

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 02 November 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
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Apologies		
Kirsty Appleby	(KA)	National Gas Transmission
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1. Introduction and Status Review

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

1.1. Approval of minutes (05 October 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

EF noted several late/republished papers which had been accepted.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

1001: Gemini Sustain Plus - NGT (KA) to confirm the mitigation/contingency plans on the change freeze if there is a delay in implementation and if this will be extended or shifted in line with the implementation date.

Update: EF confirmed a post-meeting note had been provided and Kirsty Appleby (KA) confirmed that the Gemini 'Change Freeze' period is aligned with the Implementation Dress Rehearsal phase of the Gemini Sustain Plus programme. This ensures there is a confirmed code base on which to undertake the dress rehearsal activities. It also helps mitigate the risk of inefficient spending. If the Sustain Plus implementation date changes, the change freeze will be realigned to the updated implementation dress rehearsal period. Information on this change would be provided at all standard industry forums, along with bespoke programme communications for maximum transparency. This will be included in the Programme website Q&A section. **Closed.**

1002: Mercury Content - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment.

Update: An update will be provided in January or February. **Carried Forward.**

1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

An update was provided from the Ofgem Expected Decision Dates (EDD) publication timetable at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/code-modificationmodification-proposals-ofgem-decision-expected-publication-dates-timetable> dated 13 October 2023 noting the most recent updates (see below table).

Modification	Estimated Decision Date
0808 - Reverse Compression	10 November 2023
0823 - Amendment to the Allocation of Entry Capacity and Flow Quantities to Qualifying CNCCD Routes	Amended to 26 January 2024
0825 - Removal of the remaining Retrospective Asset, Address and Supply Point (RAASP) elements of the Retrospective Adjustment arrangements put in place under Modification 0434	14 November 2023
0839 - Revision of the Modification Panel Membership Cessation Provisions	12 January 2024
0847 - Introduction of a Minimum General Non-Transmission Services Charge	31 May 2024

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

1.5.1. UNC Update to Replace Facsimile

Gavin Williams (GW) provided an overview of the need to update the UNC to replace facsimile as a Code Communication to be replaced by an alternative communication method. GW explained that Facsimile (fax) is no longer a principal communication method across the gas industry. More reliable alternatives are email, EDSS and Fact24/ANS. GW advised that there are 80 references within UNC. GW explained that PSTN networks utilised by fax machines will be switched off nationally in December 2025 and the replacement digital systems will be no longer compatible. The proposal will be to replace fax usage with email. GW noted that the sending /receiving of notices by email is outlined in the UNC GT Section B 5.2.

GW confirmed the intention of raising a Self-Governance Modification for the November UNC Modification Panel.

Some questions were raised about contingency measures for critical infrastructure and cyber-attacks and that removing fax as an option could remove resilience. GW explained the option of using satellite phones. The arrangements for OPNs and gas emergency arrangements were also suggested for consideration.

2. Transmission Horizon Plan

EF provided the [National Gas Transmission Change Horizon plan](#) and the Gemini Sustain Plus program.

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) noted an updated ROM had been provided for the project. This will be submitted to the Change Management Committee for consideration.

EF highlighted that the next focus group is on 20 November and NGT encouraged all those who use Gemini to attend.

Updates will continue to be provided to the Transmission Workgroup and made available on the Gemini Sustain Plus website: <https://www.xoserve.com/change/investment-change/gemini-changes-overview/gemini-sustain-plus>.

3. EU Update

Ronan Haas (RH) provided an update on the key European activities within National Gas Transmission (NGT).

For full details please refer to the [EU + Prisma presentation](#) slides published.

RH noted that the EU Gas Storage facilities are 100% full which will hopefully stabilise the gas price, moving into the winter period in a good position.

RH provided an overview of the focus on the EU Gas Package and the key topics including:

- Rules for Interconnectors
- Blending (thresholds at IPs)
- Tariff Discounts
- Certification of R&LC fuels
- Networks Codes and Guidelines (to accommodate hydrogen)

RH noted an online workshop taking place on 15 November to share challenges and best practices.

The Workgroup briefly discussed the impacts on Trading and refinements that might be required for the UNC.

Conor McClarin (CM) provided an update on PRISMA and the changes to the short-term competition algorithm, feedback was welcomed by 08 November 2023. Two illustrations were provided on the current and alternative process.

The Workgroup agreed to receive EU Updates on a regular basis, quarterly initially with additional updates in between when appropriate. It was agreed to receive the next update in February 2024.

Any questions regarding the PRISMA update ahead of the TSO User Group on the 9th November can be forwarded to conor.mcclarin@nationalgas.com and/or capacityauctions@nationalgas.com

4. Overrun Update

Deferred until December.

