

Transmission Workgroup

Minutes

Thursday 04 August 2011

ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Bob Fletcher (Secretary)	(BF)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Antonio Ciavolella	(AC)	BP Gas
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Colin Thomson	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks
Chris Wright	(CW)	Centrica
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Fiona Gowland*	(FG)	Total
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Ian Taylor	(IT)	Northern Gas Networks
Jacopo Vignola	(JV)	Centrica Storage
Jayne Dawson	(JD)	Northern Gas Networks
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
Jill Brown	(JB)	RWE npower
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	AEP
Lewis Hodgart	(LH)	Ofgem
Louise Aikman	(LA)	National Grid NTS
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Broom	(PB)	GDF Suez
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Steve Pownall	(SP)	National Grid NTS

**teleconference*

1. Introduction

Copies of all papers are available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/040811.

TD welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Review of Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting (07 July 2011)

1.1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were accepted.

1.1.2 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action TR 0602: National Grid NTS (MW) to provide a timeline to achieve implementation of 0352 by 01 October 2011.

Update: FH advised that the timeline is still being considered. TD suggested that, as the Modification has been issued to Consultation, there was no reason to keep this action open. **Closed**

Action TR 0603: National Grid NTS (MW) to provide an amended Modification 0352 in time for preparation of a Workgroup Report for discussion on 07 July.

Update: TD advised an amended Modification was provided after the report had been issued to Panel and there was no reason to keep this action open. **Closed**

Action TR0701: 0338 - Provide an ACS for submission to Panel (to the Joint Office by Wednesday 13 July 2011).

Update: TD advised the Panel had referred the modification back to the Workgroup for further assessment of the issues. He recommended that all the actions for this Modification should be closed and issues identified when the report was reviewed. **Closed**

Action TR0702: 0338 - Establish appropriate timescales to allow for changes to be made to the NCORM, and review as necessary.

Update: SP advised that National Grid NTS do not consider an amendments to NCORM is required **Closed**.

Action TR0703: 0338 – Revise/expand the legal text and amend Modification.

Update: See TR0701 **Closed**

Action TR0704: Convene a Transmissions Issues Group (in August) to conduct a review of System Alerts.

Update: A meeting has been arranged for 10:30 on 24 August 2011 at ENA, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF to discuss different aspects of GBAs. **Closed**

1.2 Review of Live Modifications not covered elsewhere on the agenda

The Modifications Register is available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods.

Of specific note were:

0349 –LH advised that a number of issues were identified with the text which need clarifying before any decision is issued.

0353 – TD advised that the modification had been implemented.

1.3 Industry Updates

LH reported on recent Ofgem activities:

- CEER's Gas Target Model – On 2 August Ofgem published an 'Invitation and agenda to a workshop on the Council of European Energy Regulators' (CEER) Gas Target Model'. The workshop will take place in the afternoon of 1 September and will include a presentation of CEER's vision for a European Gas Target Model and break-out discussion groups to allow stakeholders to express their views. The meeting may be moved to Elexon, in order to follow the Transmission Workgroup.
- TPCR4 rollover – Initial Proposals published on 2 August. The consultation sets out initial proposals for the year 2012/13 on all elements of the price control for the three electricity transmission owners and the one gas transmission owner. Consultation closes on 12 September.
- RIIO-T1 – Ofgem has received business plans from each of the three electricity transmission owners and the one gas transmission owner. A non confidential version of each business plan is available on each company's website. Ofgem will review the business plan submission

and publish a consultation in 2011. Ofgem will publish a decision towards the end of October setting out next steps, including which companies, if any, they consider should be fast-tracked.

- Gas Security of Supply Significant Code Review – Update letter published on 7 July. Letter explains that Ofgem are planning to publish the draft decision in autumn 2011. This will be followed by further stakeholder workshops and seminars before coming to a final decision. Indicative timing for publishing the final decision is spring 2012.
- Project TransmiT – Technical Workgroup meetings began on 19 July and will run every week for six weeks. Second stakeholder meeting scheduled for 18 August.
- Proposed disposal of part of National Transmission System (NTS) for Carbon Capture and Storage. Decision due in September.

RF asked if the links to Transporter business plans could be circulated for each Transporter, or if they could be published on the Joint Office website.

New Action TR0801: Transporters to provide links to business plans for circulation or publication to the industry.

1.4 European Developments

1.4.1 European Gas Codes Update

PH provided an update on the recent workshops advising the presentations had been published for information on the Joint Office website www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/040811.

Moffat

PH advised that Moffat is a prime candidate for an exemption from the requirements to have two-way flow capability on all interconnectors. A market assessment is going to take place to identify if there is likely to be an oversupply of Irish gas capability. Since this is not likely there is a case for exemption.

TD asked why the TSO is undertaking the assessment - shouldn't it be the asset owner? NR advised that she understood member states have the obligation to do the assessment and this obligation has been passed on to transporters.

EU Gas Quality Harmonisation consultation

JCx advised that a study is being undertaken on gas quality and an initial consultation report is available to hopefully prompt more data to help the study. http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas_electricity/consultations/20110916_gas_quality_en.htm

2. Workgroups

The following individual Workgroup meetings took place:

2.1 0363 – Commercial Arrangements for NTS Commingling Facilities

Minutes for this meeting are at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0363/040811.

2.2 0373 – Governance of NTS connection processes

Minutes for this meeting are at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0373/040811.

2.3 0381 – Removal of the NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity “deemed application” process

Minutes for this meeting are at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0381/040811.

2.4 0389 – Simplification of points of telemetry

Minutes for this meeting are at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0389/040811

3. Issues

3.1 Review of Safety Monitors

PH advised that National Grid NTS planned to arrange a number of offline discussion and then report its conclusions to the Workgroup. TD suggested including an update at the Issues Group meeting on 24 August.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Modification 0333A – Implementation Information

0333A – PH advised that a mathematical error in the text for Modification 0333A had been identified and that a consent to modify is likely to be raised to correct this problem – which would correct the default value units. He reported that systems were being developed and tests carried out by end of August/September. Implementation on 01 October 2011 is planned, but with full implementation in to Gemini screens flowing through around 16 October 2011.

5. Diary Planning

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

The next Transmission Workgroup meetings are scheduled as follows:

10:00 01 September 2011, at ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

10:00 06 October 2011, at ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

10:00 03 November 2011, at ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

10:00 01 December 2011, at ELEXON, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Action Log – UNC Transmission Workgroup: 04 August 2011

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
TR 0602	02/06/11	2.2	Provide a timeline to achieve implementation of 0352 by 01 October 2011.	National Grid NTS (MW)	Closed
TR 0603	02/06/11	2.2	Provide an amended Modification 0352 in time for preparation of a Workgroup Report for discussion on 07 July.	National Grid NTS (MW)	Closed
TR 0701	07/07/11	2.1.1	0338 - Provide an ACS for submission to Panel.	National Grid NTS (DC)	Closed
TR 0702	07/07/11	2.1.2	0338 - Establish appropriate timescales to allow for changes to be made to the NCORM, and review as necessary.	National Grid NTS (DC)	Closed
TR 0703	07/07/11	2.1.2	0338 – Revise/expand the legal text and amend Modification	National Grid NTS (DC)	Closed
TR 0704	07/07/11	4.1	Convene a Transmission Issues Group (in August) to conduct a review of System Alerts.	Joint Office	Closed
TR 0801	04/08/11	1.3	Provide links to business plans for circulation or publication to the industry.	Transporters (All)	Pending