

Transmission Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 05 March 2015

Energy Networks Association, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Attendees

Les Jenkins (Chair)	(LJ)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Amrik Bal	(AB)	Shell
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	Eni
Charles Ruffell*	(CR)	RWEST
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
David Cox*	(DC)	Gas Forum
David Reilly	(DR)	Ofgem
Debra Hawkin*	(DH)	TPA Consultants
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Francisco Gonçalves	(FG)	Gazprom
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Isabelle-Agnes Magne*	(IAM)	GDF Suez
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Kirsten Elliott-Smith	(KES)	Cornwall Energy
Lucy Manning	(LM)	Interconnector UK
Marshall Hall	(MH)	Oil & Gas UK
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	E.ON
Roddy Monroe	(RM)	Centrica Storage
Sayf Al-Hadi	(SA)	Centrica
Steve Nunnington	(SN)	Xoserve

*via teleconference

Copies of papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/050315

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting (05 February 2015)

1.1.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1.1.2 Actions

TR0101: *Capacity Release in Constraints* - Consider and provide an update (at the March meeting) on National Grid NTS' initial views on how this might be taken forward.

Update: See 4.1 below. **Closed**

TR0201: *Gas Transmission Charging Review Open Forum (25 February 2015)* - Confirm details of location/time/duration.

Update: Invitation issued by Ofgem confirming details. **Closed**

1.2 Ofgem Update

In this month's update, DR drew attention to the items relating to:

- Approval of the modified Capacity Methodology Statements including a direction to make some further amendments pursuant to paragraph 8 of Special Licence Condition 9A of the gas transporter licence.
- Introduction of Ofgem's new publications libraries.
- Modification of Special Conditions 1A and 5F of National Grid Gas plc's Gas Transporter Licence to facilitate implementation of the Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM) Network Code.

Attention was also drawn to the recent letter regarding "*Proposed modifications to National Grid Gas plc's Licence to terminate Permit Arrangements and adjust the revenue earned for the period 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2015*". The statutory consultation on proposed amendments to special conditions of NGGT's licence is open for responses on or before 01 April 2015. Once Ofgem has considered responses, it will aim to make a final decision on whether to implement the reforms during April 2015.

Seeking views on whether it should continue to be produced each month, the Workgroup confirmed it found the Ofgem Update provided very useful and was content for it to continue.

1.3 Pre Modification Discussions

None raised.

2. Issues

None raised.

3. Any Other Business

3.1 Capacity Release in Constraints - Update

FH reported that discussions had continued between Market Operations and interested parties to gain a better understanding of the issues. National Grid NTS had concluded that the only way it can assist is in the provision of information where the system is entering into a constraint, and will come forward with some ideas for this at the next Workgroup meeting. FH confirmed that timings and frequency of auctions was not something National Grid NTS intended to look at.

Once EU Capacity Methodology Statements changes are complete, National Grid NTS may look to simplify and reduce complexities in this area; this may include incorporating the Capacity Methodology Statements in the UNC; it may be that capacity release in constraints can be addressed when this is being reviewed.

3.2 Demand Side Response (DSR)

LJ drew attention to the recently issued report on the Draft Gas Demand Side Response Framework and Methodology (published at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/dsr/090915). Ofgem will review the report and give further direction, following which the DSR Workgroup will reconvene in September to progress as appropriate.

Shippers with large customers were strongly encouraged to consider the report and attend the DSR Workgroup when it reconvenes.

4. Diary Planning

Agenda items (and any associated papers) for the April meeting should be submitted to the Joint Office by 24 March 2015.

Date	Location
Thursday 02 April 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 07 May 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 04 June 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 02 July 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 06 August 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 03 September 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 01 October 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 05 November 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF
Thursday 03 December 2015	ENA, 6 th Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Action Table (05 March 2015)

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
TR0101	08/01/15	4.3	<i>Capacity Release in Constraints</i> - Consider and provide an update (at the March meeting) on National Grid NTS' initial views on how this might be taken forward.	National Grid NTS (FH)	Closed
TR0201	05/02/15	1.2	<i>Gas Transmission Charging Review Open Forum (25 February 2015)</i> - Confirm details of location/time/duration.	Ofgem (DR)	Closed