

**Review Group 0176 Minutes**  
**Tuesday 15 January 2008**  
**31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Julian Majdanski (Chair)	JM	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	HC	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Sallyann Blackett (Proposer)	SB	E.ON UK
Craig Shaw	CS	Centrica
Denis Aitchison	DA	Scotia Gas Networks
Ed Rains	ER	Total Gas & Power
Fiona Cottam	FC	xoserve
Hannah McKinney	HM	EDF Energy
Jonathan Aitken	JA	RWE Npower
Mark Perry	MP	xoserve
Mark Linke	ML	Centrica
Stephen Marland	SM	National Grid
Steve Taylor	ST	Centrica

**Apologies**

Euan Chisholm	EC	Scottish Power
Louise Child	LC	E.ON UK
Mo Rezvani	MR	Scottish and Southern Energy
Stuart Cameron	SC	Scottish Power

**1. Introduction and Status Review**

- 1.1. Minutes from previous meeting  
The minutes were approved
- 1.2. Review of actions from previous meeting

**Action RG0176/0006:** xoserve to examine the possibility of providing E.ON with historic weather sensitivity data by EUC to enable further modelling.

**Action Update: Complete**

**Action RG0176/0007:** xoserve or E.ON (depending on data sensitivity) to model the allocation process for Gas Year 2006 for WM LDZ using the actual WCF method.

**Action Update:** See E.ON presentation. **Complete**

**Action RG0176/0008:** xoserve to model the allocation process for Gas Year 2006 for WM LDZ using the AQ/ALP method.

**Action Update:** See xoserve presentation. **Complete**

**Action RG0176/0009:** MR to check with Met Office Project board on the release of Project data for the use by the Review Group.

**Action Update:** Carried Forward

## 2. Review Group Discussion

### 2.1. Models

SB provided a presentation - Replacement of WCF parameter, confirming that E.ON had concentrated on a weather based alternative using EUC Band 1 to have reasonable starting point for the remaining EUC bands. SBSB introduced the EWCF explaining its relationship with AQs.

**Action RG0176/0010:** E.ON to investigate the impact of changing the EWCF on AQs

SB explained that a WCF can only be calculated retrospectively. FC questioned the objective of creating a WCF such that  $SF=1$ , expressing concern that the DESC had not discussed whether a scaling factor equal to 1 was what was wanted. SB explained that this had been included on the chart to understand the top end of what the parameter would look like.

SB highlighted a concern with the data on the 15 April and 16 April 2007 and whether there was something wrong with the underlying data for these dates. This would assist understanding whether significant changes in weather need to be considered.

JA believed that on these dates users had turned off their heating rather than letting thermostats adjust temperatures due to exceptionally warmer weather.

**Action RG0176/0011:** xoserve to examine the underlying data for 15 and 16 April 2007.

FC provided a presentation on a possible alternative to use of SND Demand Estimation using the WM LDZ only. The results illustrated that the alternative's scaling factor is closer to 1 at about 0.99.

SB suggested that the next step would be to use the analysis to assess the impact on allocation at EUC level.

**Action RG0176/012:** E.ON to complete EUC analysis.

**Action RG0176/013:** E.ON and xoserve to synchronise analysis to assess impacts of models on allocation at EUC level.

DA questioned xoserve's analysis which appeared to rely on the accuracy of AQs. FC confirmed that there is more of a reliance on AQs with the xoserve analysis.

ST suggested a comparison by using DAFs. FC confirmed that she had not yet considered this. ST strongly believed that this would be a worthwhile comparison.

## 3. Review Group Process

Working arrangements were reviewed and agreed.

## 4. Diary Planning for Review Group

10:30, Tuesday 26 February 2008, Solihull venue to be confirmed.

## 5. Any Other Business

None raised.

**ACTION LOG: Review Group 0176**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
RG0176/006	06/12/2007	3	xoserve to examine the possibility of providing E.ON with historic weather sensitivity data by EUC to enable further modelling.	xoserve (FC)	Action: Complete
RG0176/007	06/12/2007	3	xoserve or E.ON (depending on data sensitivity) to model the allocation process for Gas Year 2006 for WM LDZ using the actual CWV method.	xoserve/ E.ON UK (FC/SB)	Action: Complete
RG0176/008	06/12/2007	3	xoserve to model the allocation process for Gas Year 2006 for WM LDZ using the AQ/ALP method.	xoserve (FC)	Action: Complete
RG0176/0009	06/12/2007	3	MR to check with Met Office Project board on the release of Project data for the use by the Review Group.	SSE (MR)	Action: Carried Forward
RG0176/0010	15/01/2008	2.1	E.ON to investigate the impact of changing the EWCF on AQs	E.ON UK (SB)	Action: Pending
RG0176/0011	15/01/2008	2.1	xoserve to examine the underlying data for 15 and 16 April 2007.	xoserve (FC)	Action: Pending
RG0176/0012	15/01/2008	2.1	E.ON to complete EUC analysis.	E.ON UK (SB)	Action: Pending
RG0176/0013	15/01/2008	2.1	E.ON and xoserve to synchronise analysis to assess impacts of models on allocation at EUC level	xoserve/ E.ON UK (FC/SB)	Action: Pending