

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 03 November 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Mike Berrisford (Secretary)	(MiB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Sealey	(AS)	South Hook Gas
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	ENI
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Arjan Geveke	(AG)	Energy Intensive Users Group
Bethan Winter	(BW)	WWU
Cameron Mitchell	(CM)	Shell
Chris Wright	(CWr)	ExxonMobil Gas Marketing Europe Limited
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell
Claire Proctor	(CP)	Petronas
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Xoserve
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Joseph Leggett	(JL)	Interconnector Ltd
Joshua Bates	(JB)	National Grid
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kirsty Appleby	(KA)	National Grid
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Martin Cahill	(MC)	National Grid
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul O'Toole	(PO)	Northern Gas Networks
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Energy
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy Ltd
<p><i>This Workgroup meeting will be considered quorate provided at least two Transporter and two Shipper User representatives are present.</i></p> <p><i>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/031122</i></p>		

1. Introduction and Status Review

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

1.1. Approval of minutes (06 October 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

It was noted that there were two (2) late papers relating to agenda items 4 and 8 to consider. When asked parties in attendance agreed to consider the documents.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Action 0110: National Grid (PH) to have an initial exploratory conversation with HSE and/or BEIS to consider if revisiting raising the upper Wobbe limit is viable.

If it is, then National Grid to have a further exploratory conversation with upstream operators to see if they have any interest.

Update: Please refer to the discussions undertaken for item 3. below. **Closed**

Action 0210: Priority Consumers: National Grid (PH) to provide a communication clarifying the Priority Consumers process.

Update: When Phil Hobbins (PH) advised that a communication entitled 'XRN5573 - Updates to the Priority Consumer process (as designated by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy - BEIS) – Urgent' had been issued by Xoserve several parties in attendance pointed out that they had not seen / received the email and that perhaps it would be beneficial for it to be re-issued to the wider Gas Industry distribution listing.¹

When Julie Cox (JCx) suggested that this does potentially highlight concerns around Xoserve communication routes in general, Steve Mulinganie (SM) observed that utilising the XRN based route might not have been the most ideal option. Helen Reddy (HR) responded by advising that the email had been released to recognised registered recipients from the Xoserve account box and that she would discuss the matter with her colleague Ellie Rogers (ER) outside of this meeting.

When asked, those in attendance agreed the action could now be closed. **Closed**

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

In the absence of an Ofgem representative, EF provided a brief onscreen review of the 'Code modification/modification proposals with Ofgem for decision – Expected publication dates timetable' during which he noted that publication date of the report is currently 14 October 2022 and that the report should be updated over the coming weeks and 'normally' follows a six (6) week update to the document cycle.

EF drew particular attention to the more recent Transmission Workgroup related Modifications such as 0761, 0779/A, 0805 & 0806.

When asked how 'firm' Ofgem's indicative decision dates were, in the light of Modification 0799 for which the EDD is 31 October and no decision has yet been issued, EF advised that at the recent NTSCMF meeting Ofgem had indicated that they remain committed to meeting their indicative date targets, although resourcing availability and strategic market considerations are having an impact – EF advised that he would discuss the concerns with Ofgem in due course.

Please refer to the Code Modification/Modification proposals with Ofgem for decision – Expected publication dates timetable at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable>

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

None to consider.

¹ Please note, the original email communication was re-issued by the Joint Office to the wider Gas Distribution email listings on Friday 04 November 2022.

2. Milford Haven Risk

Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided a brief verbal update during which she pointed out that at the previous Transmission Workgroup meeting, National Grid had committed to providing an update at this meeting. However due to the fact that work remains ongoing she now anticipates an update being made available over the course of the next few weeks.

Subject to any findings (i.e. a proposal to make a restriction), if needed, a consultation process would be initiated ahead of the next Transmission Workgroup meeting.

When asked whether there was any information available in respect of possible 'restrictions' for the forthcoming winter period, ASt responded by advising that whilst she does not expect there would be a need to restrict, should a need arise, National Grid would look to utilise the existing Constraint Management (commercial) tools at its disposal – in short, at this time National Grid believe that requirements will be consistent with previous years.

