

**NTS Charging Methodology Forum (NTSCMF) Minutes**  
**Tuesday 03 July 2018**  
**at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW**

**Attendees**

Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Nield*	(AN)	Storengy UK
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Colin Williams	(CW)	National Grid NTS
Debra Hawkin	(DH)	TPA Solutions
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsty Ingham	(KI)	ESB
Matt Hatch	(MH)	National Grid NTS
Nick Wye*	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates Limited
Paul Youngman	(PY)	Drax
Penny Jackson	(PJ)	npower
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Samuele Repetto*	(SR)	EDF Trading
Sinead Obeng	(SO)	Gazprom Marketing & Trading
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve

\* *via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf/030718>

**1. Introduction and Status Review**

Opening the meeting, RH made reference to the UNC0653 presentation submitted by National Grid NTS late on the previous day. When asked, those in attendance agreed to consider the presentation (*at short notice*) at this meeting.

**1.1. Approval of Minutes (05 June 2018)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**1.2. Modifications with Ofgem**

RH advised that UNC Modification 0636/A/B/C/D 'Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge' is currently with Ofgem awaiting a decision.

Parties were asked to note that the Joint Office issued an email request for further

evidence on behalf of Ofgem on Friday 29 June 2018.<sup>1</sup> When asked, RH confirmed that E Proffitt of the Major Energy Users Council (MEUC) was included on the Joint Office email distribution list. Workgroup briefly considered who else might find sight of this email useful, especially consumer representatives. RH confirmed that a copy of the email would be forwarded to J Nicholson of the Energy Intensive Users Group (EIUG).

### **1.3. Pre-Modification discussions**

None.

### **1.4. UNC Modification 0621 Status Update**

RH advised that, having completed the consultation phase of the modification process, the associated Final Modification Report would now be considered at the second day of the July Panel meeting on Thursday 19 July 2018.

## **2. Standard NTSCMF topics**

### **2.1. Update on Long Term Revenue Forecasts**

RH confirmed that no formal update has been submitted for consideration at today's meeting.

In referring to the two outstanding NTSCMF Actions 0601 and 0602, RH requested, and National Grid NTS agreed, to provide an update at the 01 August 2018 meeting.

### **2.2. Discussion on EU preliminary and final consultations (0621)**

When parties in attendance voiced their grave concerns about a lack of either an Ofgem representative in attendance at the meeting or an update, RH undertook an onscreen exercise to capture a series of questions and concerns, which it was requested, would be published under today's meeting page and forwarded to Ofgem with an accompanying request that someone from Ofgem attends the forthcoming 05 July 2018 Transmission Workgroup in order to provide an update and respond to the industry questions being posed. It was noted that currently R Dunne is down to attend the Transmission Workgroup meeting on behalf of Ofgem.<sup>23</sup>

As stated in the email from National Grid sent on 07 June 2018, EU preliminary consultation responses should be sent to the Joint office who will forward them on to National Grid.

If any NTSCMF Workgroup attendees have questions for Ofgem regarding the questions and concerns these should be sent directly to Ofgem, and copied into Joint Office.

## **3. Workgroups**

### **3.1. 0653 – Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge –**

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the request for evidence letter concerning UNC Modifications 0636/A/B/C/D - "Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge" and identifying how to respond, has been published on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/unc636-updating-parameters-nts-optional-commodity-charge-request-evidence>

<sup>2</sup> Post meeting note: a copy of the list of NTSCMF Workgroup questions and concerns for Ofgem to consider have been published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/ntscmf/030718> supported by an email sent by P Garner of the Joint Office to Ofgem on behalf of the Workgroup participants on 03 July 2018.

<sup>3</sup> Post meeting update: C Friel of Ofgem responded by email to the Workgroup questions. This was read out at Transmission Workgroup on 05 July 2018. For more information, please refer to the minutes of that meeting, which will be available here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/050718>

## Introducing the NTS Optional Capacity Charge

(Report to Panel 19 July 2018)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0653>

### 4. Issues

No issues to discuss.

### 5. Review of Outstanding Action(s)

**Action NTSCMF 0601:** *Reference Long Term Revenue Forecasts* – National Grid NTS (CH) to check PARCA Termination values which are showing zero, should it be showing a value (could be a rounding issue).

**Update:** Please refer to discussions under item 2.1 above. **Carried Forward**

**Action NTSCMF 0602:** *Reference Long Term Revenue Forecasts* – Regarding the SO Revenue Forecast, National Grid NTS (CH) to advise what has driven the change for Constraint Management.

**Update:** Please refer to discussions under item 2.1 above. **Carried Forward**

**Action NTSCMF 0603:** *Reference Consultations* – Ofgem (SH) to present an update to the next Workgroup including timescales, who is going to do what and when.

**Update:** Please refer to discussions under item 2.2 above. **Carried Forward**

**Action NTSCMF 0604:** *Reference Consultations* – Workgroup have requested that National Grid (National Grid NTS (CH)) extend the ACER consultation to 13 July.

**Update:** In response to questions about what would happen to any representations received, and where any output would be used, CW clarified that it was ultimately for Ofgem to say. Once the consultation has finished, National Grid will put forward a report on whatever is received. The report and any representations will be published on the National Grid website. Ofgem will then carry on the process from that point. If there are any comments on the templates, they will be updated for the final consultation, most probably by National Grid. It is likely that the templates will then be appended to Ofgem's final consultation documents. **Closed**

### 6. Any Other Business

#### 6.1. Revenue Analysis for UNC 0621 Modifications Modeling (especially 0621B aspects)

When JCh requested provision of supporting assessment related information, CW agreed to discuss the matter offline after today's NTSCMF Workgroup meeting.

RH also advised that the Joint Office is currently working towards publication of some subtly amended legal text.

When asked why some of the consultation responses appear to have been amended post close-out, RH explained that when going through each response to formulate the FMR, JO sought clarity around the 3 respective representatives preferences (i.e. it was not 100% clear within the original submission). She clarified that no respondents sent in updates unless they were approached by the JO in this way.

### 7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Wednesday 01 August 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda + Workgroup 0653
10:00 Tuesday 04 September 2018	Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Standard Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Tuesday 02 October 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court Warwick Road Solihull B91 2AA	Standard Workgroup Agenda

**Action Table as at 05 June 2018**

Action Ref	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
NTSCMF 0601	05/06/18	2.1	<b>Long Term Revenue Forecasts</b> National Grid to check the PARCA Termination values which are showing zero, should it be showing a value. (Could be a rounding issue).	National Grid NTS (CH)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
NTSCMF 0602	05/06/18	2.1	<b>Long Term Revenue Forecasts</b> Regarding the SO Revenue Forecast, National Grid to advise what has driven the change for Constraint Management.	National Grid NTS (CH)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
NTSCMF 0603	05/06/18	2.2	<b>Consultations</b> Ofgem to present an update to the next workgroup including timescales, who is going to do what and when.	Ofgem (SH)	<b>Carried Forward</b>
NTSCMF 0604	05/06/18	2.2	<b>Consultations</b> Workgroup have requested that National Grid extend the ACER consultation to 13 July.	National Grid NTS (CH)	Update provided. <b>Closed</b>