Report for Modification Panel August 2005

Transmission Workstream

Meetings Held

4 August 2005

Planned

11 August 2005 and 1 September 2005.

Matters for Panel's Attention

The Workstream Meeting planned for 11 August 2005 was arranged as a result of discussions held on 4 August 2005 and therefore the recommended ten working days notice could not be given.

Modifications Activity

Modification Proposal Sent for Development:

'Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case'
The Workstream reviewed the legal text submitted by the Proposer and developed the basis of a Workstream Report that was circulated with the minutes of the meeting. Subject to the clarification of three areas within the legal text, the Workstream recommends to Panel that this Proposal proceeds to consultation.

Urgent Modification Proposals Raised

042 'Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price'

Proposal issued 10/08/05, Reps close-out 22/08/05

The Workstream discussed this Proposal in draft form. Further discussion is scheduled for 11/08/05

043 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity' Proposal issued 10/08/05, Reps close-out 12/08/05

Following a review of Representations to Modification Proposal 037 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity' the Proposer withdrew Proposal 037 and raised this Proposal 043. Further discussion is scheduled for 11/08/05

044 'Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements' *Proposal issued 10/08/05, Reps close-out 22/08/05*

The Proposer indicated the elements that would be contained within this Proposal and the issues were discussed in the Workstream. Further discussion is scheduled for 11/08/05

Urgent Modification Proposal Withdrawn:

'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity' Withdrawn by Proposer 08/08/05

Similar Urgent Proposal (043 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity') raised 10/08/05

Urgent Modification Report Issued:

036 'Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions' Panel meeting 08/08/05 No recommendation made

Draft Final Modification Report Submitted:

'Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document'
Sent to Panel and those making representations 03/08/05. No response on treatment of representations by 08/08/05

Final Modification Report Submitted:

o30 'Extension of the QSEC auction timetable for 2005'

Panel meeting 04/08/05. Recommendation made to approve the Proposal.

Modification Proposal Decision Postponed:

006 '3rd Party Proposal: Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals'
Ofgem letter 25/07/05. Further consultation identified late January/early February 2006
Transco NTS was requested by Ofgem to consider further the costs of implementation and to "discuss any revised estimates at workstream discussions over the coming months". It was agreed to commence these discussions at the September workstream.

Urgent Modification Proposals Rejected:

021 'Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements' Rejected 29/07/05

Topics Activity

The following were reviewed:

003TR Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements

The Transmission Workstream was informed that the Workstream Report for 038 'Provision of Information to Support Development of the NTS Investment Programme' had been prepared by the Distribution Workstream, in order to make progress.

004TR Emergency Arrangements

The following were discussed:

- Reasons for rejection of Modification Proposal 021 'Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements'
- Two new Modification Proposals subsequently raised as 042 'Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price' and 044 'Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements'
- Modification Proposal 035 'Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case'
- Planned Gemini downtime it was recognised that this had been agreed at the July UK Link Committee Meeting and that this was not a matter for emergency arrangements.

008TR Entry Capacity

Progress was noted on the following Proposals:

- 030 'Extension of the QSEC auction timetable for 2005'
- 036 'Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions'
- 037 'Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity'

In addition, three new Topics were discussed. It was recommended that they be raised as Topics and discussed in the Offtake Arrangements Workstream (see Offtake Arrangements Workstream Report).

