

Information Provision Consultation Workshop – 7th April 2016

Minutes & Actions

Attendees:

Lucy Manning – Gazprom

Marshall Hall – Oil & Gas UK

Graham Jack – Centrica

Natasha Ranatunga – EDF

Gerry Hoggan – ScottishPower

Andrew Malley – Ofgem

Bethan Winter (on phone) – Wales & the West

Phil Hobbins – NG NTS

Jen Randall – NG NTS

Minutes:

It was agreed that, as responses would require a high input from operational colleagues, the Gas Operational Forum, which is next being held on 20th April 2016, may be a more appropriate forum for discussion on this topic.

LM raised the point that other gas quality information is also published on ENTSOG's Transparency Platform as required to comply with the Transparency Guidelines and Congestion Management Procedures. Chapter 3.1 (h) of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 states that the TSO shall publish ... "information on gas quality and pressure requirements".

There was discussion regarding the 4 gas quality reports and what the data contained within shows (please note related actions below). It was also expressed that often, users of the published information cannot use it in its current form and have to re-package it. Therefore, a suggestion was to look at the way the information is presented.

MH stated that there was lots of entry related information provided, particularly as part of Mods 498/502 however this is not mirrored on the exit side. Although recognising the commercial sensitivity of that data it was felt that this level of information needs to be replicated at exit in order to get the full value from that data. NG highlighted that sometimes this data is not owned by NG NTS, however it was discussed that MH could liaise with the owners of that data, at an upcoming meeting, to establish under what circumstances they would be happy for that data to be published.

It was also mentioned that too much information can be provided which then makes it harder for end users to extrapolate the key messages.

MH stated that it is not expected that NG NTS publishes gas quality forecasts; it is up to users to use the data that NG may be able to provide.

AM highlighted that there may be an additional cost for NG NTS to provide additional information. This cost maybe targeted or socialised. Although it is difficult to quantify the benefits of additional information that has been identified as valuable, this is necessary in order to assess the benefit of providing that information.

In order to carry out the actions identified below the possibility of delaying the consultation deadline was discussed.

Actions:

- 1) NG NTS to confirm whether it will run the same session at the Gas Operational Forum to be held on 20th April 2016
- 2) NG NTS to confirm what other gas quality related information is published on the ENTSOG Transparency platform?
- 3) NG NTS to establish whether the 4 Gas Quality reports use the same data?
- 4) NG NTS to confirm why is there a timing difference between the NTS Commercial Entry End of Day report (D+2) and the NTS Physical Entry End of Day report (D+1)? Do these reports use the same data?
- 5) NG NTS to establish whether the CV average measured as a daily average or an end of day snapshot?
- 6) NG NTS to identify, for each of the 4 gas quality reports outlined whether these are measured or estimates, final or provisional, when they are revised, whether they are daily average or real time or as and when measured and to identify latest and actual numbers with "L" and "A".
- 7) MH to liaise with upstream operators at forthcoming meeting to establish what gas quality related information could be published
- 8) NG NTS to clarify at what reference conditions IUK and BBL CVs will be published post 1st May 2016.
- 9) NG NTS to also liaise with large end users, for example those who have been engaged through DSR, to gain their views.
- 10) NG NTS to look into delaying the consultation deadline.