

UNC Workgroup 0848S Minutes Alignment of Entry and Exit Capacity Constraint Management Provisions

Thursday 01 June 2023

via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	SEFE Energy
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Antony Miller	(AM)	SouthHook Gas
Archie Stoker	(ASt)	Engie
Benjamin Cull	(BC)	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell
Davide Rubini	(DR)	Vitol
Eddie Proffitt	(EP)	Major Energy Users Council
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Emma Robinson	(ER)	EON Energy
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Xoserve
James Lomax	(JL)	Cornwall Insight
Joseph Leggett	(JLe)	Interconnector
Julie Cox	(JCs)	Energy UK
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mariachiara Zennaro	(MZ)	Centrica
Matthew Newman	(MN)	National Gas Transmission
Mathew Chandy	(MC)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Phil Hobbins (Proposer)	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Gas Transmission
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Sallyann Blackett	(SA)	EON Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
<p><i>The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 August 2023.</i></p> <p><i>This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.</i></p> <p><i>Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0848/010623</i></p>		

1.0 Outline of Modification / Request

The Proposer, P Lucas (PL) presented the Modification, explaining that it seeks to clarify in the UNC that National Gas Transmission (NGT) will apply the System Management Principles in the course of the management of an Exit Capacity Constraint. This will align the Exit Capacity arrangements with existing UNC terms relating to Entry Capacity Constraint Management, and also with the Exit Capacity release principles set out in the Exit Capacity Release Methodology Statement. Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0848>.

PL explained that the 'No change' option is, in essence, the do-nothing approach whereas the favoured approach is to clarify an Exit Capacity Constraint scenario which removes ambiguity for Users whilst aligning the Exit Capacity arrangements with UNC terms and the Capacity Release principles set out in the ExCR and SMPS.

PL advised it is important to note no change to the constraint management arrangement if this Modification is implemented.

PL indicated that Legal Text would be ready for consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.

Workgroup discussed the alignment of the Entry and Exit Capacity Constraint Management Provisions within the context of the hierarchy of the Regulatory Framework and it was noted that the approach proposed is similar to other situations and potentially inconsistent because it calls up the lower-level provisions document. This is an issue that has been debated more generally within the Transmission Workgroup where Code and Licence appear to conflict. PL responded that it is no more so than elsewhere and that what is being sought is consistency between entry and exit arrangements.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods.

3.0 Next Steps

The following next steps were confirmed:

- Workgroup Report development.
- Review of draft Legal Text
- Consider if this Modification is implementable.
- Consider the regulatory framework where the Licence is referring down to documents that sit on the other side of the Code.

4.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
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10:00 Thursday 06 July 2023	5 pm Wednesday 28 June 2023	Microsoft Teams	Modification Assessment Review of Business Rules
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0848S Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
No outstanding actions						