

Report for Modification Panel

November 2005

Transmission Workstream

Meetings Held

13 October 2005 (Topic 004TR – Modification Proposal 052)
 19 October 2005 (Topic 004TR – Modification Proposal 052)
 21 October 2005 (Topic 004TR)
 3 November 2005

Planned

11 November 2005 (Topic 004TR)
 1 December 2005

Matters for Panel's Attention

The Workstream made no recommendation on whether Modification Proposal 0054 should proceed to consultation.

On the basis of presentations made by National Grid NTS and ScottishPower Energy Management Ltd (SPEML), the Workstream recommended that Proposals that are consistent with these presentations would be sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation. These have subsequently been raised as:

0065 "Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate"

0066 "Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points"

One additional meeting has been scheduled at short notice for 11 November 2005.

Modifications Activity

Urgent Modification Proposals Raised:

- 062 'Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert'
Consultation commenced 07/11/05, Reps close-out 21/11/05
 Proposer made presentation to the Workstream
- 061 'Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered'
Consultation commenced 07/11/05, Reps close-out 21/11/05
 Proposer made presentation to the Workstream

Modification Proposals Developed in the Workstream:

- 054a 'Modification to Codify Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology'
 The Workstream developed this Alternative Proposal at its meetings 21/01/05 and 03/11/05.
- 054 'Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement'
 The Workstream developed this Alternative Proposal at its meetings 21/01/05 and 03/11/05, including development of a Workstream Report for this Proposal and 054. The general consensus of the Workstream was that a note from the Transporters clarifying certain issues would assist the consultation. In the absence of such a note the Workstream declined to give any recommendation on whether the Proposal was sufficiently developed in order to commence consultation.
- 052 'Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency'
Reps close-out 04/11/05, Mod Report 10/11/05

The Workstream developed this Proposal at its meetings 13/10/05 19/10/05 and 21/10/05 following which the Proposer submitted a revised Proposal for consultation.

Modifications Proposals Raised:

- 066 'Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points'
A presentation on the background of this Proposal was discussed at the Workstream and consensus reached that a Proposal consistent with the presentation would be sufficiently developed to commence consultation.
- 065 'Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate'
A draft of this Proposal was discussed at the Workstream and consensus reached that a Proposal substantially of this form would be sufficiently developed to commence consultation.
- 060 'Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme'
Draft Mod Report 01/11/05, Reps close-out 22/11/05

Final Modification Reports Submitted:

- 050 'Storage Monitor Adjustment'
Draft Final Mod Report 17/10/05, October Panel recommended non implementation.
- 049 'Optional Limits for Inert Gases at System Entry Points'
Draft Final Mod Report issued 10/10/05, October Panel recommended implementation. RIA to be issued by Ofgem

Modifications Proposal Approved:

- 022 'Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document'
Approved 21/10/05

Topics Activity

The following Topics were reviewed:

- 011TR **Balancing Neutrality Finance Adjustment Interest Rate**
Proposer deferred tabling draft Proposal to a subsequent Workstream
- 012TR **Maintenance Planning**
Proposer presented two draft Modification Proposals for comment.
- 003TR **Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements**
National Grid NTS identified that further consultation would be taking place on a revised IEXCR

004TR Emergency Arrangements

The Workstream developed Proposal 052 at its meetings 13/10/05 19/10/05 and 21/10/05
 The Workstream developed Proposals 054 and 054a at its meetings 21/10/05 and 03/11/05
 It was agreed that National Grid NTS would submit a Proposal aimed at tidying up Section Q by February 2006

A discussion was held on the aspect of progressive vs rapid emergencies on 21/10/05 followed by discussion on a scoping paper on the same subject on 03/11/05. Further development was identified and a meeting arranged for 11/11/05. The Workstream agreed that this was the only subject matter included within Modification 044 that was not being addressed by other Modification Proposals or by other documents and therefore the Terms of Reference for a Review should reflect this.

The Workstream received a presentation from National Grid NTS on Urgent Proposals 062 and 063

009TR Provision of Market Information

The Workstream noted that a consultation on the legal text of Modification Proposal 006 '3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals' was being conducted by energywatch with a close-out date indicated of 22/11/05.

011TR Balancing Neutrality Finance Adjustment Rate

The Workstream reviewed a draft Proposal submitted by National Grid NTS and agreed that a Proposal of this form would be sufficiently developed to proceed to consultation.

012TR Maintenance Planning

The Workstream received a presentation by the Proposer of Modification Proposal 060 which indicated the requirement for further Proposals. The nature of a proposal on notice of Maintenance Periods was discussed and as the proposal was straightforward it was agreed that to recommend that a proposal of this nature should proceed to consultation. This was subsequently raised as Modification Proposal 066. National Grid NTS confirmed that it had discussed the requirement with interested parties and offered to forward documentation to help clarify any proposal.

