

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes

Thursday 02 May 2024

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Niamh Holden (Secretary)	(NH)	Joint Office
Adam Lane	(AL)	Spirit Energy
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Ash Adams	(AA)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ben Stodel	(BS)	Perenco
Ben Hanley	(BH)	Northern Gas Networks
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Exxon Mobil
Conor McClarin*	(CM)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
David Mitchell	(DM)	Scotia Gas Networks
David Rubini	(DR)	Vitol Group
Hannah Reddy*	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Gavin Williams*	(GW)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Jackie Atterton	(JA)	PX Limited
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Julie Cox*	(JCo)	Energy UK
Joseph Leggott	(JL)	Interconnector
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mark Field	(MF)	Sembcorp
Matthew Brown	(MB)	Ofgem
Michael Crowley	(MC)	Gas Networks Ireland
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Phil Hobbins*	(PH)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Phil Lucas	(PH)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Samantha Wilson	(SW)	Spirit Energy
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Tim Gwinnell	(TG)	South Hook Gas
*at Radcliffe House, Solihull		
<i>This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.</i>		

Please note these minutes do not replicate 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 papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX/020524>.

1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting and highlighted that the agenda would be shuffled so that the modification workgroups would be timed to fit with availability of relevant participants.

1.1. Approval of minutes (04 April 2024)

Alex Nield (AN) noted that Storengy has been incorrectly spelt on the attendees list on the minutes for April 2024. EF advised that this would be corrected, and a new version of the minutes would be published on the Joint Office website. No further amendments were requested by the Workgroup.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers to record.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

1002: Mercury Content - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment.

Update: Carried Forward.

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

Matthew Brown (MB) provided an update from the latest Ofgem Expected Decision Dates (EDD) publication timetable at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>:

Modification	Estimated Decision Date
0841 - Introduction of cost efficiency and transparency requirements for the CDSP Budget	17 May 2024
0842 - Gas Entry onto the Total system via an Independent Gas Transporter	TBC
0852 - Shipper notification in relation to option exercise for Customer Demand Side Response	Decision Received
0854 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers	10 May 2024
0857 - Revision to the Determination of Non-Transmission Services Gas Year Target Revenue	Decision Received 19 April 2024

MB provided the following updates:

Our joint consultation with DESNZ on code manager selection regulations and code manager licence conditions, remains open until 5 May.

*Our consultation on the implementation of Energy Code Reform closed on 23 April 2024. We are reviewing and analysing all responses received **and** will publish our decision in due course.*

We're grateful to industry colleagues who volunteered to join our Modification Process Workgroup (MPW). To ensure visibility for wider stakeholders we have published a list of members on our website: [Energy code reform: implementation consultation | Ofgem](#). We

held an introductory meeting with members of the MPW on 17 April. It was an opportunity for the group to meet, agree ways of working and discuss content and sequencing for future sessions. We expect there will be 5 meetings of the MPW between May – July this year. The outputs from the meetings will help inform our policy development ahead of our next consultation on implementing energy code reform. We'll provide updates from each of the sessions at panel meetings.'

Phil Lucas (PL) noted that impeding ~~consequential~~ changes to the UNC as a consequence of the introduction of the NESO will not ~~not~~ be following a traditional Code Modification process, but will directed by Ofgem pursuant to its transitional powers under the Energy Act 2023. Under these powers ~~that~~ Ofgem ~~are~~ is nevertheless required to consult with stakeholders and. PL believed that this consultation was to be ~~led~~ issued by Ofgem on or after 17 May 2024.

Modification 0867

PL provided an update on Modification 0867. PL advised that Modification 0867 had been withdrawn. In the previous workgroup for Modification 0867, PL noted they had been working with a number of consumer associations in an attempt to quantify the DSR volume which may be released through the new aggregator mechanism. Receipt of feedback, following engagement with these consumer groups, revealed that there was insufficient demand and therefore NGT believed it was appropriate to withdraw the Modification. A Withdrawal Statement had been submitted with the rationale.

Please see the [Withdrawal Statement](#) for more information.

1.5. Pre-Modification Discussions

No Pre-Modifications were raised.

2. Transmission Change Horizon Plan

Gavin Williams (GW) provided an update on the National Gas Transmission Change Horizon and Gemini Sustain Plus, noting that going forward Sustain Plus Focus Groups will occur monthly, with the next focus group schedules for 20 May 2024.

GW explained that the current focus is on programme engagement, noting that this is largely in the development and testing stage now. GW advised that anyone who is a user of Gemini to expect more regular focus groups, market trials and new user ID's.

GW encouraged participants to register for Market Trials via the link on the slides, noting the deadline of 13 May 2024.

GW advised that there is a new training package with different modules for participants to choose from, GW advised that this is due to go live two weeks prior to the commencement of Market Trials.

GW added that there are surgery slots being offered by the team which can be booked via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gemini-sustain-plus-technical-surgeries-tickets-863804712147?aff=oddtcreator>.

Please refer to the [presentation slides](#) published for further information.

3. Workgroups

3.1. 0860S – Clarify impact of exit capacity holdings on offtake rights (Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0860>

3.2. 0867 – Gas Demand Side Responses (DSR) Aggregation Arrangements (Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0867>

3.3. 0870 – Amendments to Wobbe Index and Calorific Value Lower Limits at NTS System Entry Points

(Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0870>

3.4. 0871 – Facilitating IGTs with NTS Entry

(Report to Panel 18 July 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0871>

3.5. 0872S – Single-sided Nominations for clearing houses of gas exchanges

(Report to Panel 15 August 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0872>

3.6. 0874S – Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting Methodology

(Report to Panel 18 July 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0874>

4. Issues

None.

5. Any Other Business

CAM Network Code Provision

Conor McClarin (CM) advised the Workgroup that the CAM Network Code Provision for Europe is due for consultation on 8 May 2024 and it running for just over a month. CM advised that it would be focused on maximising capacity.

Julie Cox (JC) asked what participants could expect with the introduction of the Provision. CM advised that it had not formally been discussed as it had only been a week since the Madrid Forum had ended. CM advised that more detail would be provided within the next Workgroup.

System Update – NGT email addresses

Phil Hobbins (PH) advised that there was an IT project in place to separate IT systems completely from National Grid. PH highlighted that from 6 May 2024 any email sent to an NGT but addressed via their old National Grid address will not be auto-forwarded. PH asked that participants email NGT employees using their national gas email addresses as apposed to national grid.

6. Diary Planning

Transmission meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX>

All other Joint Office events are available via: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 06 June 2024	5 pm Tuesday 28 May 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 01 August 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 July 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 September 2024	5 pm Wednesday 28 August 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

10:00 Thursday 02 October 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 September 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 November 2024	5 pm Wednesday 30 October 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 December 2024	5 pm Wednesday 27 November 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Transmission Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1002	05/10/23	5.1	<i>Mercury Content</i> - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment	June 2024	NGT (KA)	Carried Forward