

Request to Modify the Uniform Network Code Operation Reporting Manual

Purpose

The Uniform Network Code Operations Reporting Manual (“The Reporting Manual”) is governed in accordance with Section V12 of the UNC TPD. The following document is to support the request being made to the Uniform Network Code Committee to make amendments to the Uniform Network Code Operations Reporting Manual which is currently published on the Joint Office website.

Background

In 2007 National Grid NTS developed its first phase of the Market Information Publication Initiative which introduced a new internet system solution for the delivery of gas market information via its public website. In agreement with Review Group 0140: “Review of Information Provision on National Grids Information Exchange” and approval from the Uniform Network Code Committee in January 2008, a data dictionary was incorporated into the Uniform Network Code Operations Reporting Manual V6.0. The inclusion of a data dictionary was considered to be a more flexible and efficient format to adopt. In January 2009, the UNC Committee approved a further version of the “Reporting Manual”.

Phase 2 of the National Grid NTS’s Market Information Publication Initiative will be implemented in mid November 2009, which will result in all of the remaining IE3 reports being discontinued and being made available in the Data Item/Report Explorer on the Gas Market Reporting System. The second phase will also deliver Review Group 0140 recommendations and recent information UNC Modifications. To ensure that the Industry is prepared for the changes on the Gas Market Reporting System, National Grid NTS has provided updates at the Transmission Workstream, Gas Shipper Forum and the Demand Side Working Group. In addition, National Grid NTS has carried out a Gas Market Reporting Engagement Day in August 2009, which was well attended. All information relating to the project has been published on the Gas Market Reporting System.

Summary of the proposed changes to the Uniform Network Code Reporting Manual

This section summarises the reasons for the changes required in the “Reporting Manual”.

- **General**

The Reporting Manual text has been reviewed and updated to reflect the enhancements being made to the Gas Market Reporting System. In addition there have been some minor changes to some of the data items contained within the data dictionary.

- **UNC Modifications**

The following lists all the UNC Modifications which have required information to be published by National Grid. This information has been reflected in the updated Reporting Manual data dictionary.

- Modification 187A Alterations to the RMSEC Auction to Accommodate Transfer & Trade of Capacity between ASEPs
- Modification 219 Publication of the UK Whole Gas Market Liquidity
- Modification 223 Gas Flow Nomination

- **Review Group 140**

The following outlines the recommendations made by Review Group 140 that have now been included within the Gas Market Reporting System and are reflected in the Reporting Manual data dictionary.

- Data items produced/published at the earliest possible time/date
- Data rationalisation
 - Simply derived data no longer published e.g percentage differences between forecast and actual demand where base data is readily available
 - Reduction in scripted reports to allow users to tailor their own reporting requirements
- New functionality and data items, including;
 - NTS End of Day to be published earlier and include physical information.
 - Capacity: Provision of further information relating to capacity sold

- **Additional Operation Information**

At the time of the Review Group it was agreed that all existing capacity data would continue to be published. However due to regime changes further reports have been developed in this area to enable National Grid NTS to fulfil our information provision obligations.

The Review Group 140 considered data items for inclusion in the data dictionary for capacity and storage, however due to the bespoke nature of the information National Grid NTS consider it is more beneficial to the Industry to publish the data as pdf reports only and not to disaggregate them into individual data items. As a result the Reporting Manual refers to reports which are available to the Industry via the website but have not been included in the Data Item Explorer.

Governance

To aid visibility of the proposed changes, National Grid NTS has submitted to the UNC Committee two documents. The first document is a marked up version of the UNCORM with all the changes being requested including an additional column within the Data Dictionary to categorise the reason for change. The second document is a clean version of the UNCORM incorporating all changes listed above and it is this document that will be sent to the Joint Office following approval of the changes.