5. Workgroups

The following Workgroup meetings took place:

5.1. 0835R - Review of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements

(Postponed until December)

5.2. 0852 - Shipper notification in relation to option exercise for Customer Demand Side Response

(Report to Panel 18 January 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0852/051023>

5.3. 0854 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers

(Report to Panel 18 January 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0854/051023>

5.4. 0856 – Introduction of Trials for System Management Services

(Report to Panel 16 November 2023)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0856/051023>

5.5. 0859S – Reintroduction of the enhanced pressure service and increased MNEPOR for BBLC (as introduced by UNC0814)

(Report to Panel 16 November 2023)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0859/21123>

6. Issues

No new issues have been identified.

7. Any Other Business

7.1. Charging Guide

MN noted that KA has written a charging guide which covers the basics of charging, providing a high-level overview which may be helpful. This is published at: <https://www.nationalgas.com/document/144651/download>. NGT are open to feedback/suggestions as this will be regularly reviewed and updated.

7.2. Exit Capacity Release (ExCR) Methodology

MN confirmed that NGT is starting to review the ExCR and invited stakeholders to get in touch if there were any aspects they would like to talk about.

8. Diary Planning

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Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 07 December 2023	5 pm Wednesday 29 November 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda Including 0835R, 0852, 0854,

			Overrun Update, Changes to the Exit Capacity Release Methodology Statement
10:00 Thursday 04 January 2024	5 pm Friday 22 December 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda Including 0835R, 0852 and 0854
10:00 Thursday 01 February 2024	5 pm Wednesday 31 January 2024	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda Including 0835R and EU Update

Transmission Workgroup Action Table						
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1002	05/10/23	5.1	<i>Mercury Content</i> - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment	November	NGT (KA)	Carried Forward

UNC Workgroup 0852S Minutes
Shipper notification in relation to option exercise for Customer
Demand Side Response
Thursday 05 October 2023
via Microsoft Teams

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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting, noting the need to consider the Governance route, communications between Consumers and Shippers and the operational impacts on the control room.

1.1 Approval of Minutes (05 October 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2 Approval of late papers

None.

1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

None.

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Before considering the Workgroup Report Matthew Newman (MN) requested that the Workgroup first review the expectations of the Modification, he asked about the timing of communications and how NGT are expected to discharge the obligation. Steve Mulinganie (SM) confirmed that there were no prescribed timelines or prescriptive methods for execution, this was left open to allow National Gas Transmission (NGT) to use the most efficient and effective method using whatever technology it chooses.

SM summarised the purpose of the Modification for NGT to notify the relevant Shipper in the event that a Customer Demand Side Response (DSR) option is exercised. This would be a follow-up call between NGT and the Shipper to relay information on the exercising of options under DSR.

SM emphasised that the consumer-direct DSR concept is a very new product and a new way for customers to contract with NGT, which is outside the norm. As a result, he was seeking additional assurance to mitigate any unintended consequences which could deter future participation.

MN noted that before the process is triggered NGT would communicate with Shippers via the ANS of the need to enter into a Demand Side Response exercise and that Shippers would be aware of the eligible customers in their portfolio. However, SM was looking for an additional layer of security as this was not Business as Usual (BAU) from a Shipper's perspective.

Mathew Chandy (MC), enquired if the consumer would have an incentive to contact Shippers, MC questioned the extent of customers being in contact with Shippers. Ofgem wanted to understand more about why this process would be different and not considered BAU.

SM confirmed that there is usually a commercial incentive but expressed the need to protect the consumer's interest and avoid a commercial incident if the unusual conditions mean that

the renomination is not made. He clarified that this Modification is channelling a level of assurance to ensure there are no unintended consequences to the customer which would deter future participation.

MN explained the difference between the physical risks, and commercial risks and the importance of the two aspects particularly when the control room could be under pressure to manage the physical position. Concern was expressed about the scale of the risk on the control room if there is increased participation in DSR.

A suggestion was made for a limit on the number of calls for the control room to manage. MN indicated that this might allay some of the NGT concern but that on principle NGT is not currently able to support the Modification based on the need to focus on physical management of the system. NM agreed to seek a second opinion from colleagues on whether a limit to the number of calls or a reasonable endeavours caveat might change the NGT view. SM suggested that if there is a middle ground position then he would consider amending the Proposal.

New Action 1101: NGT (MN) to consider the maximum number of notifications that could be supported by the control room.

3.0 Next Steps

To review the Workgroup Report and capture Workgroup views.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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0852 Workgroup Action Table

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1101	02/11/23	2.0	NGT to consider the maximum number of notifications that could be supported by the control room.	December 2023	National Gas (MN)	Pending

UNC Workgroup 0854 Minutes
Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of
Supplier Demand Event Triggers
Thursday 02 November 2023
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1.2 Approval of late papers

None.

1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

None.

2.0 Consideration of Business Rules

Phil Lucas (PL) provided the legal text in support of the Business Rules which was based on the Modification 0813 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers. The Workgroup Reviewed the Legal text and Commentary.

The Workgroup considered the application of sanctions, the nature of sanctions, regulations, the consequences, and required activities.

