

UNC Workgroup 0628S Minutes
Standard Design Connections: PARCA process

10.00 Thursday 01 March 2018
via teleconference

Attendees		
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Charles Ruffell*	(CR)	npower
Elvan Akkaya*	(EA)	South Hook Gas
Graham Jack*	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler*	(JCh)	SSE
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Malcolm Montgomery*	(MM)	National Grid NTS
Mark Rixon*	(MR)	ENGIE
Murugan Babumohanan*	(MB)	National Grid NTS
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services Ltd
Nick Wye*	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond*	(NL)	National Grid NTS
Robin Dunne*	(RD)	Ofgem
Rowan Hazell*	(RH)	Cornwall Insight
Sinead Obeng*	(SO)	South Hook Gas
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<i>*via teleconference</i>		

Apologies

Phil Hobbins National Grid NTS

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0628>
The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the May 2018 UNC Panel.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Approval of Minutes (01 February 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Modification 0628S update

NL gave an update regarding the PARCA Fees and explained that following an Activity Based Costing analysis, the Fee structure, which will be consulted on for update to the Connection Charging Statement, is estimated to be as follows:

- PARCA – simple – Green/Amber; £53k
- PARCA – complex – Red: £120k
- PARCA – Top Up fee: £68k (this is the difference between simple and complex)

NL confirmed there will be definitions in the Legal Text for the Modification that will reflect the green, amber and red capacity indicator status. The slides for this are contained within the main Transmission Workgroup Presentation provided by National Grid update pack and can be found here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>.

To allow the same fee structure design, it is proposed that this structure will apply to all applications that require a capacity indicator, either via the portal up to 57.3GWh or via National Grid for PARCA.

It was confirmed that UNC Panel decision to implement is expected to be at the June UNC Panel meeting for both Modification 0628S and 0629S. The workgroup report is due to go to the May Panel meeting. This timetable is still considered achievable.

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

An onscreen update to the Workgroup Report was completed which included amendments to the Impacts & Other Considerations and Relevant Objectives sections.

RH asked NL to confirm what it says in the modification in terms of relevant objectives.

New Action 0301: NL to update/amend the modification to include the standard relevant objectives narrative (Action 0302 follows on from this).

New Action 0302: RH to update the Workgroup Report (after Action 0301 is completed) and publish it in time for discussion at the next meeting on 05 April 2018.

4.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0102: National Grid NTS (NL) to provide information on how often National Grid NTS had accepted or declined non-obligated capacity requests in the past.

Action update request 01 Feb 18: National Grid NTS to provide some constraint reasons for rejection of non-obligated capacity going back to Exit Reform 2012.

Action update request 01 Feb 18: National Grid NTS to provide the same level of information given for long term non-obligated rejections for short term capacity.

Update: NL advised the reasons for rejections: all of the rejected non-obligated capacity requests were in constrained areas of the network e.g. north west and all of the accepted non-obligated capacity requests were in a non-constrained area of the NTS e.g. north east.

With regard to short term capacity analysis, the team looking in to this have advised that this will involve a lot more data and are currently looking at the time and effort to provide that information. This is not a priority for them at the moment but NL is looking at providing something. Update in April. **Carried Forward.**

Action 0201: NL to provide proposed fees at the March Transmission Workgroup meeting

Update: Provided. Closed

Action 0202: NL to check if Capacity Release Methodologies need updating in relation to PARCA?

Update: NL has looked at the release methodologies, at the non-obligated release section and can see that they may require an update. It is likely there will be updates for Project CLoCC, the PARCA element will be included in the same change. This will follow later in the year.

It was confirmed that there will be a fast-track for the Licence. **Closed.**

5.0 Next Steps

Legal Text will be discussed at the next meeting on 05 April 2018 with the National Grid lawyer in attendance. NL will not be available for this meeting and a colleague will cover the meeting itself. It is suggested that a National Grid-led Webex session can be held 18 April 2018 to cover any remaining questions with regards to the Legal Text. The Webex will not require JO resources.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

Discussion regarding Workgroup member availability and attendance for the 05 April 2018 meeting was discussed as this is a bank holiday week. Most members can attend.

NL suggested a National Grid-led Webex session can be held 18 April as she will not be present at the meeting on 05 April. The legal text discussion could be continued as a follow up in case there are questions from the legal text discussion on 05 April.

When asked NL confirmed she is looking for alignment with the green PARCA route with the new standard design offer which is 3 months.

NK commented that the alignment is about timescales but they are still activities that are independent of each other, NL confirmed that is correct.

Action Table (as at 01 March 2018)

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0102	04/01/18	2.0	National Grid NTS (NL) to provide information on how often National Grid NTS had accepted or declined non-obligated capacity requests in the past. Action update request 01 Feb 18: National Grid NTS to provide some constraint reasons for rejection of non-obligated capacity going back to Exit Reform 2012. Action update request 01 Feb 18: National Grid NTS to provide the same level of information given for long term non-obligated rejections for short term capacity.	National Grid NTS (NL)	Carried Forward
0201	01/02/18		NL to provide proposed fees at the March Transmission Workgroup meeting Update - provided	National Grid NTS (NL)	Closed

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0301	01/03/18		NL to update/amend the modification to include the standard relevant objectives narrative (Action 0302 follows on from this).	National Grid NTS (NL)	Pending
0302	01/03/18		RH to update the Workgroup Report (after Action 0301 is completed) and publish it in time for discussion at the next meeting on 05 April 2018.	Joint Office (RH)	Pending