The following Topic was placed on hold

008TR Entry Capacity

The following Topic was closed

007TR Section O: System Planning

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UNC Mod Ref	Old Mod Ref	Mod Title	Received	Organisation	Status	Next Process(es)
066		Programmed Maintenance Notice Periods at NTS System Exit Points	8-Nov-05	Scottish Power Energy Management Ltd	Received	Panel 17-Nov-05
065		Amend the BNFA Neutrality Interest Rate	8-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	Received	Panel 17-Nov-05
062		Introduction of a Gas Balancing Alert	1-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	Proposal out for reps 7-Nov-05	Workstream 11-Nov-05 Reps Close out 21-Nov-05
061		Facilitating further demand-side response in the event that a Gas Balancing Alert is triggered	1-Nov-05	National Grid NTS	Proposal out for reps 7-Nov-05	Workstream 11-Nov-05 Reps Close out 21-Nov-05
060		Publication of Information in the Maintenance Programme	17-Oct-05	Scottish Power Energy Management Ltd	Draft Mod Report out for reps 1-Nov-05	Reps close out 22-Nov-05
054a		Modification to Codify Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology	17-Oct-05	National Grid NTS	Workstream report in preparation	Panel 10-Nov-05
054		Emergency Curtailment Quantity (ECQ) Methodology Statement	13-Oct-05	National Grid NTS	Workstream report in preparation	Panel 10-Nov-05
052	-	Storage Withdrawal Curtailment Trade Arrangements in an Emergency	7-Oct-05	EON UK	Reps closed out 4-Nov-05	draft Final Mod Report 10-Nov-05
050	-	Storage Monitor Adjustment	21-Sept-05	National Grid NTS	Panel non-implementation recommended 20-Oct-05	OFGEM Decision
049	-	Optional Limits for Inert Gases at System Entry Points	07-Sept-05	National Grid NTS	Panel recommend implementation 20-Oct-05	OFGEM Impact Assessment OFGEM Decision
046	-	Extension of the Sunset Clauses for Registration of Capacity at NTS Exit Points	10-Aug-05	National Grid NTS	Panel recommend implementation 23-Sept-05	OFGEM Decision
035	-	Revisions to Section Q to Facilitate the Revised NEC Safety Case	13-Jul-05	National Grid NTS	Panel not recommend implementation 20-Oct-05	OFGEM Decision

022	-	Revision to Section O – Removal of references to Base Plan Assumptions Document	8-Jun-05	National Grid NTS	OFGEM direct implementation	Consent to legal text following Implementation of 038
006	0727	3rd Party Proposal : Publication of Near Real Time Data at UK sub-terminals	03-Nov-04	energywatch	OFGEM postponed decision. See also Topic 009TR	OFGEM cost/benefit consultation reps close out 11-Nov-05 energywatch consultation on legal text reps close out 22-Nov-05

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Topic No	Date Created	Topic Originator	Topic Title	Associated Modification Proposal(s)	Priority for Discussion (H/M/L)	Status	Next Step(s)
Active							
003TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Review of NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements	046	H	a) 23-Sept-05 Mod 046 Panel recommended implementation. b) Discussion of consultation results between Ofgem and NTS licensee on IExCR, SC4B and ARCAs c) OFGEM Initial proposals on transitional incentive schemes supporting the offtake arrangements. Reps closed out 19-Oct-05	a) OFGEM decision b) Re-consultation c) OFGEM Final Proposals (Nov 05)
004TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Emergency Arrangements	044 035 050 052 054 054a 061 062	H	a) Preparation of draft Terms of Reference b) Mod 052 Final Mod Report in preparation c) 20-Oct-05 Mod 035 Panel not recommend implementation d) 20-Oct-05 Mod 050 Panel recommend non-implementation. e) 6-Oct-05 Section Q draft Review Proposal discussed at workstream & consensus to develop tidying Mod f) Mods 054/054a workstream report in preparation g) 3-Nov-05 Preliminary discussion of progressive vs rapid of SI paper h) 3-Nov-05 Overview of Mods 61 & 62 Gas Bal Alert and demand response	a) draft Terms of Reference to Panel b) draft Final Mod Report c) OFGEM decision d) OFGEM decision e) Tidying Section Q Mod proposal to Feb06 Panel f) Panel determination on sending to consultation g) Further workstream discussion of SI paper h) Workstream 11-Nov-05 Reps close out 15-Nov-05

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009TR	04/08/05	National Grid NTS	Provision of Market Information	006 (0727)	M	a) Mod 006 Implementation costs – no further detail available at present. b) “Daily Outlook” web pages in preparation for launch. c) 24-Oct-05 OFGEM publication of example data and consultation on cost/benefit d) 1-Nov-05 Legal text energywatch consultation on legal text and 4-Nov-05 note.	a) National Grid NTS/Ofgem meeting b) “Daily Outlook” web launch c) Close out of reps to OFGEM 11-Nov-05 d) Close out of reps on legal text (via Joint Office for energywatch)
010TR	06/09/05	National Grid NTS	Gas Quality at Entry Points	049	M	20-Oct-05 Panel recommend implementation 27-Oct-05 OFGEM intention for Impact Assessment announced.	OFGEM Impact Assessment OFGEM Decision
011TR	06/10/05	National Grid NTS	Balancing Neutrality Finance Adjustment Interest Rate		L	3-Nov-05 workstream consensus recommendation to Panel – draft Mod Proposal ready for consultation subject to minor refinement	Mod Proposal to Panel
012TR	06/10/05	AEP	Maintenance Planning	060	M	a) Draft Mod Report out for reps 10-Nov-05 b) Scottish Power presentation to workstream – including advocating review of Section L	a) Mod 060 Reps close out 22-Nov-05 b) Raise specific Proposal(s) or papers
On Hold							
005TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Constrained Top-up	011 (0736)	L	OFGEM rejected 31-Aug-05 National Grid requested Topic is retained on hold	National Grid NTS to consider and provide proposals for moving Topic forward
008TR	02/06/05	Total	Entry Capacity			On hold – no specific issues at present	

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Closed							
007TR	05/05/05	National Grid NTS	Section O: System Planning	022	L	OFGEM direct implementation	Consent to revise legal text following Implementation of Mod 038