
UNC Demand Estimation Sub-committee Technical Work Group Minutes

Wednesday 27 June 2012

via teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MB)	Joint Office
Christian Ivaha	(CI)	British Gas
Fiona Cottam	(FC)	Xoserve
Mark Perry	(MP)	Xoserve
Paul Tuxworth	(PT)	National Grid NTS
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities
Roy Malin	(RM)	National Grid
Sallyann Blackett	(SB)	E.ON UK

Meeting papers are available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/desc/270612

1. Confirmation of membership and apologies for absence

The meeting was declared quorate.

2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting

2.1. Minutes

The minutes from the Technical Workgroup (23 May 2012) were approved.

2.2. Actions

No actions outstanding.

3. Review of Technical Workgroup (TWG) Responses to Draft NDM Proposals

Technical Workgroup - Presentation of 2012 Models presentation

Opening, FC provided a brief resume of progress to date before handing over to colleague, MP to work through the responses received as part of the presentation discussions.

MP apologised for inadvertently missing off the National Grid NTS response details, relating in part to the ad-hoc holiday codes – in short they (National Grid NTS) are happy with the way in which DESC has allocated the codes. MP advised that the response would be added to the presentation with a view to republishing the updated document post today's meeting.

A brief debate on each of the three E.ON response comments then took place.

In considering slide 13, SB advised that she had not expected to observe such a flattening effect. FC pointed out that deeper investigation into the data profile reveals subtle differences – the data would in fact pass the (default) test, but only just. PT suggested that he is not too concerned about the trend, as long as parties are following the correct processes. When asked, SB indicated that she was happy with the explanation provided.

Considering E.ON's second comment (slide 16), MP confirmed that whilst the trend does look unusual, due mainly to the influence of the Friday 2010/11 factor, Xoserve had subsequently double checked the consumptions relating to the Friday factor (1.03), and are happy that the correct day of the week had been assigned correctly. FC observed that whilst the change appeared last year, it has only become apparent in this years model. Again, when asked SB indicated that she was happy with the explanation provided.

Moving on to consider E.ON's final comment (3) on slide 17, SB confirmed that she was happy with the apparent 'shift' between 01/06/2013 and 02/06/2013. Running through a brief outline of the various stages in the graph on slide 18, MP advised that whilst the example shows a start of summer reductions factor for the 02/06/2013 weekend, it should be noted that none was applied to this EUC.

Moving on to consider slide 20, MP highlighted the increases in demand between the Saturday and Holiday Code 11 factor from 2011/12 to 2012/13. However, having examined the sample data in more detail, he has no reason to doubt that it is representative. SB suggested that similar to last year, the workgroup may wish to establish a view – in short, if the workgroup is unable to establish why the factor(s) are different, they may then choose to make sure that they are NOT different. Responding, MP pointed out that the pattern had in fact appeared to repeat itself from last year, so it may be possible to assume it is displaying an accurate trend. SB remained of the view that further consideration of this matter in future would/could prove beneficial. PT also suggested that if there were fewer large NDMs, but increased sample sizes, there could be a difference in the results observed. When asked, SB confirmed that she was not necessarily seeking an immediate solution and that this would provide sufficient time to examine the trend(s) in more detail sometime in the future.

In considering slide 22 – Approach to July DESC meeting, neither the Shipper or Transporter representatives present, had any additional comments or observations to make and it was agreed that the presentation should be updated to include today's discussions and thereafter republished on the Joint Office of Gas Transporter's web site in time for consideration at the next DESC meeting.

FC reminded parties of their subtly different roles associated with being both a technical workgroup and DESC member.

In summary, the workgroup concluded that the proposals, as presented, are approved and would now be put forward to formal approval at the 11 July 2012 DESC meeting before being issued to the wider industry.

4. Key messages for DESC on 11 July 2012

Completed as part of item 3.0 discussions (slide 22 of the presentation) above.

5. Any Other Business

None raised.

6. Diary Planning

The following meetings have been arranged:

Date	Time	Venue	Meeting	Programme
11 July 2012	10:30	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	DESC	TBC
01 August 2012	10:30	31 Homer Road, Solihull B91 3LT	DESC & TWG	TBC

Action Log: Demand Estimation Sub-committee – Technical Work Group

Action Ref*	Meeting Date(s)	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update