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Transmission Workstream Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005**  
**10 Old Bailey, London**

**Attendees (Morning session)**

John Bradley (Chair)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Dennis Rachwal (Secretary)	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Mike Young	BGT
Stuart Waudby	Centrica Storage
Mick Curtis	E=mc <sup>2</sup>
Gunnar Steck	EON
Joy Chadwick	ExxonMobil
Phil Broom	Gaz de France
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Tim Davis	Joint Office of Gas Transporters
Jackie Carrol (for Emergency Arrangements item)	NGT
Mark Freeman	NGT
Paul Green (for Emergency Arrangements item)	NGT
Paul Roberts	NGT
Peter Close	NGT
Peter Mills-Baker	NGT
Mark Freeman	NGT
Robert Cameron-Higgs	Northern Gas Networks
Claire Rozyn	Ofgem
Fiona Lewis	Ofgem
Matteo Guarnerio (for Exit review item)	Ofgem
Charles Ruffell	RWE npower
Katherine Marshall	SSE
Sam Parmar	Statoil
Steve Ladle	Total Gas and Power Ltd
Derek Russell	Viridian
Nick Wye	Waterswye
Liz Spierling	WWUtilities

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## 1. Status Review

### 1.1 Minutes from 5<sup>th</sup> May 05 Workstream

The minutes from 5<sup>th</sup> May were accepted with the following revision:-

A4.0 third paragraph.

KM noted that the number of players in zone 1 should be two as there were two separate legal entities. RH *acknowledged the point and agreed to amend the chart.*

### 1.2 Review of Workstream's Modification Proposals and Topics

With reference to the Modification Status Report (as circulated with agenda) JB notified updates in respect of Mod 006 where the Ofgem Impact Assessment had been issued, and Mod 019 where the Draft Mod Report had been issued. Ofgem indications about decisions remain unchanged from last month. These points are reflected in updated report.

With reference to the Topic Status Report (as circulated with agenda) statements and presentations on Topics 003TR, 004TR and 007TR are covered in items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 below. A new topic was added at this meeting, 008TR Entry Capacity. These points are reflected in updated report.

### 1.3 Review of Actions from 5<sup>th</sup> May 05 Workstream

RH to schedule presentation on National Emergency process post Network Sales. **Action Closed** – see item 3.2 below.

EON to give a presentation on Nomination Timetable (Topic 006TR) at July workstream. **Action scheduled for July.**

RH to arrange for presentation on Section O: System Planning (Topic 007TR) at June workstream. **Action Closed** – see item 3.3 below.

Actions relating to Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements (Topic 003TR). **Actions Open** – see item 3.1 below.

## 2. Modifications for Workstream development

None

### 3. Discussion of Topics

#### 3.1 Topic 003TR Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements

PR reported that NGT is in dialogue with Ofgem with the aim of ensuring the industry receives a timetabled package of proposals that encompass UNC Modification, Charging and Licence incentives.

The detailed timetable has not been finalised but parallel consultations are envisaged which are likely to be based on 28 day pricing and Licence consultations.

PR stated that the action points raised on 5<sup>th</sup> May would be addressed within the package that was put forward to the industry.

#### 3.2 Topic 004TR Emergency Arrangements

Paul Green (PG) of NGT Operations and Trading gave a presentation on the statutory requirements, Safety Cases and gas emergency procedures. He stated that Network Sales had not triggered substantial changes to the Safety Case since statutory requirements are based on Primary (NTS) and Secondary (Distribution) systems, and also NGT continues as System Operator for divested networks. The nature of other changes include:-

- Appointment arrangements of the Network Emergency Coordinator (NEC)
- Use of public appeal in Stages 1 and 2 of a National Gas Supply Emergency
- Communication to shippers from the Distribution Network Control Centres as well as the Gas National Control Centre
  - SL enquired how shippers would verify who is contacting them.
  - PG stated this will be addressed in on-going industry dialogue.
- Introduction of a Safety Monitor of gas held in storage following the removal of Top Up from the Network Code. This monitor covers the following load categories: Domestic, Irish Interconnector, Priority consumers, and LDZ Firm NDM. A safety monitor breach constitutes an additional type of National Gas Supply Emergency. In the event that market response and other measures do not resolve a potential emergency, the NEC would use powers to direct isolation of all other load categories such that storage stocks were conserved for protected load categories. In practice, to ensure physical security of the system sequence is likely to remain large loads where interruption can be certain, followed by equitability if further load shedding is needed.
  - SP and SL enquired about the setting of the Storage Monitor levels
  - PG stated this is through industry consultation and subsequent agreement with DTI.

SW expressed concern that command and control of storage may commence whilst the market is still open.

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PG also outlined how the gas emergency arrangements interface with government and electricity industries through the DTI chaired Joint Response Team and thence the Energy Minister if need be. The on-going NGT programme on emergency arrangements includes presentation to Gas and Electricity Industry Emergency Committee (GEIEC). Industry engagement and exercise will take place through the summer. NGT was also carrying out an assessment of compatibility of UNC with the Gas Transporter and NEC Safety Cases.

See also 4.2

### 3.3 Topic 007TR Section O: System Planning

Peter Mills-Baker (PMB) of NGT gave a short presentation on proposed changes to Section O of the UNC such that it explicitly refers to the established Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process and retains all the other obligations.

There was a consensus to recommend to Panel that a simple Modification, based on the presentation, should proceed directly to consultation.

## 4. Any other business.

### 4.1 Entry Capacity (new Topic 008TR)

SL drew the Workstream's attention to the industry consultations by NGT and Ofgem on aspects of the Entry Capacity Regime. It was agreed to add this as a Topic and to schedule a meeting of the workstream for 15<sup>th</sup> June, i.e. during the consultation periods and to add this to the Topics Log.

**Action** Joint Office to arrange meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### 4.2 Gemini Implementation

MY drew the workstream's attention to NGT's proposals for cutover from AT-LINK to Gemini in October but he was not currently aware of the need for any UNC Modifications arising from Gemini and Operational Forums

DR informed the Workstream that the next Gemini Shipper Forum was on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and governance is through UK Link Committee which next meets at 1pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### 4.3 Date for July Transmission workstream

Due to the high level of interest in NGT's TBE event on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July it was decided to bring this workstream forward by one day in July to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**5. Future diary**

**Date:** Wednesday 15th June 2005

**Start Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** 10 Old Bailey

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005

**Start Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** to be confirmed