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UNC Mod Ref	Old Mod Ref	Mod Title	Received	Organisation	Status	Next Process(es)
044		Revised Emergency Cash-out & Curtailment Arrangements'	9-Aug-05	Transco NTS	Sent out for reps 10-Aug-05	Reps Close-out 22- Aug-05
043		Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity'	9-Aug-05	Transco NTS	Sent out for reps 10-Aug-05	Reps Close-out 12- Aug-05
042	-	Revision of the Emergency Cash-out price	3-Aug-05	EON UK	Sent out for reps 10-Aug-05	Reps Close-out 22- Aug-05
038		Provision of Information to Support Development of the NTS Investment Programme	14-Jul-05	Transco NTS	Draft Mod Report 10-Aug-05	Reps Close-out 17-Aug-05
037	-	Limitation on offering for sale unsold capacity	13-Jul-05	Transco NTS	Withdrawn 9-Aug-05	None
036		Limitation of incremental capacity offered in QSEC auctions	13-Jul-05	Transco NTS	8-Aug-05 Panel not recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
035		Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case	13-Jul-05	Transco NTS	Workstream Report issued to Panel 8-Aug-05	Panel recommendation 18-Aug-05
030		Extension of the QSEC auction timetable for 2005	24-Jun-05	Transco NTS	Final Mod Report (draft) 26-Jul-05 4-Aug Panel recommend implementation	OFGEM Decision
022		Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document	8-Jun-05	Transco NTS	FMR issued 3-Aug-05. No comments on reps received by 08-Aug-05	Panel recommendation 18-Aug-05
021		Revision of the Emergency Cashout Arrangements	1-Jun-05	Transco NTS	OFGEM rejection letter ref 179/05 published 29-Jul-05	None but see Topic 004TR a)
019		Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at ConocoPhillips sub-terminal at Theddlethorpe to align with Transco's 10 Year Statement	12-May-05	ConocoPhillips (UK) Ltd (Gas & Power Europe	Final Mod Report issued 13-Jul-05. Panel recommend implementation.	OFGEM Decision
011	0736	Reintroduction of Constrained Top-up	10-Dec-04	Transco	Final Mod Report issued 24-Feb- 05	OFGEM Decision

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006	0727	3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real	03-Nov-04	Energywatch	OFGEM postponed decision 25-	OFGEM further
		Time Data at UK sub-terminals			Jul-05. Legal text issued 3-Aug-05.	consultation Jan/Feb 06
					See also Topic 009TR	

Transmission Workstream – Topic Status Report August 2005

Topic No	Date Created	Topic Originator	Topic Title	Associated Modification Proposal(s)	Priority for Discussion (H/M/L)	Status Next Step(s)				
Active	Active (note – New Topics raised on 4 th August included 3 for inclusion in Offtake Workstream									
003TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements	038	Н	a) Mod 038 DMR sent for Reps 10-Aug-05 b) Transco NTS Capacity reservation proposal awaited a) Mod 038 DMR for Reps Close-out 17-Aug-05 b) Capacity reservation proposal or alternation way forward				
004TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Emergency Arrangements	021 (rejected) 042 044 035	Н	a) Mod 021 Ofgem rejected 29-Jul-05 ref 179/05 Mod 042 Discussed in draft form 4-Aug-05, Mod 044 Concepts discussed 4-Aug-05 b) Mod 035 Discussed 4-Aug-05, recommendation to proceed to consultation c) Gemini implementation plan agreed at UK Link Committee 14-Jul-05 – no plan to use Emergency Arrangements. No further work identified				
006TR	05/05/05	EON UK	Nomination Timetable		L	Consider the benefits and costs of a more flexible before and within day nomination timetable. Presentation to be made EON at a future Workstream				

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008TR	02/06/05	Total	Entry Capacity	030 036 037	Н	 a) FMR for Mods 036, 037 on Transco NTS revised Incremental Entry Capacity Release Methodology Statement, 8-Aug-05. Panel no recommendation to implement 036 and Transco NTS withdraw 037 ahead of a refined Mod subsequently issued as 043 10-Aug-05. b) Mod 030 Panel recommendation 4-Aug-05 to implement 	a) Ofgem decision 036 Mod 043 reps close-out 12-Aug-05b) OFGEM Decision
009TR	04/08/05	Transco NTS	Provision of Market Information	006 (0727)	M	OFGEM postponed decision on Mod 006 (ref 174/05) published 25-Jul-05	Transmission Workstream agenda item for 1-Sep-05
On Hole	d						
005TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Constrained Top-up	011 (0736)	L	FMR 011(0736) sent to Ofgem for decision 24/02/05	None pending Ofgem decision
007TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Section O: System Planning	022	L	Draft FMR 022 sent to Panel and respondents 04-Aug-05. No comments received 08-Aug-05	FMR 022 Panel recommendation 18-Aug-05
Closed							
001TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Supply and Demand Interruption	13 and 13a (0740 and 0740a)	M	Ofgem rejected 13 (0740) and approved 13(0740a) 12-Jul-05 Topic Closed 4-Aug-05	None
002TR	05/05/05	Transco NTS	Substitutability of Capacity and Locational Energy Actions following GT Licence Changes	9 (0733)	M	Ofgem approved 9 (0733) 12-Jul-05 Topic Closed 4-Aug-05	None