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# UNC Offtake Arrangements Workgroup Minutes

## Tuesday 18 October 2011

### at 31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT

#### Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office
Alison Chamberlain	(AC)	National Grid Distribution
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Dave Adlam	(DA)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Helga Clarke	(HC)	National Grid NTS
Jeanette Gregory	(JG)	National Grid Distribution
Keith Dixon	(KD)	Northern Gas Networks
Keith Gilmour	(KG)	National Grid NTS
Mark Amos	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Mark Lyndon	(ML)	National Grid NTS
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rob Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Wales & West Utilities

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#### 1. Introduction and Status Review

##### 1.1 Review of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

##### 1.2 Review of actions

**OF0904:** Consideration to be given on the appropriate wording for pre-notifications within the Meter Error Notification Guidelines.

**Update:** Item deferred for Shipper discussion. It was agreed to amend this action, for a general review on the Measurement Error Notification Guidelines. **Carried Forward**

**OF1003:** Establishment of a formal Log to capture reasons for MEs and remedies - DNs to consider in what format it might best be produced.

**Update:** Item deferred. **Carried forward**

**OF0701:** Measurement Error NT008 (Horndon B MTA) - National Grid Distribution to provide an explanation as to why the change in data had not signalled an issue such that the error would have been identified earlier.

**Update:** AC confirmed a formal update would be provided in due course.

**Carried forward**

**Post Meeting Update:** Following the update provided in September the ITE appointed for this error has requested some data from the upstream transporter to validate assumptions made within the volume calculation over the period of the error. Once this has been made available the methodology utilised within the report can be checked and data can be validated. The report can then be finalised and released for publication.

**OF0702:** Scotia Gas Networks to review the Six Point Plan to identify if a similar error to Horndon would be picked up in the future.

**Update:** Item deferred. **Carried forward**

**OF0901:** NTS to provide a view on designated offtakes and proposed tolerances by 10 October 2011.

**Update:** PH confirmed that DNs had been notified DN individually. **Complete**

## 2. Workgroups

2.1. 0397 - Amendments to Section I of the OAD to reflect Offtake Profile Notice rules & recognition of different NTS/LDZ Offtake sensitivities.

(Report to Panel 15 December 2011)

Papers at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0397](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0397)

2.2. 0400 – Removal of obligation to install duplicate Telemetry Equipment

(Report to Panel 19 January 2012)

Papers at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0400](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0400)

2.3. 0401 – Amendments to the provisions for agreeing pressures at the Offtakes from the National Transmission System to Distribution Networks.

(Report to Panel 19 January 2012)

Papers at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0401](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0401)

## 3. Issues

### 3.1. New Issues

No new issues were raised.

## 4. Any Other Business

### 4.1. 2 Hour / 5 % Rule and VLDMS

BW provided a presentation on the 2 Hour / 5% rule currently defined in the OAD Section I.

BW believed the rules (amended at Network Sales) were not clear and could drive the wrong behaviours. BW explained the legacy ruling, how this worked in practise and the impacts of the change. It was WWU's intention to raise a modification and a draft had been provided for discussion.

DA wished to understand the background to making the change and if the legal drafting was correct for the change or if there was a misinterpretation.

MA explained that the National Grids legal team have been approached to establish if the change was a misinterpretation and needs to be corrected to realign the UNC with what it was originally intended. RCH was keen to understand the legal position as this will help with business rules drafting.

MA explained that taking flex out would move the risk onto NTS and the impact of doing this would need to be considered.

The effect of directly connected VLDMS was also considered. RCH asked for evidence of the qualifying positions.

It was agreed to table two new issues; 2 Hour 5% Rule and Embedded VLDMS with a high priority. It was agreed these would become a standard agenda item for further discussion.

**Action 0110:** ISS034 - National Grid to provide a legal view on the 2 Hour / 5% rules and establish if the UNC change had been a misinterpretation

## 5. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

The next meetings of the Workgroup will take place on:

10:30, 29 November 2011, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

10:30, 20 December 2011, 31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT

### Offtake Arrangement Workgroup Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
OF0904	08/09/10	3.0	General review of Measurement Error Notification Guidelines to be undertaken.	All	Carried forward
OF1003	08/10/10	3.1	Establishment of a formal Log to capture reasons for MEs and remedies - DNs to consider in what format it might best be produced.	All DNs	Carried forward
OF0701	11/07/11	2.1	Measurement Error NT008 (Horndon B MTA) - provide an explanation as to why the change in data had not signalled an issue such that the error would have been identified earlier	National Grid (AR)	Carried forward
OF0702	11/07/11	2.1	Review the Six Point Plan to identify if a similar error to Horndon would be picked up in the future.	Scotia Gas Networks (JM)	Carried forward
OF0901	13/09/11	2.1	(Mod0397) NTS to provide a view on designated offtakes and proposed tolerances by 10 October 2011.	National Grid NTS (PH)	Complete
OF00110	18/10/11	4.1	ISS034 - National Grid to provide a legal view on the 2 Hour / 5% rules and establish if the UNC change had been a misinterpretation	National Grid NTS	Pending