

Demand Estimation Sub-Committee Minutes

Thursday 09 August 2018

Via Teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office	
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office	
Chris Warner	(CW)	Cadent Gas	Voting Member
Dave Mitchell	(DM)	SGN	Voting Member
Dean Pearson	(DP)	NGN	Voting Member (Alternate for Joanna Ferguson)
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve	Voting Member (Alternate for Smitha Coughlan)
Fiona Speak	(FC)	RWE npower	Voting Member
Jason Blackmore	(JB)	British Gas	Voting Member
Mandeep Pangli	(MPa)	Xoserve	Non-Voting
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	Voting Member
Mark Perry	(MPe)	Xoserve	Non-Voting
Sallyann Blackett	(SBI)	E.ON	Voting Member
Simon Geddes	(SG)	National Grid NTS	Voting Member

Apologies

Alexander Holbourne	(AH)	Corona Energy	Voting Member
Joanna Ferguson	(JF)	Northern Gas Networks	Voting Member
Smitha Coughlan	(SC)	WWU	Voting Member

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Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc/090818>

1. Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Apologies for Absence

Please refer to the above table.

1.2. Note of Alternates

Dean Pearson for Joanna Ferguson;
Fiona Cottam for Smitha Coughlan.

2. Approval of proposed changes to the NDM Demand Estimation Methodology

BF explained that this is an additional meeting set up to review and approve a minor change to the Demand Estimation Methodology document.

FC informed the Committee that they had noticed a typo that meant that one of the Uplift factors was not documented correctly and this meeting was to review and approve an updated version of the Methodology document. She confirmed that a minor change has been made to paragraph 3.4.4 for the uplift value for SW making the value now 1.02 from 1.0.

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the change for the proposed amendment to the Demand Estimation Methodology document

MP confirmed that the updated ALPs and DAFs would be published as part of a combined key messages note for the meetings held on 24 July 2018 and 09 August 2018.

3. Any Other Business

3.1. Closure of Filton weather station

MP mentioned that at the last meeting the potential closure of Filton weather station had been raised. He suggested that preparations for a new weather station for the SW need to be made given that the quarterly report from the Met Office issued last week confirms that Filton weather station is due to close. It was previously suggested that Yeovilton weather station might be an option.

Both JB and SBI advised that they could provide weather data from Yeovilton if required for the comparison analysis. MP advised that they would undertake the analysis and that an additional DESC meeting might be required to discuss the results, prior to the next DESC meeting currently planned for 08 October 2018.

New Action DESC 0801: Xoserve to analyse the relationship between the data for Yeovilton and Filton weather stations provided by the Members. The analysis to include 2 hourly temperature and 4 hourly speed data for up to 2 years.

3.2. UIG levels

JB requested more information in relation to the sharp negative drop in UIG levels noticed on Monday 06 August 2018. FC explained that Xoserve had looked at the data input and there were no obvious errors. She explained that the high summer reduction due to the factory fortnight closure ended on Friday 03 August 2018 and that from Monday a more normal level of summer allocation would be expected. She suggested that the negative fluctuation could be as a result of a general reduction in demand over the summer which may have influenced the model, if take-up was not as expected. DESC may want to re-consider their decision of whether a review of the holiday factor is needed in next year's model.

4. 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 Monday 08 October 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 10 December 2018	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 11 February 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.

10:00 Tuesday 24 April 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Wednesday 15 May 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 08 July 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 22 July 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 07 October 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.
10:00 Monday 09 December 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull B91 2AA	Standard agenda items.

Action Table (as at 09 August 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
DESC 0201	13/02/18	2.0	Xoserve (MA) to provide reconciliation analysis for the SSPs and LSP's (any additional months) for the next meeting.	Xoserve (MA)	Carried Forward (deferred until 08 Oct 2018)
DESC 0701	24/07/18	1.4	Joint Office to add a new standard agenda item: DESC related modification/change updates (which are currently 0644, 0652, 0654, 0659 and XRN4665 Creation of New End User Categories)	Joint Office (HB)	Pending (deferred until 08 Oct 2018)
DESC 0702	24/07/18	4.0	Xoserve to a) contact the Met Office to see what their back-up Weather Station is with the Filton Weather Station closing and b) if the secondary station to Filton is Almondsbury, check if weather data is available.	Xoserve (FC/MP)	Pending (deferred until 08 Oct 2018)

DESC 0703	24/07/18	4.0	New Action 0703: All to provide feedback on whether any of the current information is no longer required and what Users would like to see considered in the system going forward. Please send suggestions to the box account: Xoserve.demand.estimate@xoserve.com .	Xoserve (MP)	Pending (deferred until 08 Oct 2018)
DESC 0801	09/08/18	3.1	Xoserve to analyse the relationship between the data for Yeovilton and Filton weather stations. The analysis to include 2hourly temperature and 4 hourly speed data for up to 2 years.	Xoserve (MP)	Pending