

UNC Workgroup 0628S Minutes Standard Design Connections: PARCA process

10.00 Thursday 05 April 2018

at Elexon, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Attendees		
Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office
Graham Dickson*	(GD)	Interconnector
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
James Thomson	(JT)	Ofgem
Jeff Chandler	(JC)	SSE
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy Uk
Matthew Hatch	(MH)	National Grid
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services
Nick Tyler*	(NT)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve

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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 March 2018)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Not discussed.

3.0 Legal Text Review

The Workgroup reviewed the legal text provided by National Grid. Nick Tyler joined the meeting for the discussion on the legal text.

JC made some general comments in relation to the status of the legal text. There were a number of references in the legal text using the words 'as soon as reasonably practicable' which were considered to be too open-ended as there should be a cut-off point.

JC sought clarification on how the Portal will fit in with the Capacity Indicator and the legal text as the Portal is not referenced in the UNC. MH asked if the Workgroup had discussed the Portal SLA?

New Action 0401: National Grid (NL) to clarify and confirm the status of the Portal.

NT sought Workgroup comments on the legal text provided for the meeting.

JC queried the gaps in the legal text indicated by the use of square brackets which need to be finalised to provide confirmation of timescales. NT confirmed these will be removed and the timescales added.

JC also expressed concern about the short timescales in relation to the PARCA Application. She sought assurance that the inclusion of an extra validation step is in addition to the existing rigour built into the current process.

Paragraph 1.19.4 (a) – should something be included in the Modification to indicate how many days National Grid will take to undertake their respective actions in relation to the process?

NT agreed that the timescales would be tidied up, the square brackets would be removed and that checks would be undertaken to ensure the Modification and legal text align. Consistency of terminology would also be checked.

Paragraphs 1.19.5 and 1.19.7 to be clarified further.

MH mentioned the Webex planned for 16 April to provide a walkthrough of the legal text. He stressed the importance of attending and confirmed that registration was via email to Nicola.j.lond@nationalgrid.com.

Workgroup highlighted the importance of the legal text reflecting the Modification and vice versa so an amended Modification and legal text is needed for the meeting on 16 April 2018.

A brief discussion took place on the rules of Capacity Indicator classification versus the Portal. For example, what is the process of getting a Capacity Indicator without a Portal, would a manual process be available?

BF suggested that a fair amount of work was still needed on the Modification to finalise it and suggested that the embedded document in the solutions section is attached separately to make it more accessible for readers.

The Workgroup also reviewed Section Y – Charging Methodologies in relation to the fees section. JC suggested that this section is reviewed once the Modification has been amended.

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.

Update: MH reported that NL had provided long-term data but a request for short-term data had been received by the Operations department. MH sought clarification on whether this was still needed as it potentially involved 2 days of work. NK confirmed that this would be valuable data to the industry as it helps to support an assessment of risk for anyone not going down the PARCA route. As this Modification is due to report to the May Panel meeting it was agreed that this action would be transferred to the Transmission Workgroup. **Carried Forward to Transmission Workgroup**

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

Update: The Modification was amended so this action was closed. **Closed**

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.

Update: The Workgroup report was updated so this action was closed. **Closed**

5.0 Next Steps

Text

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

Time/Date	Location
16 April 2018	National Grid-led Webex
10.00, Thursday 03 May 2018	Elxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW

Action Table (as at 05 April 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
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 to Transmission Workgroup
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)	Closed
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)	Closed
0401	05/04/18	3.0	National Grid (NL) to clarify and confirm the status of the Portal.	National Grid (NL)	Pending