

UNC Shrinkage Forum Minutes

Friday 20 March 2015

via Teleconference

Attendees

Helen Cuin (Chair)	(HC)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Colette Baldwin	(CB)	E.ON UK
Craig Neilson	(CN)	National Grid Distribution
Dave Chalmers	(DC)	National Grid Distribution
Geoff Goldie	(GG)	Northern Gas Networks
Ian Marshall	(IM)	Wales & West Utilities
Joanna Parker	(JP)	Scotia Gas Networks
John Morrison	(JM)	Northern Gas Networks

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1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 28 January 2015 were approved.

1.2. Review of Actions

SF0701: Shrinkage and Leakage - Provide details of the equivalent statistics for Ireland.

Update: HC confirmed that SSE (MJ) had previously quoted figures of around 0.07% - 0.8% but could not provide any additional detail. HC suggested the action should now be closed, with a view to providing further information to the forum, if and when, it is available. **Closed**

SF0901: GDNs to analyse and quantify the time-weighted and flow-weighted CV measurement approaches and identify and assess the impacts of using different methods/models, for further consideration and agreement on the preferred option to be adopted. Report to the January meeting.

Update: HC confirmed that at the last meeting, the variations between the GDNs information had been identified and the GDNs are currently exploring the impacts of aligning methodologies.

JP confirmed SGN had a 0.02 positive and negative difference between their networks in CV data when compared to National Grid's HPMIS data.

WWU indicated a 0.1 – 0.2 difference equating to 1GWh. IM also highlighted that the CV values appear to have been updated retrospectively over the year.

CB questioned the reporting of average CVs, and the perceived expectation from Ofgem that all GDNs would utilise National Grid's published values for the average daily CV, for each charging area to ensure uniformity.

It was agreed to undertake further investigation as to why it appears that possible amendments are being made to the information and understand and compare with the information being submitted by the GDNs. The issue will be considered further at the next meeting. **Carried Forward**

New Action SF0301: Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement - WWU (IM) to liaise with the System Operations team to understand what CVs are being submitted.

New Action SF0302: Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement - National Grid (DC) to investigate why CV amendments are being made and what the basis of the amendments are.

2. 2015/16 Shrinkage Proposals

HC confirmed that the closing date for User representations to the Initial Proposals was 01 February 2015. The Final Proposals (www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sf/15-16final) were published by the end of February 2015 and thereafter were submitted to the Authority. Users then had until 15 March 2015 to provide any comments/concerns.

The GDNs confirmed no comments had been received and Ofgem had not communicated any disapproval. Therefore the 2015/16 Shrinkages Proposals were considered approved.

3. Shrinkage and Leakage Smart Metering Report

HC confirmed that the [Potential Benefits of Smart Metering on Shrinkage Measurement and Reduction report](#) provided by the GDNs was sent to Ofgem at the end of January 2015 and published on Joint Office website (www.gasgovernance.co.uk/smsl) on 06 February 2015.

The report summarises the GDNs current views on the potential benefits, blockers, restrictions and next steps and explores the potential impact on Smart Metering.

The GDNs confirmed no comments had been received.

GDNs will now establish a Working Group to consider the potential benefits of Smart Metering for Shrinkage and Leakage. Updates from this Workgroup will be reported to the Shrinkage Forum in due course.

4. Any Other Business

4.1. Interference Damage Modification

DC confirmed that National Grid intends to raise a modification to the Shrinkage Leakage Model (SLM) to mitigate windfall gains or losses, in respect of Interference Damage. He confirmed that National Grid will liaise with the GDNs before the modification is submitted to Ofgem.

5. Diary Planning

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

The meeting programme for 2015 was discussed and agreed (see table below).

Time/Date	Venue	Programme
09:30, Tuesday 23 June 2015	Teleconference	Revised proposals - Interference Damage and AGI Venting Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review
10:30, Wednesday 19 August	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review
09:30, Tuesday 27 October 2015	Teleconference	Shrinkage and Leakage Model Review

Action Table					
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
SF0701	15/07/14	3.0	<i>Shrinkage and Leakage</i> - Provide details of the equivalent statistics for Ireland.	SSE (MJ)	Closed
SF0901	17/09/14	1.2	GDNs to analyse and quantify the time-weighted and flow-weighted CV measurement approaches and identify and assess the impacts of using different methods/models, for further consideration and agreement on the preferred option to be adopted. Report to the January meeting.	All GDNs	Carried Forward
SF0301	19/03/15	1.2	<i>Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement</i> - WWU to liaise with the System Operations team to understand what CVs are being submitted.	Wales & West Utilities (IM)	Pending
SF0302	19/03/15	1.2	<i>Time-weighted and Flow-weighted CV measurement</i> - National Grid to investigate why CV amendments are being made and what the basis of the amendments are.	National Grid Distribution (DC)	Pending