

Workgroup 0373 Minutes
Governance of NTS connection processes
Thursday 01 December 2011
Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

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| Tim Davis (Chair) | (TD) | Joint Office |
| Lorna Dupont (Secretary) | (LD) | Joint Office |
| Alan Coulson | (AC) | Interconnector |
| Andrew Fox | (AF) | National Grid NTS |
| Andrew Pearce | (AP) | BP Gas |
| Charles Ruffell | (CR) | RWE npower |
| Colin Thomson | (CT) | Scotia Gas Networks |
| Dave Corby | (DC) | National Grid NTS |
| Derek Jamieson | (DJ) | ESBI |
| Dora Ianora | (DI) | Ofgem |
| Erika Melen | (EM) | Scotia Gas Networks |
| Gerry Hoggan | (GH) | ScottishPower |
| Graham Jack | (GJ) | Centrica |
| Jacopo Vignola | (JV) | Centrica Storage |
| James Kerr | (JK) | National Grid NTS |
| Jeff Chandler | (JC) | SSE |
| Julie Cox | (JCx) | AEP |
| Lewis Hodgart | (LH) | Ofgem |
| Louise Aikman | (LA) | National Grid NTS |
| Malcolm Arthur | (MA) | National Grid NTS |
| Mark Cockayne | (MC) | Xoserve |
| Neivan Boroujerdi | (NB) | Interconnector |
| Paul Mott | (PM) | EDF Energy |
| Phil Hobbins | (PH) | National Grid NTS |
| Rekha Theaker | (RT) | Waters Wye Associates |
| Richard Fairholme | (RF) | E.ON UK |
| Ritchard Hewitt | (RH) | National Grid NTS |
| Steve Pownall | (SP) | National Grid NTS |
| Tom Purchase | (TP) | National Grid NTS |

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1. Review of Minutes from previous meeting (03 November 2011)

1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Actions

No actions outstanding.

2. Discussion

RF explained the revisions made to the modification following the last meeting, giving an overview of the concepts of Initial and Full Connection Offers, clarifying the process and diagrams.

SP pointed out that UNC Section Y may need to include a definition of the actual charge (fixed fee) for the new service, but was as yet unsure as to whether this change could be included within Modification 0373 or should be addressed as a separate modification.

Following a brief discussion to clarify minor points, SP noted that a gas equivalent definition of 50 MW might be required.

SP then presented the associated documents that had been provided in advance of the meeting, encouraging feedback and pointing out that these would require further refinements. SP requested that each party review these internally with their construction colleagues - views were sought before the next Workgroup meeting.

Draft Application Form

This had now been published on the National Grid website for trialling purposes and was likely to be modified further.

Heads of Terms

RF reiterated that these were worth reviewing and urged a close reading and the submission of feedback as soon as possible.

SP indicated there was a question about what should be done about pre-connection feasibility studies.

Referring to Appendix 4, SP pointed out that Planning Consent Agreements might need to be triggered. Further discussions are likely to be required in the New Year, following developments in the planning regime, and National Grid will take this forward when more details are known.

Conceptual Design Study Report

Detailed feedback on this was welcomed and parties were urged to review and submit comments to SP as soon as possible.

NTS Gas Connections Website Pages

SP gave a short presentation regarding proposed improvements to the NTS Connections area of the National Grid website. Assuming that Modification 0373 was approved for implementation, screens containing interim information had been developed and these were illustrated. Feedback was encouraged.

Next Steps

The Workgroup must report to the Panel by 19 January 2012 and TD confirmed the intention to complete the Workgroup Report and review and assess the legal text at the next meeting.

3. Any Other Business

None raised.

4. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

The next meeting will be accommodated within the business proceedings of the Transmission Workgroup, scheduled to take place on Thursday 05 January 2012 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.