

UNC Demand Estimation Sub-Committee Minutes
Wednesday 24 May 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Yvonne Reid-Healy (Chair)	(YRH)	Joint Office
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes (Secretary)	(MBJ)	Joint Office

Shipper Members (Voting)

Anupa Purewal	(AP)	E.ON
Dan Stenson	(DS)	Centrica
John Jones	(JJ)	ScottishPower
Katherine Uzzell	(KU)	SSE
Cosmin Popovici	(CP)	Total Energies

Transporter Members (Voting)

Paul O'Toole	(POT)	Northern Gas Networks
Sanjeev Loi	(SL)	Cadent
Murugan Babumohanan	(SG)	National Grid
Mark Perry	(MP)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve

Observers (Non-Voting)

Darrin Prescott	(DP)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Jordan Bignell	(JB)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Joseph Lloyd	(JL)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Michael Maguire	(MM)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Penny Griffiths	(PG)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Simon Bissett	(SB)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Simon Geddes	(SG)	National Grid

Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/DESC/240522>

DESC meetings will be quorate where there are at least four Voting Members or their alternates, of which at least two shall be Users and two Transporters are in attendance.

1. Introduction and Status Review

Yvonne Reid-Healy (YRH) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1. Apologies for Absence

Dave Mitchell, Transporter Member
Andrew Hayes, Transporter Member

1.2. Note of Alternates

Mark Perry on behalf of Dave Mitchell, Transporter Member (SGN)
Paul O'Toole, on behalf of Emma Buckton, Transporter Member (Northern Gas Networks)
Cosmin Popovici, on behalf of Louise Hellyer, Shipper Member (Total Energies)

1.3. Quoracy Status

YRH advised that the meeting was quorate.

1.4. Approval of Minutes (27 April 2022)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1.5. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers to consider.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Actions

YRH advised there had been an action on her to amend DESC meetings from being all day to lasting from 10am to 1pm. YRH confirmed this has been actioned and can now be closed.

2. Review of Single Year Modelling Results – Small and Large NDM (2021/22 data)

Penny Griffiths (PG) presented the slides on the Single Year Modelling Results for small and large NDMs. Please see the slides published on the meeting page for full details.

Small NDM

Small NDM 01BPD:

Mark Perry (MP) noted that Prepayment Meters generally have a flatter profile, and this was highlighted in previous years. In this modelling whilst this issue has been addressed MP highlighted this for when the profiles are shared with the wider industry, particularly in light of the higher price cap.

Dan Stenson (DS) thanked MP for flagging this.

Small NDM 02BND results:

PG asked the Committee to vote on the two options available. The Committee Members unanimously voted for Option 2, which was the recommended option.

Shipper Representatives	Voting Preference
Anupa Purewal	Option 2
Dan Stenson	Option 2
John Jones	Option 2
Katherine Uzzell	Option 2
Cosmin Popovici	Option 2
Transporter Representatives	Voting Preference
Paul O'Toole	Option 2
Sanjeev Loi	Option 2
Murugan Babumohan	Option 2
Mark Perry	Option 2

Small NDM Domestic Conclusions:

Simon Geddes (SG) asked whether the outliers around customer behaviours could impact Unidentified Gas (UIG). MP explained that this was difficult to identify as a lot of UIG resulted because of NDM modelling. MP noted the NDM allocation is primarily because of high Annual Quantity (AQ) but highlighted this was steadily decreasing.

SG suggested that the decrease in AQ may possibly be related to the price cap increase. SG asked if anyone has identified any discrepancy between UIG and UGR.

MP explained that once the number of sites with AQs are shared, it can be identified how many meter points have been reconciled. MP added at present, it appears that around 3 million sites have not had their AQ reconciled, which will be part of the news article that will be shared.

SG asked if more UIG was expected, whether the UIG allocations were acceptable. MP explained that the UIG weighting factors differ for different UIGs and the process is managed by the Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (AUGE). MP added that these weighting factors are outside the scope of DESC and the 2023 AUG weighting factors have now been approved and published.

MP noted that AQ is the key input for NDM estimation and it is always out of date as any change in customer behaviour is not reflected in AQ for a few months. MP suggested that the best way to get the new base level is by meter reads rather than AQ.

Joe Lloyd (JL) stated that the recent call by Martin Lewis for domestic customers to submit their meter reads by 31 March 2022 had seen 2.5m AQs being affected.

Small NDM I&C

PG presented the small NDM I&C data for consumption band EUCs.

