

Report for Modification Panel

December 2005

Transmission Workstream

Meetings Held

1 December 2005

Planned

14 December 2005 (Topic 004TR)

Matters for Panel's Attention

On the basis of presentations made by National Grid NTS, the Workstream recommended that a Proposal consistent with the Draft Proposal "Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at the IUK NTS sub-terminal" would be sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation.

One additional meeting has been scheduled at short notice for 14 December 2005

Modifications Activity

Urgent Modification Proposals Raised:

- 067 'Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC'
Raised 14/11/05, Panel decided not to recommend implementation 01/12/05

Modification Proposals Developed in the Workstream:

- 054 'Modification to Codify Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology'
Following the issue of an explanatory note by the Proposer, the Workstream decided to recommend to the Panel that the Proposal was sufficiently developed to go to consultation.
Panel agreed to commence consultation 01/12/05, Draft Modification Report to be issued by 22/12/05
- 054a 'Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement'
Draft Modification Report to be combined with 054, same consultation timescale

Draft Modification Reports Submitted:

- 066 'Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points'
DMR issued 25/11/05, Reps Close-out 16/12/05
- 065 'Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate'
DMR issued 29/11/05, Reps Close-out 20/12/05

Draft Final Modification Reports Submitted:

- 060 'Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme'
Draft FMR issued 02/12/05, no comments on reps received by 17:00 06/12/05

Urgent Modification Reports Submitted:

- 062 'Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert'
Draft Final Mod Report 24/11/05, Panel 01/12/05 recommended implementation.
- 061 'Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered'
Draft Final Mod Report 24/11/05, Panel 01/12/05 did not recommend implementation.

Urgent Modification Proposal Approved:

052 'Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency'
Approved 02/12/05, Implemented 05/12/05

Topics Activity**The following Topics were reviewed:****003TR Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements**

National Grid NTS outlined the content of the revised IEXCR

004TR Emergency Arrangements

The Workstream agreed that Proposal 054 was sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation following the issue of an explanatory note by the Proposer.

The Workstream received a presentation from Ofgem following the rejection of Proposal 035.

The Workstream received a presentation from National Grid NTS on a further proposal it was considering raising "User Compensation for NEC Storage Curtailment". National Grid informed the Workstream that it would be seeking urgency and Ofgem indicated that it would be minded to approve urgency for such a Modification Proposal if raised. It was agreed to hold an additional Workstream to allow the Proposer to further clarify any proposal. This was set for 14th December 2005.

009TR Provision of Market Information

The Workstream noted that a consultation on the legal text of Modification Proposal 006 '3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals' had been conducted by energywatch with two responses received. National Grid NTS were considering amendments to the legal text to address these responses. Information on IS costs were also being discussed by National Grid NTS and Ofgem

010TR Gas Quality at Entry Points

The Workstream received a presentation from National Grid NTS on a draft proposal "Amendment of Network Entry Provisions at the IUK NTS sub-terminal". It was agreed that a Proposal of this nature would be sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation. The Proposer undertook to gain clarification on any environmental consequences of extending the limit on total sulphur

The following Topics were placed on hold**011TR Balancing Neutrality Finance Adjustment Interest Rate****012TR Maintenance Planning**

