

Workgroup 0417S Minutes
Notice for Enduring Exit Capacity Reduction Applications
Thursday 05 April 2012
Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

Tim Davis (Chair)	(TD)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Andrew Fox	(AF)	National Grid NTS
Angela Turner	(AT)	EDF Trading
Charles Ruffell	(CR)	RWE npower
Daniel Treverton	(DT)	National Grid NTS
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	National Grid NTS
Duncan Burt	(DB)	National Grid NTS
Erika Melen	(EM)	Scotia Gas Networks
Fiona Gowland*	(FC)	Total*
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jacopo Vignola	(JV)	Centrica Storage
James Thomson*	(JT)	Ofgem
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lewis Hodgart*	(LH)	Ofgem
Malcolm Arthur	(MA)	National Grid NTS
Martin Connor	(MC)	National Grid NTS
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Rekha Theaker	(RT)	Waters Wye Associates
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	E.ON UK
Richard Hounslea	(RH)	National Grid NTS
Shelley Rouse	(SR)	Statoil
Steve Dixon	(SD)	National Grid NTS

* via teleconference

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1. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

1.1 Minutes

Following a comment received, the following amendment was agreed to the previous Minutes:

“LH stated User Commitment was integral to the efficiency of the capacity regime but based on his understanding he did not interpret that User Commitment would be affected by the proposal. If NGG had concerns over how User Commitment would be affected it would be appropriate for them to explain these concerns.”

The minutes were then accepted.

1.2 Actions

No actions outstanding.

2. Consideration of Legal Text

JV, as Proposer, was content that the text as drafted met the intent of the modification proposed and that there was no intention for the modification to be revised.

3. Completion of Workgroup Report

There was a brief discussion relating to the interpretation of User Commitment and 14 months' notice; JCx and RT expressed concern that a different treatment is envisaged for parties who discharged their User Commitment a long time ago. JV confirmed that the focus of the Modification was solely on incremental capacity and a further modification would be required if others wished to extend this to other products.

TD noted that, if implemented, the modification would only be effective if an accommodating change is made to the ExCR methodology. AF confirmed that National Grid NTS intend to put forward the necessary ExCR change, which would be progressed subject to no veto by Ofgem. TD suggested that the wording of the ExCR change may be capable of incorporating the change for baseline as well as incremental capacity, but AF was clear that NTS would only put forward a change to match the modification.

LH questioned if the reduced notice might compromise National Grid NTS' operation of the system. National Grid NTS did not expect this to be the case.

AF commented that the modification can be implemented with no need for systems changes. However, if the scope were to be widened this would have to be revisited.

The Workgroup Report was then reviewed and revised to reflect the views expressed. It will be submitted for consideration at the April Modification Panel.

4. Any Other Business

None raised.

5. Diary Planning for Workgroup

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

No further meetings required.