

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes

Monday 15 April 2019

at Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91
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Attendees

Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Andrew Blair*	(ABI)	Interconnector UK
Angharad Williams	(AW)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CR)	Exxon Mobil
Graham Jack*	(GJ)	Centrica
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamila Nugumanova*	(KN)	ESB
Lea Slokar*	(LS)	Ofgem
Nick Tyler*	(NT)	National Grid
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Sinead Obeng*	(SO)	Gazprom
Steve Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve

*via teleconference

Copies of all papers are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/150419

1. Introduction

1.1. Approval of minutes (07 March 2019)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Ofgem update

Lea Slokar (LS) provided a brief verbal overview of the Industry update which covered the topics as detailed below:

Please view this complete document here: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/150419.

- UNC0678 - Amendments to Gas Transmission Charging Regime – timetable extension (UNC678).

www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/01/unc0678_-_urgency_decision.pdf

- RIIO-1 Gas Transmission Annual Report 2017-18 and Regulatory Financial Performance annex to RIIO-1 annual reports 2017-18.

www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/riio-1-gas-transmission-annual-report-2017-18

www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/regulatory-financial-performance-annex-riio-1-annual-reports-2017-18

- Decision on proposed modifications to Interconnector (UK)'s Charging Methodology.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/decision-proposed-modifications-interconnector-uk-s-charging-methodology-0
- Approval of modified Access Rules for Interconnector (UK) including a direction to approve pursuant to Standard Licence Condition 11A of the Gas Interconnector Licence.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/approval-modified-access-rules-interconnector-uk-including-direction-approve-pursuant-standard-licence-condition-11a-gas-interconnector-licence
- Notice proposing modifications to the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs) for RIIO-GT1 (version 6.1).
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-make-modifications-gas-transmission-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-t1-201718
- Decision on proposed modifications to BBL Company's Charging Methodology (following the derogation decision from January).
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/decision-proposed-modifications-bbl-companys-charging-methodology
- Ofgem data: Upcoming release calendar.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-data-upcoming-release-calendar
- Financeability Assessment for RIIO-2 Further Information.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/financeability-assessment-riio-2-further-information
- RIIO-2 draft data templates and associated instructions and guidance.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/03/riio-gt2_draft_data_templates_and_associated_instructions_and_guidance.zip
- Forward Work Programme 2019-21.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/forward-work-programme-2019-21-0
- Decision that National Grid Gas plc ("NGG") undertakes specific tasks to implement aspects of Regulation (EU) 2017/460, the European Network Code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas ("TAR NC") 10 April 2019.
 - Christiane Sykes (CS) asked if Ofgem are intending to carry out a final consultation and Impact Assessment relating to Articles 26 and 27. Ofgem confirmed that this will be determined after the 0678 Final Modification Report is received.
www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/04/decision_letter_unc678.pdf
- Uniform Network Code (UNC): 686 Removal of the NTS Optional Commodity Rate with adequate notice: Urgency Application
www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/04/unc0686_-_urgency_decision.pdf

1.3. Pre Modification discussions

There were no pre-Modification discussions to be held.

2. Workgroups

2.1. 0662 – Revenue Recovery at Combined ASEPs

(Report to Panel 18 July 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0662

2.2. 0667 – Inclusion and Amendment of Entry Capacity Release NPV test in UNC

(Report to Panel 18 April 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0677

2.3. 0669R - Review of the Gas Deficit Warning (GDW) and Margins Notice (MN) Arrangements

(Report to Panel 16 May 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0669

2.4. 0671 – New Capacity Exchange process at NTS exit points for capacity below baseline

(Report to Panel 18 April 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0671

2.5. 0675S - Enabling changes to the BBL Interconnection Agreement to facilitate physical reverse flow

(Report to Panel 18 April 2019)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0675

3. European Updates

3.1. EU Code Update – (PH)

Unfortunately, time did not allow this updated to be given , please see the slides published here:

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/150419.

4. Issues

None.

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Project CLoCC Update

Unfortunately, time did not allow this updated to be given, please see the slides published here:

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6. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0301: National Grid NTS (PH) and Ofgem (LS) to discuss the potential impact on Licence due to the proposed name change to Gas Balancing Notification.

Update: Unfortunately, time did not allow this to be covered in the meeting. **Carry forward**

Post meeting update: Offline discussions have been held between Ofgem and National Grid. It is agreed that a Licence change is needed, at present it is uncertain whether Ofgem would be content to approve the Modification 0685 with the Licence change pending or whether Ofgem would want the Licence process to have run its course before approving the Modification. Panel approved the Modification going out to consultation on 18 April 2019. More detail regarding the Modification can be found here:
<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0685>

7. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at:

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10.00, Thursday 02 May 2019	Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 06 June 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 04 July 2019	Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 01 August 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 05 September 2019	Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 03 October 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 07 November 2019	Elaxon, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3AW	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications
10.00, Thursday 05 December 2019	Radcliffe House, Blenheim Court, Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 2AA	Transmission Workgroup standard Agenda plus any associated Modifications

Action Table (as at 15 April 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0301	07/03/19	1.3.1	National Grid NTS (PH) and Ofgem (LS) to discuss the potential impact on	National Grid NTS (PH) and	Pending

			Licence due to the proposed name change to Gas Balancing Notification.	Ofgem (LS)	
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