

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 02 March 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	ENI
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Gas Transmission
Bethan Winter	(BW)	WWU
Chris Wright	(CWr)	ExxonMobil Gas Marketing Europe Limited
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell
Claire Proctor	(CP)	Petronas
Davide Rubini	(DR)	Vitol
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Xoserve
Hursley Moss	(HM)	Cornwall Insight
Joseph Leggett	(JL)	Interconnector
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Mariachiara Zennaro	(MZ)	Centrica
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mark Rixon	(MR)	Waters Wye Associates
Martin Cahill	(MC)	National Gas Transmission
Matthew Newman	(MN)	National Gas Transmission
Nigel Sisman	(NS)	Sisman Energy Consultancy
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Gas Transmission
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy Ltd

This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.

Please note these minutes do not replicate detailed content provided within the presentation slides, therefore it is recommended that the published presentation material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX/020323>

1. Introduction and Status Review

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

1.1. Approval of minutes (02 February 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, following requested amendments to page 5.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

It was noted that there were 2 late/updated papers submitted to support the provision of information for item 2.0 Milford Haven. All papers provided were approved for consideration.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

1201: National Grid (PL) to provide more clarity with regards to emergency procedures and scenarios when overruns occur.

Update: Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) confirmed that work is ongoing, requesting this action is carried over to the April meeting. **Carried Forward.**

0101: National Grid (ASt) to provide a copy or link for the Q&A paper to Joint Office so that the notes can be published with Transmission minutes.

Update: Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided the requested links:

Link to the Q&A <https://www.nationalgas.com/document/142171/download>

Link to the slides <https://www.nationalgas.com/document/142176/download>

Closed.

0102: National Grid (PL) to provide a cross reference between UNC Section B and Section J in relation to Overruns.

Update: See Action 1202 – ASt confirmed that Phil Lucas (PL) will be taking on this action. This has not been concluded as of yet, therefore it was requested this action is carried forward to the April 2023 meeting. **Carried Forward.**

0103: National Grid (ASt) to request that the OM Questions are captured with the Exit Constraints Webinar QA document.

Update: Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) confirmed that discussions Q&A document covers this and the action can now be closed. **Closed.**

0201: National Gas Transmission (ASt) to provide an overview of the capacity constraint process/mechanisms and consider providing information on the historical constraint costs.

Update: See item 2.0. **Closed.**

0202: National Gas Transmission (KA) to provide the Transmission Workgroup with an update to the Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ).

Update: Kirsty Appleby (KA) provided an email update on the Emergency Curtailment Quantity Statement and if this was in scope for consultation. KA confirmed that this is not subject to the same review process as the capacity methodologies (for example) and has not been reviewed or updated since January 2013. It is not something that National Gas Transmission is planning to review or consult upon. **Closed.**

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

The following update was provided to the estimated decision dates timetable published on 10 February 2023 at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>:

Modification	Estimated Decision Date
0823 - Amendment to the Allocation of Entry Capacity and Flow Quantities to Qualifying CNCCD Routes	TBC

0814 (Urgent) - Temporary Access to the Enhanced Pressure Service and Increase to the Maximum NTS Exit Point Offtake Rate of the BBL interconnector	Within 2 weeks
0761 - Arrangements for Interconnectors with additional Storage capability	28 April 2023
0696V - Addressing inequities between Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs	TBC

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

None

2. Milford Haven Risk

Martin Cahill (MC) provided a presentation, example and cost calculation illustration to support the provision of an update, confirming a presentation had been provided to the Ops Forum focusing on the operational issues. The slides today were intended to focus on the commercial specifics, relating to the decision making, costing, behaviour incentivisation and scenarios.

MC provided an overview of the constraint and the key considerations, the locational actions, overall balance, and the progression of the constraint.

Mark Rixon (MC) wished to consider the scenario of the projected line pack going long, then subsequently going short, and typically what location actions could be taken. MC clarified there would be many factors to take into account, but the possible response would be to go to the locational market or National Gas Transmission may decide to take a greater hit on Linepack if forecast conditions in subsequent days would not put undue risk on operations.

MC provided an overview of the incentives for Linepack measures, price performance measures and constraint management. MC provided some cost calculations and examples to illustrate the likely cost implications.

Nigel Sisman (NS) enquired about the missing gas and missing costs which were not covered by these slides. MC explained the complexity of accurately defining all the costs under balancing neutrality and capacity neutrality mechanisms, and how the costs are processed through Gemini and the required manual adjustments from Xoserve.

For full details please refer to the presentation slides and reference documents published alongside the minutes. MC invited any follow up questions from the information published.

Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided an update on the consultation and the next steps, confirming that the launched Capacity Release consultation closed 13 January 2023, with an amended proposal provided to Ofgem. ASt confirmed that Ofgem have since rejected the amended proposal and provided the reasons behind the rejection and a request for a re-consultation.

ASt provided a re-cap of the alternatives suggested and summarised the details of the discussions/views.

The Workgroup discussed the timing of the current AMSEC, QSEC, RMTnTSEC and WSEC auctions, if they continue to be fit for purpose and if the RMTnTSEC actions are not utilised enough if there should be a removal of Rolling Monthly actions and selling weekly capacity with longer lead times. The option of 10% of entry capacity being available in daily auctions, was also considered and if this could be extended to weekly auctions and if the percentage be increased.

The Workgroup considered the bigger industry picture, the costs, the differences between interconnector and domestic exit points, the difficulty of opting out of monthly products, and whether this was the right change to make when behaviours may change. It was suggested that consideration should be given to keeping monthly products and designing different additional products. It was suggested that a weekly surrender process could be considered.

ASt welcomed further feedback on the alternatives and the use of auctions, acknowledging the request not to impose any additional limit on flexibility.

ASt confirmed the next steps will be to consider the responses to the re-consultation, assess if any of the alternative solution could help relieve the summer 2023 issue and determine if there are longer-term solutions.

For full details please refer to the documentation published.

3. Transmission Change Horizon Plan

Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided an update on the change horizon and hoped to share more information in the next few months on the Gemini Change programme. ASt explained that Long-Term Flows will require changes to the GDN Gemini screens and that DNs have been engaged with the development of this. The plan is to implement the change in March 2023.

ASt also briefed the Workgroup on the potential plans for interconnections and Modification 0823.

4. Workgroups

None.

5. New Issues

No new issues raised.

6. Any Other Business

None raised.

7. 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 April 2023	5pm Wednesday 29 March 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 04 May 2023	5pm Wednesday 26 April 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 01 June 2023	5pm Wednesday 31 May 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 06 July 2023	5pm Wednesday 28 June 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 03 August 2023	5pm Wednesday 26 July 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 September 2023	5pm Wednesday 30 August 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 October 2023	5pm Wednesday 27 September 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 November 2023	5pm Wednesday 25 October 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 December 2023	5pm Wednesday 29 November 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as of 02 March 2023)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1201	01/12/22	1.3	National Grid (PL) to provide more clarity with regards to emergency procedures and scenarios when overruns occur.	April 2023	National Gas (PL)	Carried Forward
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0103	05/01/23	1.5.1	National Grid (ASt) to request that the OM Questions are captured with the Exit Constraints Webinar QA document.	February 2023	National Gas (ASt)	Closed
0201	02/02/23	3.0	National Gas Transmission (ASt) to provide an overview of the capacity constraint process/mechanisms and consider providing information on the historical restraint costs.	March 2023	National Gas (ASt)	Closed
0202	02/02/23	8.1	National Gas Transmission (KA) to provide the Transmission Workgroup with an update to the Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ).	March 2023	National Gas (ASt)	Closed