

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 02 December 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Blair	(ABI)	Interconnector
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Carlos Aguirre	(CA)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Daniel Hisgett	(DH)	National Grid
Davide Rubini	(DR)	Vitol
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall-Insight
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	NGN
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Richard Selmen	(RS)	Ancala Midstream
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Rudi Streuper	(RS)	BBLC
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of minutes (04 November 2021)

The meeting from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

4 later papers were approved which included the industry update from Ofgem, the Gemini Horizon Plan for item 4 and a two Workgroup Reports for Workgroup Approval (see item 5.1 and 5.2).

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Deferred until January.

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

Max Lambert (ML) provided the Ofgem update for the below listed items. For full details, please refer to the Industry Update from Ofgem published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/021221>

- UNC 0753: Removal of pricing disincentives for secondary trading of fixed price NTS System Entry Capacity – Authority Decision
- Consultation of RIIO-2 Regulatory Reporting Requirements relating to Network Asset Risk Metric (NARM)
- Decision to amend the Data Assurance Guidance submissions for Electricity Transmission, Electricity System Operator, Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission Licensees
- UNC 0790: Introduction of a Transmission Services Entry Flow Charge – Decision on Urgency
- UNC 0788: Minimising the market impacts of “Supplier Undertaking” operation – Authority Decision

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

None.

2. European Code Updates

Phil Hobbins (PH) flagged the Gas Regulation public consultation expected to be published 14 December 2021, on the European Commission Website.

3. GS(M)R Review

No update this month.

4. Review of Transmission Modification Implementation dates

Anna Stankiewicz (AS) presented the [Gemini Horizon Plan](#) which provided an overview of the implementation build dates and confirmed 0752S, 0755S and 0759S (*0752S - Introduction of Weekly Entry Capacity Auction, 0755S - Enhancement of Exit Capacity Assignments, 0759S - Enhancements to NTS Within-Day Firm Entry and Exit Capacity Allocations*), remained on track.

Ritchard Hewitt (RH) referring to the proof of concept comment against the Aggregation Bacton Exit change (Modification 0785) asked what was being undertaken. Malcolm Montgomery (MM) explained that National Grid are fleshing out what can be done in the interim period in relation to system capability/manual work arounds for the implementation, before a fully systemised solution anticipated September 2022.

Anna Shrigley (ASh) asked about the ‘Single Sign on’ changes to Gemini. Jennifer Randell (JR) explained what ‘Sight Minder’ related to the parts of Gemini that requires periodic upgrades, for security aspects. Hannah Reddy (HR) confirmed a Change Pack will be issued to Shippers with more details.

Richard Fairholme (RF) reiterated the concerns expressed at previous Workgroups about the delays and prioritisation of changes from the collection of projects presented, expressing a need for more discussion about the prioritisation changes and the importance of reflecting industry consensus to feed into the DSC Change Management Committee. RF expressed that there needs to be some consideration on how Transmission related changes that are beneficial to Shippers and how these are presented to the DSC Change Management Committee. RF stressed the need to look for better ways of prioritisation and options of quicker delivery on important changes. See Action Table – Action 1102 transferred from Workgroup 0785 on 29 November 2021.

Jennifer Randall (JR) explained the developmental, prioritisation of changes, the approach to delivery, and the consideration of customer needs.

5. Approval of Workgroup Reports

5.1. 0780S - Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point

The Draft Workgroup Report for Modification 0780S was reviewed and approved for submission to the December UNC Modification Panel.

5.2. 0785 – Application of UNC processes to an aggregated Bacton (exit) Interconnection Point

The Draft Workgroup Report for Modification 0785 was reviewed, including the Legal Text and was approved for submission December UNC Modification Panel.

RH requested the Workgroup Report captures points previously raised around the transitional arrangements from 15 December 2021, for Section 8 – Implementation.

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) confirmed following the brief update provided under Item 4, that the full system solution is anticipated to be available from September 2022, but National Grid has confirmed that they are actively looking at alternative solutions that can be delivered earlier, such as a manual workaround.

Anna Shrigley (ASh) asked National Grid to include information on the impacts on the bundled/unbundled capacity process.

MM provided an overview of the Legal Text. The Workgroup believed the provided text reflected the intent of the solution.

RH asked Max Lambert (ML) if Ofgem had a response to the action taken within Workgroup 0785 discussions to consider the ability of National Grid to provide a solution in line with the licence change. See Action Table - Action 1101 transferred from Workgroup 0785 on 29 November 2021. ML confirmed a response was not available at this time.

6. Workgroups

3.1 0705R – NTS Capacity Access Review

(Report to Panel 16 December 2021)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0705>

3.2 0771S – Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Entry connections

(Report to Panel 16 December 2021)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0771>

3.3 0786S - Amendment of the framework for the Bacton exit pressure service to interconnectors

(Report to Panel 20 January 2022)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0786>

3.4 0787S - Tile Introducing amendments to the interconnection agreement with Interconnector Limited to reflect latest operational standards and practices

(Report to Panel 20 January 2022)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0787>

3.5 0779 - Introduction of Entry Capacity Assignments 0779A - Introduction of Entry Capacity Assignments With Defined End Date

(Report to Panel 20 January 2022)

<http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0779>

7. Issues

No new issues raised.

8. Any Other Business

None raised.

9. Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 06 January 2022	5pm Tuesday 28 December 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda 0779/0779A
10:00 Thursday 03 February 2022	5pm Wednesday 26 January 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda 0771S
10:00 Thursday 03 March 2022	5pm Wednesday 23 February 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 April 2022	5pm Wednesday 30 March 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 May 2022	5pm Wednesday 27 April 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 09 June 2022 (BH 2 nd June)	5pm Wednesday 31 May 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as of 02 December 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1101	29/11/21	0785 3.0	Ofgem (ML) to consider the concerns raised regarding the interim ability to implement Modification 0785 in light of the licence change.	January 2022	Ofgem (ML)	Pending
1102	29/11/21	0785 3.0	Xoserve (HR) to provide a view on the ability to re-prioritise system changes, particularly Modification 0785.	January 2022	Xoserve (HR)	Pending
1103	29/11/21	0785 3.0	National Grid Gas (MM) to provide a formal response to the industry regarding the available capacity.	January 2022	National Grid Gas (MM)	Pending