

UNC Distribution Workgroup Minutes
12 December 2014
31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Ian Hollington (Secretary)	(IH)	Joint Office
Alex Ross-Shaw	(ARS)	Northern Gas Networks
Azeem Khan	(AK)	Npower
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Dora Guzaleem	(DG)	Ofgem
Edward Hunter	(EH)	Npower
Gareth Evans	(GE)	WatersWye
Hilary Chapman	(HCh)	Xoserve
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lorna Lewin	(LL)	DONG Energy
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Olivia Powis	(OP)	Ofgem
Rob Johnson	(RJ)	Wingas
Shiv Singh	(SS)	National Grid Distribution
Steve Mulinganie*	(SM)	Gazprom

* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dist/121214>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Minutes

Approved

1.2. Actions

None outstanding.

1.3. Modification(s) with Ofgem

There were no discussions on this topic at today's meeting.

1.4. Pre-Modification discussions

There were no pre-modification discussions at today's meeting.

2. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1. 0466/0466A – Daily Meter Reading Simplification (with improved within day data provision)

(Report to Panel 15 January 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0466

2.2. 0479S 0479A - Inclusion of email as a valid UNC communication

(Report to Panel 18 December 201)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0479

2.3. 0516 - Information provision by large Customers to aid understanding of site characteristics

(Report to Panel 19 February 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0516

2.4. 0518S - Enhancement to the Gas Safety (Installation & Use) Regulations process

(Report to Panel 18 June 2015)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0518

3. Issues

3.1. New Issues

No new issues raised.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 0445 - Amendment to the arrangements for Daily Metered Supply Point Capacity

SS provided a presentation, which explained the reasons why Ofgem had sent back modification 0445 requesting further clarity and analysis to demonstrate the need to change (<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0445>).

This dealt with the queries raised regarding a lack of analysis which SS advised National Grid Distribution were planning to provide and a lack of evidence which he asked the workgroup participants to assist with.

SM asked if the protection offered from Modification 0478 would be lost if 0445 does not obtain approval and the workgroup discussed this and the associated transitional modifications.

OP confirmed Ofgem's requirement for an analysis of the impact of removing the bottom stop SOQ on customers. GE summed up the question as being to identify the numbers of customers that could be affected in the future. His opinion was that one DM site would be sufficient to justify this going through. The workgroup discussed how this information could be gathered in a robust way, with SM pointing out that historic data would be best used for forecasting demand as customers would not know their future requirements. GE agreed that customers would be unlikely to offer information on possible plant closures or reductions in production as this may impact their commercial position.

DG discussed the usefulness of providing information, which estimated the cost savings by not having to invest in reinforcement projects due to spare capacity being released onto the market. GE observed that this information would be available from a number of sources and not just Shippers. DG continued to outline the need for evidence of how this modification would have a positive impact for customers with SM noting the potential impacts of Project Nexus if approval is not obtained. Timescales were discussed with SP advising that they would look at the information as soon as it was provided.

HC confirmed that the Project Nexus solutions was being built based on the assumption that Modification 0445 would be implemented, therefore if it was rejected it would have a material impact on the current system design.

BF summed up the position saying that he expected that the modification would be returned to the workgroup for a supplementary report to be provided. The discussion closed with CW agreeing to provide information on the effects of releasing sterilised capacity and the associated impacts on costs and to create a list of suggested generic questions to be circulated to customers.

Action 0445 1201: CW to provide information on the effects of releasing sterilised capacity and the associated impacts on costs and to create a list of suggested generic questions to be circulated to customers.

4.2 0468 - Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) Population by Gas Transporters.

There was no further update and this item was not discussed at today's meeting.

4.3 National Grid LNG Storage Consultation (Avonmouth)

Item removed at request of Nat Grid Distribution 08 Dec.

5. Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time/Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 Thursday 22 January 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	0445, 0479, 0516 and 0518S 0468 status update
10:30 Thursday 26 February 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	0468, 0479, 0518
10:30 Thursday 26 March 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	0468, 0479, 0518
10:30 Thursday 23 April 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	0468, 0518
10:30 Thursday 28 May 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	0518
10:30 Thursday 25 June 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	
10:30 Thursday 23 July 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	
10:30 Thursday 27 August 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	
10:30 Thursday 24 September 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	
10:30 Thursday 22 October 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	
10:30 Thursday 26 November 2015	31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT	

10:30 Tuesday 22 December 2015	ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF	
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Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0445 1201	12/12/14	4.1	CW to provide information on the effects of releasing sterilised capacity and the associated impacts on costs and to create a list of suggested generic questions to be circulated to customers.	National Grid Distribution (CW)	Pending