

UNC 0669R Workgroup Minutes
Review of the Gas Deficit Warning (GDW) and Margins Notice
(MN) Arrangements

Thursday 06 December 2018

at Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AW

Attendees

Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RH)	Joint Office
Karen Visgarda (Secretary)	(KV)	Jont Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Andrew Blair	(AB)	Interconnector
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Angharad Williams	(AW)	National Grid NTS
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Bill Reed	(BR)	RWE Supply & Trading GmbH
Colin Hamilton	(CH)	National Grid NTS
David Adlam	(DA)	Cadent
David Cox*	(DC)	London Energy Consulting
Debra Hawkin*	(DH)	TPA Solutions
Edward Fyfe	(EF)	SGN
Emma Buckton*	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Gerry Hoggan	(GH)	ScottishPower
Graham Jack	(GJ)	Centrica
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Julie Cox*	(JCx)	Energy UK
Lea Slokar	(LS)	Ofgem
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid NTS
Mark Rixon*	(MR)	Engie
Nick Wye*	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Nicky White	(NW)	npower
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid NTS
Richard Fairholme*	(RF)	Uniper
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Shiv Singh*	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Steven Britton*	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
Terry Burke	(TB)	Equinor

**via teleconference*

Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0669/061218>

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 March 2019.

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1 Approval of Minutes (01 November 2018)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 1101: Ofgem (MC) to provide information regarding the efficiency of the remit notifications.

Update: MC said that Ofgem were unable to confirm whether or not a party has been compliant with their REMIT obligations (except after an investigation where a party has been found to be in breach). If an industry participant has concerns, then they should be reported to market.conduct@ofgem.gov.uk. **Closed**

Action 1102: National Grid NTS (AW) to supply information on how to get excluded from non-urgent Automatic Notification System (ANS) messaging.

Update: AW said this action could now be closed as the document had been produced and discussed. **Closed**

Action 1103: National Grid NTS (AW) to provide information on how the Non Storage Supply (NSS) figures are published and communicated, together with the reasoning for the change in figures, as these have impacts on the Winter outlook figures.

Update: AW presented a schematic detailing the reason for change and the associated communication process that was adhered to and it was then agreed this action could be closed. **Closed**

Action 1104: All to provide confirmation of wording preference to National Grid NTS, Angharad Williams (AW) in relation to *Gas Deficit Warning* wording. Email: angharad.williams@nationalgrid.com

Update: AW requested that this action be carried forward until the January meeting to ensure all parties had the opportunity to respond with their view of the best option. The full list of options can be viewed on slide 18 of the presentation. Link:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0669/061218>

Carried forward

Action 1105: National Grid NTS (AW) to produce a process flow for the reporting procedure after a Gas Deficit Warning (GDW).

Update: AW said this action could now be closed as this had been detailed within the System Management Principles Statement (SMPS) documentation as referred in slide 1 of the presentation. Link: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0669/061218> **Closed**

Action 1106: National Grid NTS (AW) to provide information on the process that National Grid Gas adopt when buying locational gas when the line pack is low.

Update: AW provided a detailed explanation of the process that is undertaken when buying locational gas when the line pack is low and explained the overall system management processes that are adopted. The full presentation can be viewed via the link: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0669/061218>

Julie Cox (JCx) said that she was unhappy with the language used on slide 5, where it said, “*At no point during this period did we think insufficient gas supplies were available.*” JC said she was not happy with the ‘*At no point*’, as she said she felt this needed qualifying and AW said it was in relation to the safety situation. JCx still said she was not happy with this language in relation to the political aspect regarding the line pack levels on the Wednesday in question.

Richard Fairholme (RF) wanted to know more detail in relation to the balancing charges and neutrality position. He said on the day in question, it appeared that more gas was purchased leading to a higher neutrality charge of over £1mil. AW agreed to investigate this area further.

New Action 1201: National Grid NTS, Angharad Williams (AW) to supply further information regarding the balancing charges and neutrality position for that week and the day in question, including the specific NG trades on that day.

Bill Reed (BR) said the warnings from National Grid NTS did not ignite the market to take the appropriate action. It was then agreed this action could then be closed. **Closed.**

3.0 Review of Amended Request

This area was not discussed within this meeting.

4.0 Development of Request Workgroup Report

This area was not discussed within this meeting.

5.0 Next Steps

Rebecca Hailes (RH) said it was her expectation during the January meeting to review the amended Request, review any outstanding actions and then to develop the Request Workgroup Report.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 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 – 3.00pm, Thursday 21 January 2019	Elexon 350 Euston Road London NW1 3AW	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amended Modification• Review of outstanding actions• Development of Request Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 08 January 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	0/11/18	2.0	Ofgem (MC) to provide information regarding the efficiency of the remit notifications.	Ofgem (MC)	Closed
1102	0/11/18	4.0	National Grid NTS (AW) to supply information on how to get excluded from non-urgent Automatic Notification System (ANS) messaging.	National Grid NTS (AW)	Closed
1103	0/11/18	4.0	National Grid NTS (AW) to provide information on how the Non Storage Supply (NSS) figures are published and communicated, together with the reasoning for the change in figures, as these have impacts on the Winter outlook figures.	National Grid NTS (AW)	Closed
1104	0/11/18	4.0	All to provide confirmation of wording preference to National Grid NTS, Angharad Williams (AW) in relation to <i>Gas Deficit Warning</i> wording. Email: angharad.williams@nationalgrid.com	ALL	Carried forward
1105	0/11/18	4.0	National Grid NTS (AW) to produce a process flow for the reporting procedure after a Gas Deficit Warning (GDW).	National Grid NTS (AW)	Closed
1106	0/11/18	4.0	National Grid NTS (AW) to provide information on the process that National Grid Gas adopt when buying locational gas when the line pack is low.	National Grid NTS (AW)	Closed
1201	06/12/18	2.0	National Grid NTS, Angharad Williams (AW) to supply further information regarding the balancing charges and neutrality position for that week and the day in question, including the specific NG trades on that day.	National Grid NTS (AW)	Pending