PG asked the Committee to vote on the two options available for the 03W01-04 and 04W01-04 WAR Band Summary. The Committee Members unanimously voted for Option 1, which was the recommended option.

Shipper Representatives	Voting Preference
Anupa Purewal	Option 1
Dan Stenson	Option 1
John Jones	Option 1
Katherine Uzzell	Option 1
Cosmin Popovici	Option 1
Transporter Representatives	Voting Preference
Paul O'Toole	Option 1
Sanjeev Loi	Option 1
Murugan Babumohan	Option 1
Mark Perry	Option 1

Large NDM

Large NDM 05B:

PG asked the Committee to vote on the two options available. The Committee Members unanimously voted for Option 1, which was the recommended option.

Shipper Representatives	Voting Preference
Anupa Purewal	Option 1
Dan Stenson	Option 1
John Jones	Option 1
Katherine Uzzell	Option 1
Cosmin Popovici	Option 1
Transporter Representatives	Voting Preference
Paul O'Toole	Option 1
Sanjeev Loi	Option 1
Murugan Babumohan	Option 1
Mark Perry	Option 1

Large NDM War Bands:

PG presented the large NDM War Bands data.

PG asked the Committee to vote on the two options available for the 07/08W01-04 WAR Band Summary. The Committee Members unanimously voted for Option 2, which was the recommended option.

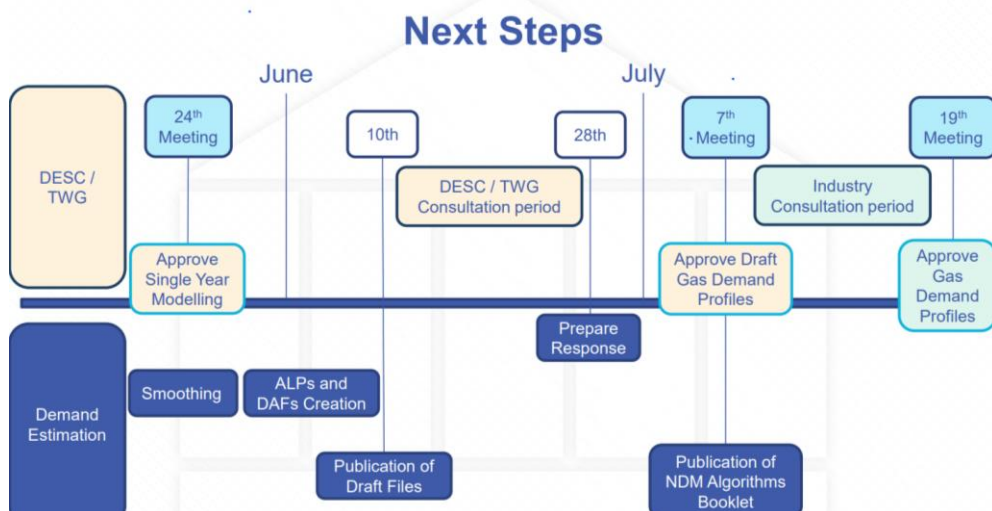
Shipper Representatives	Voting Preference
Anupa Purewal	Option 2
Dan Stenson	Option 2
John Jones	Option 2
Katherine Uzzell	Option 2
Cosmin Popovici	Option 2
Transporter Representatives	Voting Preference
Paul O'Toole	Option 2
Sanjeev Loi	Option 2
Murugan Babumohan	Option 2
Mark Perry	Option 2

PG asked the Committee if they were happy to accept the results shared in this meeting for these results to be used in the next stage of demand model smoothing.

The Committee confirmed their approval.

Next Steps

PG shared the next steps for information:



3. Any Other Business

3.1. Apologies/Absence Notification

YRH reminded the Committee that all apologies or absence notifications from Committee Members must be sent via email to the Joint Office rather than Xoserve or Correla.

4. Communication of Key Messages

The DESC Summary of Key Messages document will be provided as a post meeting update and will be published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc/summarykeymessages>

5. Diary Planning

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

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 07 July 2022	5pm Wednesday 29 June 2022	Microsoft Teams	DESC
10:00 Tuesday 19 July 2022	5pm Monday 11 July 2022	Microsoft Teams	DESC
10:00 Wednesday 05 October 2022	5pm Tuesday 27 September 2022	Microsoft Teams	DESC
10:00 Tuesday 13 December 2022	5pm Tuesday 03 December 2022	Microsoft Teams	DESC

DESC TWG Action Table (as at 28 April 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Target Date	Status Update
			None			