

DN Charging Methodology Forum

Minutes

Tuesday 28 June 2011

via teleconference

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Andy Manning	(AM)	British Gas
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Denis Aitchison	(DA)	Scotia Gas Networks
Elaine Carr	(EC)	ScottishPower
Helen Inwood	(HI)	RWE npower
Jo Parker	(JP)	Scotia Gas Networks
Joel Martin	(JM)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Edwards	(JE)	Wales & West Utilities
Julia Haughey	(JH)	EDF Energy
Mathieu Pearson	(MP)	Ofgem
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Armstrong	(SA)	National Grid Distribution
Sue Davies	(SD)	Wales & West Utilities
Will Guest	(WG)	Northern Gas Networks

1. Introduction and Status Review

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dncmf/280611.

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Review of Actions

DN0401: DNs to identify the most practical means for increasing the proportion of revenue collected during the winter months.

Update: TD advised that this action had been moved for consideration under Modification 0383 "Profiling payment of LDZ transportation charges".

Closed

DN0501: DNs to provide a draft 0186 proforma for discussion at the next meeting and consider if the UNC would require modifying to reflect the changed format.

Update: See 2.1 below. Shippers requested time to consider the revised format and provide feedback.

Carried Forward

2. Issues

2.1 0186 – Provision of Cost Information

WG provided an overview of NGNs 0186 information in a revised format more akin to that provided under the DCUSA, as discussed during the previous meeting. He emphasised that specific incentive details have been omitted due to potential commercial sensitivity issues. The DNs confirmed

that they believed the suggested changes to the 0186 report formats could be accommodated without the need for a UNC Modification.

AM asked if, given its significance, shrinkage could be highlighted separately within the report. WG had concerns that this could lead to inadvertently revealing commercially sensitive information regarding other incentives. This was a concern shared by DA, although he did point out that the information provided for Modification 0386 "Smoothing of Distribution Charge Variation" included historic shrinkage data. JE advised that the WWU 0186 report already shows separate shrinkage information.

Shippers welcomed the revised format, feeling it added information and clarity. They will consider the format further and provide any additional feedback at subsequent meetings.

4. Workgroups

4.1 Workgroup 0382 – Reducing the capacity element of LDZ system charges for SSPs

The minutes for Workgroup 0382 can be found at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0382/280611.

4.2 Workgroup 0383 – Profiling payment of LDZ transportation charges

The minutes for Workgroup 0383 can be found at:
www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0383/280611.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

Attendees agreed to meet again via a teleconference meeting on Monday 25 July 2011.

Suggested agenda items for future meetings would be welcome.

DN Charging Methodology Forum Action Log: 28 June 2011

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DN 0401	13/04/11	2.0	Identify the most practical means for increasing the proportion of revenue collected during the winter months	All DNs	Closed
DN 0501	16/05/11	6.0	Provide a draft 0186 proforma for discussion at the next meeting and consider if the UNC would require modifying to reflect the changed format	DNs (WG)	Shipper feedback to be provided at the 25/07/11 meeting.