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UNC Mod Ref	Old Mod Ref	Mod Title	Received	Organisation	Status	Next Process(es)
068		Extending established Uniform Network Code governance arrangements to include the Safety Monitor Referred to in Section Q of the Code.	23-Nov-05	Centrica Storage Ltd	Urgency rejected 25-Nov-05 Panel allocate to Governance Workstream 1-Dec-05	Workstream development [15-Dec-05]
067		Compensation payments to Users whose gas flows are curtailed into the system following instructions received from the NEC	14-Nov-05	Centrica Storage Ltd	1-Dec-05 Panel considered and did not recommend implementation	Ofgem Decision
066		Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points	8-Nov-05	Scottish Power Energy Management Ltd	25-Nov-05 Draft Modification Report out for reps	Reps close out 16-Dec-05
065		Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate	8-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	29-Nov-05 Draft Modification Report out for reps	Reps close out 20-Dec-05
062		Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert	1-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	1-Dec-05 Panel recommend implementation	Ofgem Decision
061		Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered	1-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	1-Dec-05 Panel considered and did not recommend implementation	Ofgem Decision
060		Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme	17-Oct-05	Scottish Power Energy Management Ltd	2-Dec-05 draft Final Mod Report issued	Panel recommendation 15-Dec-05
054a		Modification to Codify Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology	17-Oct-05	National Grid NTS	1-Dec-05 To consultation	DMR out for reps by 22-Dec-05
054		Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement	13-Oct-05	National Grid NTS	1-Dec-05 To consultation	DMR out for reps by 22-Dec-05
052	-	Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency	7-Oct-05	EON UK	5-Dec-05 Implemented	None
049	-	Optional Limits for Inert Gases at System Entry Points	07-Sept-05	National Grid NTS	Panel recommend implementation Ofgem Impact Assessment seminar 5-Dec-05	Ofgem IA reps close out 13-Dec-05 Ofgem Decision
046	-	Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points	10-Aug-05	National Grid NTS	Panel recommend implementation 23-Sept-05	OFGEM Decision
006	0727	3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals	03-Nov-04	energywatch	OFGEM consider cost/benefit consultation representations	Ofgem IA report and decision

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Topic No	Date Created	Topic Originator	Topic Title	Associated Modification Proposal(s)	Priority for Discussion (H/M/L)	Status	Next Step(s)
Active							
003TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements	046	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 23-Sept-05 Mod 046 Panel recommended implementation. b) Reconsultation on IExCR and ARCAs c) OFGEM consultation on Final Proposals on transitional incentive schemes supporting the offtake arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) OFGEM decision b) NG NTS reps close out 23-Dec-05 c) OFGEM Final Proposals Reps close out 23-Dec-05
004TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Emergency Arrangements	044 052 054 054a 061 062 067 (068)	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) draft Terms of Reference submitted to Panel b) 5-Dec-05 Mod 052 Implemented Panel recommend implementation c) 6-Oct-05 Section Q draft Review Proposal discussed at workstream & consensus to develop tidying Mod d) 1-Dec-05 Mods 054/054a sent to consultation e) 11-Nov-05 Workstream discussion of progressive vs rapid emergencies f) 1-Dec-05 Panel recommend Mod 62 implementation and not recommend Mod 61 implementation g) 1-Dec-05 Panel not recommend Mod 67 implementation h) 1-Dec-05 Mod 068 allocated to Governance workstream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Panel consider draft Terms of Reference b) None c) Tidying Section Q Mod proposal to Feb06 Panel d) DMR out for reps by 20-Dec-05 e) Watching brief or party to raise a proposal f) Ofgem decisions g) Ofgem decision h) Governance workstream discussion

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009TR	04/08/05	National Grid NTS	Provision of Market Information	006 (0727)	M	a) Mod 006 Implementation costs – National Grid NTS/Ofgem discussion b) OFGEM considering reps on example data and consultation on cost/benefit c) 22-Nov-05 Legal text energywatch consultation reps closed out	a) b) Outcome of Ofgem consultation c) Outcome of energywatch consultation
010TR	06/09/05	National Grid NTS	Gas Quality at Entry Points	049	M	a) 20-Oct-05 Mod 049 Panel recommend implementation 16-Nov-05 Mod 049 OFGEM Impact Assessment out for consultation b) Draft Mod Proposal on IUK NEP discussed	a) Ofgem Impact Assessment seminar 5-Dec-05 & reps close out 13-Dec-05 b) NG NTS refine and raise mod(s)
On Hold							
005TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Constrained Top-up	011 (0736)	L	OFGEM rejected 31-Aug-05 National Grid requested Topic is retained on hold	National Grid NTS to consider and provide proposals for moving Topic forward
008TR	02/06/05	Total	Entry Capacity			On hold – no specific issues at present	
011TR	06/10/05	National Grid NTS	Balancing Neutrality Finance Adjustment Interest Rate	065	L	29-Nov-05 Draft Modification Report out for reps	Reps close out 20-Dec-05
012TR	06/10/05	AEP	Maintenance Planning	060 066	M	a) 2-Dec-05 draft Final Mod Report issued b) Mod 066 Draft Modification Report out for reps 25-Nov-05	a) Panel recommendation 15-Dec-05 b) Reps close out 16-Dec-05