

Workgroup 0376
Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit Capacity
Minutes
Thursday 02 June 2011
Elxon, 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
Colin Thomson	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Derek Jamieson	(DJ)	ESBI
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Jacopo Vignola	(JV)	Centrica Storage
Jill Brown	(JB)	RWE npower
Lewis Hodgart	(LH)	Ofgem
Mike Thorne	(MT)	National Grid NTS
Mike Wassell	(MW)	National Grid NTS
Natasha Ranatunga	(NR)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul Mott	(PM)	EDF Energy
Phil Broom	(PB)	GDF Suez
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Sarah Lloyd	(SL)	National Grid NTS
Steve Pownall	(SP)	National Grid NTS

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1. Review of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

1.1 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.2 Review of Actions

WG 0503: National Grid NTS (FH) to ascertain the number of small applications received during the Annual Application window.

Update: See 2.1 below **Closed**

WG 0504: National Grid NTS (FH) to consider a suitable limit to be placed on ad-hoc applications per exit point, and interactions with other exit points in the same area.

Update: FH advised that this is being considered and asked for it to be carried forward. **Carried Forward**

2. Discussion

2.1 Action WG0503

FH provided a breakdown of the number of applications received based on the size, type and year requested. He confirmed that, having reviewed this, National Grid NTS still has concerns around the reduction in the minimum quantity to be eligible for the ad-hoc process. Volumes seen raised the possibility that the ad-hoc process could be relied on increasingly, and National grid NTS would regard this as neither desirable nor efficient.

TD asked if National Grid would be more comfortable with requesters being shippers only since the majority of activity was by DNs. FH agreed this would reduce the scale, although he did not think this was a feasible approach as he thought Ofgem would have concerns about discrimination – a key thrust of exit reform had been to ensure equal treatment of DN and other connections. FH also thought it likely that National Grid NTS would raise an alternative modification which retains the present volume limit.

TD advised that, given that no further clarification of the modification was required, he would prepare a draft report for the next meeting. FH confirmed that legal text had been requested and hoped to have this available by mid June.

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 take place as part of the Transmission Workgroup day, 10:00am on Thursday 07 July 2011 at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

Action Log - Workgroup 0376

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
WG 0503	18/05/11	3.1	Ascertain the number of small applications received during the Annual Application window.	National Grid NTS (FH)	Closed
WG 0504	18/05/11	3.1	Consider a suitable limit to be placed on ad-hoc applications per exit point, and interactions with other exit points in the same area.	National Grid NTS (FH)	Update due at July meeting.