AB added that there is a current PARCA ongoing at Milford Haven, for further details, please see the current PARCA notices here: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/gas-transmission/reserving-capacity-parca-and-cam>

3. Gas Safety (Management) Regulations - GS(M)R Review

Phil Hobbins (PH) provided a brief overview of the 'GS(M)R Review: Responses to Actions from October 2022 Transmission Workgroup' presentation (as linked to outstanding action 0110 above) during which there were no adverse comments forthcoming from parties in attendance.

Please see the published presentation here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX/031122>

4. Transmission Change Horizon Plan

Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided a brief update on the plan and drew attention to the Gemini Change programme which will see the upgrading of the Gemini User experience and interfaces. ASt confirmed this is series of enhancements which provides a 2-year programme of work replaces the previous project apollo.

Please see the published plan here: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX/031122>

5. Overrun Update

Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) provided a brief overview of the 'Overruns Reporting' presentation during which she confirmed that the tabulated information presented on page 2 was provided at the October 2022 Transmission Workgroup meeting.

ASt then explained that the tabulated information provided on page 3 is new, before highlighting the fact that the number of overruns had jumped from 4797 to 6435, which represented a significant increase.

When Julie Cox (JCx) highlighted that as currently written, Uniform Network Code Section J implies that under the scenario where overruns occur, National Grid is relieved (exempted) of its obligations, ASt agreed to take an action to clarify the position.

New Action 1101: Reference Overrun Reporting – UNC TPDJ Obligations – National Grid (ASt) to look to clarify what happens when overruns occur, and whether National Grid is relieved of its obligations under such a scenario.

In considering the tabulated information provided on page 5, ASt confirmed that the £2,182,690 Charge Amount includes Bacton overrun impacts. When asked, she confirmed that should the Bacton value be removed from the total, that figure would reduce to circa £1,100,000 (for Exit).

When EF pointed out that in principle, the Transmission Workgroup had previously agreed to receive an Overrun Report every 3 months with the first report being this November one, ASt acknowledged the fact.

6. Workgroups

6.1. 0813 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers

(Report to Panel 19 January 2023)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0813>

6.2. 0826S – Amendment to Network Entry Provision at Shell St Fergus Terminal

(Report to Panel 17 November 2022)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0826>

7. New Issues

No new issues raised.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Gas Demand Side Response (DSR) Update

Phil Hobbins (PH) provided a brief overview of the ‘*Gas Demand Side Response (DSR) Update*’ presentation.

In referencing the related communication due to be issued on 04 November 2022, Steve Mulinganie (SM) enquired whether this would be aimed solely at Shippers or would other industry parties also be engaged. Responding, PH explained that it would be primarily aimed at Shippers although he accepts that it could also include consumers to ensure better ‘coverage’.

Mindful of the issues raised in previous consultation responses, the proposed approach aims to build on the feedback provided.

When asked whether the £5m cap would remain as part of this process, PH advised that it is not a cap per se, but rather, a reference to a combined value exceeding £5m.

When asked whether he is liaising with his National Grid electricity side (ESO) colleagues (from a communication perspective), PH acknowledged the point and advised he would look to ‘hook up’ with them to ensure continuity around both gas and electricity approaches.

9. 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 01 December 2022	5pm Wednesday 23 November 2022	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Action Table (as of 03 November 2022)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0110	06/10/22	3.0	National Grid (PH) to have an initial exploratory conversation with HSE and/or BEIS to consider if revisiting raising the upper Wobbe limit is viable. If it is, then National Grid to have a further exploratory conversation with upstream operators to see if they have any interest.	November 2022	National Grid (PH)	Update provided. Closed
0210	06/10/22	8.1	<i>Priority Consumers:</i> National Grid (PH) to provide a communication clarifying the Priority Consumers process	November 2022	National Grid (PH)	Update provided. Closed
1101	03/11/22	5.	<i>Reference Overrun Reporting – UNC TPDJ Obligations</i> – National Grid (ASt) to look to clarify what happens when overruns occur, and whether National Grid is relieved of its obligations under such a scenario.	December 2022	National Grid (ASt)	Pending