

**UNC Workgroup 0390 Agenda**  
**Introduction of a Supply Point Offtake Rate Review and Monitoring Process**  
**Monday 15 August 2011**  
**31 Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3LT**

**Attendees**

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Lorna Dupont (Secretary)	(LD)	Joint Office
Alan Raper	(AR)	National Grid Distribution
Alex Ross	(AR1)	Northern gas Networks
Alison Jennings	(AJ)	Xoserve
Chris Warner	(CW)	National Grid Distribution
Colin Thomson	(CT)	Scotia Gas Networks
Darren Lindsay	(DL)	E.ON UK
Dave Corby	(DC)	National Grid NTS
Fergus Healy	(FH)	National Grid NTS
Gareth Evans	(GE)	Waters Wye Associates
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks
Jonathan Wisdom	(JW)	RWE npower
Karen Kennedy	(KK)	Scottish Power
Lesley Ramsey	(LR)	National Grid NTS
Lisa Harris	(LH)	Shell
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE
Simon Trivella	(ST)	Wales & West Utilities
Stefan Leedham	(SL)	EDF Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Sue Prosser	(SP)	Xoserve

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**1.0 Outline of Modification**

CT introduced the modification.

FH asked if the modification was intended to cover all Transporters including National Grid NTS, and commented that he understood why there would be benefit for the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) in undertaking an annual review with the Shippers but could not identify the same benefit for the NTS or NTS Shippers. He suggested that National Grid NTS be excluded from the modification.

At the last UNC Modification Panel it had been suggested by one member that there may concerns relating to potential discrimination. CT indicated that the Proposer was open to change, and would consider the exclusion of National Grid NTS and revise the Solution as appropriate. FH added that he would like to understand any identified issues that may affect the NTS.

SM suggested that a formal response from National Grid NTS would be welcomed clarifying why the modification was considered not relevant and should not apply to the NTS. It would be useful to the Workgroup to understand why there should be

differentiation. BF pointed out that the deadline for the submission of Initial Representations was the next day, 16 August 2011, and FH and LR undertook to provide a formal response as suggested.

**Action WG0390/0801: Provide a formal response clarifying why the modification was considered not relevant/should not apply to the NTS, and why there should be differentiation.**

ST did not believe that the modification was ever meant to apply to the NTS, and AR pointed out that the NTS was already catered for under UNC TPD Section V. FH observed that it was not used for booking or charging; National Grid NTS would not invest to support offpeak capacity.

## 2.0 Consider Terms of Reference

No further comments were provided.

## 3.0 Discussion

JW suggested it would be useful for a timeline to be produced to better envisage how the proposed review sits/interacts with other processes.

CT indicated that the legal text was not yet available.

BF reminded the group that the Workgroup Report needed to be concluded at the 25 August 2011 meeting if they wanted to meet the September Panel.

ST commented that the DNOs would need to commence data collection ready for potential production of reports in April; the process could still happen even if the implementation date does not come to pass as early as proposed as the data is collected anyway. There is no need to short track assessment of the modification if parties had questions.

BF pointed out that as this was not a User Pays modification, there was unlikely to be any delay to the process. GE believed there may be a minor administrative cost for Shippers, but was not sure that the modification would effect much change in industry behaviour. CT responded that the DNOs were looking for the provision of more accurate information to better assess investment decisions. JW supported this view.

**Action WG0390/0802: Provide a timeline to illustrate how the proposed review sits/interacts with other processes.**

The Workgroup agreed to accept provision of the timeline at short notice for the meeting on 25 August 2011.

## 4.0 Any Other Business

None raised.

## 5.0 Diary Planning for Review Group

*Further details of planned meetings are available at: [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/Diary)*

The next meeting of the Workgroup will take place within the business proceedings of the Distribution Workgroup, on Thursday 25 August 2011, at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW.

**Action Log – UNC Workgroup 0390**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
WG0390/0801	15/08/11	1.	Provide a formal response clarifying why the modification was considered not relevant/ should not apply to the NTS, and why there should be differentiation.	National Grid NTS (FH/LR)	To the JO by 16/08/11
WG0390/0802	15/08/11	3.	Provide a timeline to illustrate how the proposed review sits/interacts with other processes.	Scotia Gas Networks (CT)	Due at next meeting 25/08/11