
UNC Workgroup 0659S Minutes
Improvements to the Composite Weather Variable
Tuesday 28 August 2018
at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees

Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Carl Whitehouse	(CW)	First Utility
Chris Faulds	(CF)	ScottishPower
Dan Fittock*	(DF)	Corona Energy
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Imran Shah*	(IS)	British Gas
John Welch	(JW)	npower
Jon Dixon*	(JD)	Ofgem
Kirsty Dudley*	(KD)	E.ON
Lorna Lewin*	(LL)	Orsted
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	Total Gas & Power
Luke Reeves*	(LR)	EDF Energy
Mark Bellman	(MB)	ScottishPower
Mark Jones*	(MJ)	SSE
Mark Rixon*	(MRi)	Engie
Megan Coventry*	(MC)	SSE
Michael Robertson	(MRo)	ScottishPower
Rhys Kealley*	(RK)	British Gas
Robert Cameron-Higgs	(RCH)	Flow Energy
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON
Shaheeni Vekaria*	(SV)	Utility Warehouse
Steven Britton*	(SBr)	Cornwall

* *via teleconference*

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review**1.1 Approval of Minutes (31 July 2018)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Consideration of Amended Modification

Opening discussions, KD explained that she had not had time since the last Workgroup meeting to prepare and submit a new amended modification. However, she has been conducting some offline discussions with various interested parties, and as a consequence, anticipates providing an amended modification after this meeting.

Supporting KD, SB provided a brief explanation as to why E.ON believe that both 'solar' and 'rain' aspects need to be included within the amended modification. It was noted that the majority of the currently proposed solution aligns with current DESC provisions.

In making reference to the British Gas (Jason Blackmore) presentation, SB suggested that extra solar related cost information would need to be sourced by the Transporters.

SB advised that she expects that E.ON would be looking to also add solar and rain variables into an amended version of the modification in order to then 'trigger' the provision of a suitable supporting Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) which would hopefully include costings for extra weather variables, including getting said variables into the system.

SB went on to advise that DESC would optimise the CWV and seasonal variables whilst the modification would look at how best to ensure these variables are included in the CWV prior to the early 2019 review and analysis exercise. In short, there is a request that the Transporters would need to purchase two additional weather variables and ensure these are added to the system. FC provided a brief explanation as to how these two new variables would potentially improve the CWV. When asked, LH confirmed that rainfall assessment is independent of the solar impacts.

Moving on, SB explained that E.ON does not see any real value associated with undertaking any more analysis up front, especially bearing in mind that DESC would undertake this anyway.

When asked how much evidence (i.e. WAR Bands etc.) the Workgroup believes is needed in order to be able to justify the modification going forwards, LH suggested that it might be beneficial to look at lifting and copying some of the British Gas information for inclusion in the forthcoming amendment to the modification. SB indicated that E.ON would also look to provide an assessment of the potential impact from a couple of 1-day examples.

When KD advised that she would look to ensure that the two new variables are included within her amended modification, RH explained that once the amended modification has been formally submitted, she would follow this up by formally requesting that a ROM is provided. FC explained that once the request for the ROM is submitted she would approach the DNs and request that the appropriate data (including history related information) is provided.

New Action 0801: Joint Office (RH) to request Xoserve provides a ROM for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.

Moving on, FC cautioned that there is potentially an industry impact relating to UNC Parties replicating forecasting weather data variables within their own respective models that needs to be carefully considered (i.e. they will also need to purchase the two individual variables).

When asked, LH confirmed that re-weighting temperature values is a DESC task so long as the same hours are utilised (i.e. align to the same two hour period) – SB acknowledged the point by indicating that this would also be added within the forthcoming amended modification. When asked whether or not it would simply be a matter of adding two new definitions within Code for the new variables, the conclusion was it is.¹

3.0 Development of Workgroup Report

¹ Please note: E.ON submitted a formal amendment to the modification (v2.0) on 30 August 2018, a copy of which can be found on the Joint Office web site at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0659>

It was noted that completion of the Workgroup Report by November would require the identification of a potential solution and also the provision of legal text.

Thereafter, further consideration was deferred, subject to provision of an amended version of the modification inline with discussions on item 2.0 above.

4.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

None.

5.0 Next Steps

E.ON to formally submit an amended modification, and thereafter the Joint Office to formally request provision of a ROM.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.00 Wednesday 03 October 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA	Detail planned agenda items.
10.00 Wednesday 31 October 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA	Detail planned agenda items.

Action Table (as at 28 August 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0801	28/08/18	2.0	To request Xoserve provides a ROM for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.	Joint Office (RH)	Pending