

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes

10:00 Thursday 01 March 2018

via teleconference

Attendees		
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Charles Ruffell*	(CR)	RWE
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 Babumohanana*	(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
Steve Pownall*	(SP)	Xoserve
Shiv Singh*	(SS)	Cadent
Tracy Brogan*	(TB)	Neptune Energy
*via teleconference		

Apologies

Phil Hobbins National Grid NTS

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>

1 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Welcome

RH welcomed all to the meeting and offered apologies for the unusual circumstances of holding the meeting via teleconference only due to the weather.

1.2 Approval of Minutes (01 February 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 01 February 2018 were approved.

1.3 Ofgem Update

RD talked the Workgroup through the three decisions that were made by Ofgem during the month of February which covers:

- UNC607: Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus NSMP System Entry Point
- Decision on proposed modifications to Interconnector (UK)'s Charging Methodology.
 - RH asked for a summary of what the changes are relating to the proposed modifications to Interconnector (UK)'s Charging Methodology, RD explained the main changes are tariff network code; limits on multipliers; publication timetable. All details are in the letter published on the link provided in the material.
- Gas system operator incentives 2018 to 2021: Notice to modify National Grid Gas's gas transporter licence

For further detail please see the summary document provided for the Workgroup and published here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>.

1.4 Pre-Modification Discussions

No pre-modification discussions

2 European Codes

MM gave an EU update which covered the following topics:

Code Status Update

MM confirmed nothing new added this month. The forthcoming Combined ASEP Modification from National Grid is on hold until Modification 0621 is fully developed.

TAR NC: Publication Status

MM advised that this is a transparency requirement from TAR.

ACER Workshop on TSO Revenue Determination

MM explained that as part of the Article 34 requirement, ACER are to provide a Revenue Determination for TSOs.

The presentation material from the ACER Workshop held on 08 February can be found using the link provided in the material provided and published for this Workgroup meeting <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>.

EU Network Codes 'Clean-up'

MM explained that National Grid NTS feels the scope of changes is not clear at present, more information on this will be given when known.

The CAM; Balancing; Interruptibility and TAR changes are technical changes only at present.

The timeline that is being quoted (see slide 9 of the presentation material for this meeting here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>), is an ambitious one, this could be possible if they are technical changes only. MM added that if the Clean-up broadens in scope, the timeline might not be possible.

When asked, MM confirmed that the Commission will consult on the proposed changes.

UNC Modification 0621 – Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime

MM advised that TAR NC is being implemented via Modification 0621.

RH confirmed the date of the next meeting is 06 March 2018.

Future topics

Monthly updates will continue to be given for the following topic areas:

- Tariff Code
- Transparency requirements
- CAM Amendment
- Potential EU Code Amendments

3 Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

3.1 0645S - Amending the oxygen content limit in the Network Entry Agreement at South Hook LNG

(Proposer Sinead Obeng, South Hook Gas Limited) (PH)

(Report to Panel 15 March 2018)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0645/010318>

3.2 0628S - Standard Design Connections: PARCA process

(Proposer Nicola Lond National Grid NTS) (NL)

(Report to Panel 17 May 2018)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0628/010318>

3.3 0629S - Standard Design Connections: A2O connection process modification

(Proposer Nicola Lond National Grid NTS) (NL)

(Report to Panel 17 May 2018)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0629/010318>

4 Issues

4.1 ISS066 – Implications of decommissioned Exit/Entry points update

No update.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Gas Quality Consultation Report (MM)

MM talked the Workgroup through an onscreen review of the report provided by PH, who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting.

TB joined the call and clarified that her interest is in a blending service from the National Grid.

MM confirmed that this is noted under response number 7.

New Action 0301: PH to clarify what the likely path is of blending services and also the timeline of any proposed modifications.

NK flagged that Anaerobic Digestion plants connected to the network must not inadvertently be forgotten.

5.2 Compressor Strategy

Post Meeting Update:

National Grid Gas Transmission will shortly publish a consultation document asking for views on its proposals to address the impact of the Industrial Emissions Directive on its compressors. This consultation is expected to be released by 09 March and responses will be requested by 29 March. National Grid would welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals in more detail with any individual or organisation during the consultation period. Please contact Jon Dutton via 07976 268933 or jon.dutton@nationalgrid.com for more information.

Field

6 Review of Action(s) Outstanding

Action 0102: National Grid NTS (PH) to arrange a teleconference with JCx to discuss the 1 in 20 peak increase and to provide a further update at the February meeting.

Update: Referring to the material provided for this Workgroup, (<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>) MM talked through an onscreen review of the Introduction and the information around the 1 in 20 Peak Day Increase and the Actions. **Closed**

Action 0201: MM to provide more options and detail around the processing of a monthly auction scenario when the auction runs on to near the end of the month.

Update: MM requested to bring an update to the next meeting. **Carried Forward**

Action 0202: MM to bring a slide to the next Workgroup on the Functionality Platform process.

Update: Referring to the material provided for this Workgroup, MM talked through an onscreen review of the EU Gas Network Codes Functionality Platform which can be found here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010318>. **Carried Forward**

7 Diary Planning

Time/Date	Location
10.00, Thursday 05 April 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
10.00, Thursday 03 May 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
10.00, Thursday 07 June 2018	Solihull Venue TBC
10:00 Thursday 05 July 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
10.00, Thursday 02 August 2018	Solihull Venue TBC
10.00, Thursday 06 September 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

10.00, Thursday 04 October 2018	Solihull Venue TBC
10.00, Thursday 01 November 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW
10.00, Thursday 06 December 2018	Solihull Venue TBC

Action Table (as at 01 March 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0102	04/01/18	6.2	National Grid NTS (PH) to arrange a teleconference with JCx to discuss the 1 in 20 peak increase and to provide a further update at the February meeting. Update: some slides that - see slide 27 in the transmission workgroup material. MM talked through the update: Upd	National Grid NTS (PH)	Closed
0201	01/02/18	2.0	MM to provide more options and detail around the processing of a monthly auction scenario when the auction runs on to near the end of the month. Update: MM requested to bring an update to the next meeting.	National Grid NTS (MM/PH)	Carried Forward
0202	01/02/18	2.0	MM to bring a slide to the next Workgroup on the Functionality Platform process.	National Grid NTS (MM/PH)	Carried Forward
0301	01/03/18	5.1	PH to clarify what the likely path is of blending services and also the timeline of any proposed modifications.	National Grid NTS (PH)	Pending