Action 0402: JH to confirm Ofgem's understanding and interpretation of EU requirements in respect of content and publication of the NDMA Accuracy report.**

**Action 0403: Shippers to consider what information might be found useful to be included in an accuracy forecast, and consider whether any such information should be shown as a percentage or an amount.**

As there was minimal Shipper representation at this meeting, it was suggested that Action 0403 also be drawn to the attention of the EU Workgroup attendees (by email) for their consideration.

*Initial Allocation (3.3)*

National Grid was already providing this in advance of requirements, and this would be regularising what was current practice formally into UNC.

*User Pays*

As a EU modification this would be centrally funded.

*Relevant Objectives*

It was agreed that this facilitated objective (g).

*Legal Text*

LJ drew attention to 'in flight' UNC Modification 0484S which when implemented will have implications for the way legal text is produced in the future. It will be necessary to provide a supporting document offering a formal commentary on the changes proposed to UNC text.

## **5.0 Any Other Business**

None raised.

## 6.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)

The next meeting will take place at **10:00** on Thursday 22 May 2014 at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT.

### Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0401	03/04/14	2.0	Shippers to consider and feed back views on whether D+1 or D+5, or both, is appropriate, and what forecasts should be compared. (Views to be sent to: <a href="mailto:Deborah.brace@nationalgrid.com">Deborah.brace@nationalgrid.com</a> by 22 April 2014.	ALL SHIPPERS	<b>By 22 April 2014</b> <b>Closed</b>
0402	25/04/14	4.0	JH to confirm Ofgem's interpretation of EU requirements in respect of content and publication of the NDMA Accuracy report.	Ofgem (JH)	<b>Pending</b>
0403	25/04/14	4.0	Shippers to consider what information might be found useful to be included in an accuracy forecast, and consider whether any such information should be shown as a percentage or an amount.	Shippers	<b>Pending</b>