
UNC Workgroup 0597 Minutes Rules for the release of incremental capacity at Interconnection Points

Friday 13 January 2017

Consort House, 6 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QQ

Attendees

Chris Shanley (Chair)	(CS)	Joint Office
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
James Thomson*	(JT)	Ofgem
Lesley Ramsey	(LR)	National Grid NTS
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid NTS
Matthew Hatch	(MH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Shane Jaftha*	(SJ)	National Grid NTS

* via teleconference

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 19 January 2017.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Approval of Minutes (20 December 2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Amended Modification

MM gave a brief presentation, summarising the key aspects of the proposal reviewed and, issues investigated by the workgroup to date. It was confirmed that the issue of withheld capacity was still the subject of ongoing discussions with Ofgem and, once the options are clearly understood, they would be taken to the Transmission Workgroup for discussion. It is recognised as a separate issue outside of the UNC and that the Incremental Project Proposal would clarify this (consultation in November) if any projects were initiated.

MM went on to explain the minor changes made to footnotes 1 and 2 in the amended modification.

It was also noted that the Authority's decision must be received before the capacity methodology statements can be revised.

3.0 Legal Text and Commentary

MM explained the changes made to the text and a discussion ensued.

EID Section E

Paragraph 5.1.2 - GJ evinced concern regarding the treatment of non-User Applicants (to which the UNC requirements would obviously not apply as such a party would not be a signatory to the UNC). MM explained how such an Applicant would be treated and what rules would apply. Any changes required regarding the treatment of non-User Applicants would be managed through the Project Proposal (MM did not believe anything else could be done without changing the Licence/methodology). The PARCA contract also contains a User Nomination section and other appropriate provisions.

Paragraph 7.1.3 - It was suggested that the word 'all' should be removed, and this was agreed.

MM clarified a number of points (relating to interactions) for JT. CS observed that provisions had been made to cover the main scenarios and that National Grid NTS had considered and taken into account the domestic auctions as best it can to try and avoid potential conflicts of processes.

SJ then summarised the key points relating to EID Section E in the commentary.

TPD B

The text was reviewed. SJ will expand the commentary to encompass these changes.

TPD Y

The text was reviewed. SJ will expand the commentary to encompass these changes.

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MM advised that changes were no longer required to this section (on account of the dates now all being aligned to the implementation date of the modification proposal).

4.0 Review of Actions Outstanding

1206: National Grid NTS (MH/MM) to amend the wording in Foot Notes 1 and 2, to clarify the potential ways forward and the associated timings.

Update: Addressed and completed. **Closed**

1207: All to provide any amendments or comments on the Legal Text to MH/MM prior to Friday 06 January 2017.

Update: Addressed and completed. **Closed**

5.0 Completion of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup reviewed and finalised its report, making its recommendation to the UNC Modification Panel that the modification be issued to consultation.

6.0 Next Steps

Taking account of the suggestions/comments made MM will revise the modification and text and provide for publication. SJ will expand and provide an appropriate commentary for all sections of text that require amendment/additions.

The Workgroup Report will then be submitted to the January UNC Modification Panel for its consideration.

7.0 Diary Planning

No further meetings were required.

Action Table (as at 13 January 2017)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1206	20/12/16	2.0	National Grid NTS (MH/MM) to amend the wording in Foot Note 1 & 2, to clarify the potential ways forward and the associated timings.	National Grid NTS (MH/MM)	Closed
1207	20/12/16	4.0	All to provide any amendments or comments on the Legal Text to MH/MM prior to Friday 06 January 2017.	ALL	Closed