

**Meeting of the Transmission Workstream
Transmission Planning Code Workshop 4
Minutes**

Thursday 03 July 2008

Elxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees

John Bradley (Chair)	JB	Joint Office
Amrik Bal	AB	Shell
Angus Paxton	AP	Poyry Energy Consulting
Bogdan Kowalewicz	BK	Ofgem
Chandima Dutton	CD	National Grid NTS
Chris Wright	CW	Centrica
Christiane Sykes	CS	Statoil (UK)
Jeff Chandler	JC	SSE
Julie Cox	JC2	AEP
Martin Watson	MW	National Grid NTS
Phil Broom	PB	Gaz de France
Rekha Patel	RP	Waters Wye Associates
Richard Fairholme	RF	E.ON UK
Richard Pickup	RP	National Grid NTS
Steve Fisher	SF	National Grid NTS
Steve Rose	SR	RWE Npower
Steven Sherwood	SS	Scotia Gas Networks
Tim Davis	TD	Joint Office

1. Introduction

JB welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the 5 June meeting were approved.

1.2 Review of Actions

Action TPC001: Supply Section - Include appropriate sections of the Safety Case within document.

Update: CD confirmed this had been done. **Action closed.**

Action TPC003: Supply Section – Revisit sub section 4.4 to see if more flexibility could be incorporated.

Update: CD confirmed that revised drafting sought to address this. **Action Closed.**

Action TP008: “Example 5: Within Day Compressor Trip” - the current flow margin values/measurement to be included in the TPC.

Update: CD confirmed that the Safety Case values have been included. **Action closed.**

Action TPC009: Make redrafted document available for review and comment in advance of the next meeting.

Update: The document was made available. **Action closed.**

2. Review draft document

CD presented an overview of:

- the process by which the Planning Code had been developed;
- a timeline showing next steps; and
- the document as drafted.

CD confirmed that the Pipelines Act is not referenced because it does not apply to the holder of a Gas Transporter Licence.

JC2 asked about the frequency of amending the document to keep it up to date, for example to take account of the implementation of UNC Modifications. CD was open to suggestions, but it was felt sensible to avoid frequent consultations to introduce minor changes. A review of the Code will be undertaken at least biannually.

JB asked about the style, which is descriptive in nature rather than creating obligations. Attendees felt this was appropriate for a code of this nature. BK said Ofgem's intention was that the Planning Code should provide increased transparency and greater certainty about consistent application of the methodology – there would therefore be merit in the document saying as precisely as possible what National Grid NTS will, as opposed to may, do.

CD offered to provide a glossary of the terms used, bearing in mind that some terms (such as baselines) are defined differently in the GT Licence and the UNC.

RF asked whether it would be possible for any UNC Modification Proposal to be opposed on the basis that it was inconsistent with the content of the Planning Code. MW felt that, in principle, the Planning Code should not be a barrier to UNC Modifications – if National Grid NTS opposed the UNC Modification Proposal they would expect to do so on grounds related to the Relevant Objectives.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Diary Planning

No further Transmission Planning Code Workshops are proposed. The document will be issued for formal consultation in the near future, having been amended to include a few detailed clarification points raised during the meeting. If CD receives further points by close of play on 8 July, these will also be reflected in the draft issued for consultation.

Action Log – Transmission Planning Code Workshop 4: 03 July 2008

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
TPC 001	01/05/08	2.0	Supply Section - Include appropriate sections of the Safety Case within document.	National Grid NTS (CD)	Complete. Closed.
TPC 003	01/05/08	2.0	Supply Section – Revisit sub section 4.4 to see if more flexibility could be incorporated.	National Grid NTS (CD)	Complete. Closed.
TPC 008	05/06/08	4.0	Flow Margin Assumptions - “Example 5: Within Day Compressor Trip” - the current flow margin values to be included in the TPC.	National Grid NTS (CD)	Complete. Closed.
TPC 009	05/06/08	5.0	Make redrafted document available for review and comment in advance of the next meeting.	National Grid NTS (CD)	Complete. Closed.