The Workgroup considered the scenario of NGT making a mistake and Steve Mulinganie (SM) asked if there would be any form of indemnity for NGT or whether it might face severe financial consequences if its actions under the proposed arrangement are legally overturned. The Workgroup considered the failure and consequences if NGT issued a Cessation/Termination (UPTN) Notice in error. PL confirmed as a prudent operator National Gas Transmission (NGT) would seek relevant assurances that its actions are correct but would in any case consult with colleagues to establish whether NGT has the protection of an indemnity.

New Action 1101: NGT (PL) to confirm if there will be an indemnity of actions as a consequence of NGT making an incorrect decision on issuing a Cessation Notice.

Panel Questions to be considered:

1. Does the Modification directly impact IGT UNC
2. Would the Modification impact REC and the registration process

3.0 Review of Impacts and Costs

Deferred.

4.0 Review of Relevant Objectives

Deferred.

5.0 Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

Deferred.

6.0 Next Steps

See Diary Planning.

7.0 Any Other Business

None.

8.0 Diary Planning

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10:00 Thursday 04 January 2024	5 pm Wednesday 22 December 2023	Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Legal Text• Conclusion of Workgroup Report

**UNC Workgroup 0856 Minutes
Introduction of Trials for System Management Services
Thursday 02 November 2023
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Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1 Approval of Minutes (16 October 2023)

EF noted that the rapid development of this proposal with additional workgroup meetings in between the normal schedule for Transmission meant that the amendments to the Modification had proceeded faster than the publication of the meeting minutes. EF gave a precis of the minutes from the previous meeting.

1.2 Approval of late papers

EF advised Workgroup Participants that all of the relevant papers were available on the Joint Office website on the page for this Modification 0856. A number of the papers were published after the specified deadline and the Workgroup agreed to admit them for consideration as they provide supporting information for evaluation of the Proposal.

2.0 Development of Workgroup Report

Matt Newman (MN) summarised the aim of this Modification is to establish a trial process to identify improvements to demand side response from the domestic sector, a non-daily metered service. This has been ring-fenced to a domestic market trial following previous Workgroup discussions.

Please refer to the interim Workgroup Report published at:
<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0856>

MN provided an overview of the amendments to the UNC Modification, Specification Documents and Legal Text.

The Workgroup reviewed the draft NDN DSR Trial Specification Document Template, which included the selection and success criteria. MN explained the rationale of having a maximum spend.

The Workgroup discussed the potential of domestic customers calling the emergency service if they are unclear on how to react to a request to reduce gas consumption. Workgroup Participants agreed that involvement of consumer advocate bodies such as Consumer Advice would be beneficial. Workgroup Participants also discussed how vulnerable consumer groups might be excluded from any trials to avoid unintended risk to such groups.

The Workgroup considered how domestic consumer reduction would be measured. MN clarified that to be eligible the consumer would need to have either a smart meter or an advanced meter which customers would need to give permission for NGT to access half-hourly read data.

The Workgroup reviewed the recent Modification amendments for clarification of the changes and the key issues which included:

- Duration of the trial
- Liabilities for Service Providers
- Baseline quantity gas consumption
- Reduction quantity
- Data provision to NGT
- Payments
- Eligibility
- Communications and notice periods

It was noted that amendments to the Modification have increased confidence in the proposed process and its governance and the aim today was to conclude the Workgroup Report.

As the IGT UNC Section D points to the UNC it was noted that there was no impact to the IGT UNC.

EF edited the Workgroup Report and Participants reviewed and concluded the Workgroup Report agreeing that the Modification does not meet the Self-Governance criteria and should be issued to the Authority for a decision.

3.0 Next Steps

Workgroup Report to be submitted to the November UNC Modification Panel.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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No further meetings are planned.

**Workgroup 0869S Minutes
Reintroduction of the enhanced pressure service and increased
MNEPOR for BBLC (as introduced by UNC0814)**

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 November 2023

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/include 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 all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0859/021123>

1.0 Outline of Modification

EF advised the Workgroup that this Modification Proposal had been presented as a pre-modification in September and that National Gas Transmission (NGT) had then reflected on the feedback before submitting it to the UNC Modification Panel in October. The Modification Panel rejected NGT's request for it to go straight to consultation but instead directed it to Workgroup for 1 month with instructions that the debate should concentrate on any new features and not revisit the facts established during the Authority's decision on Modification 0814.

Matt Newman (MN) introduced the Modification explaining that the purpose of the Modification is to enable an extension of the temporary arrangements introduced via UNC0814 (which ended on 30 September 2023) which permits BBL to increase their export capabilities at the Bacton IP temporarily by gaining access to the enhanced pressure service and increasing their Maximum Network Exit Point Offtake Rate (MNEPOR) until 31 December 2024. National Gas Transmission believed it was prudent to progress with a time-limited solution before considering an enduring solution.

An introductory presentation was provided. Please refer to the Modification published at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0859>

MN advised that the aim was to support gas flows into Europe. The time to undertake the operational analysis was restricted therefore time limiting the Modification was considered to be a desirable approach. Additional analysis has been included with this Modification which identifies the velocity impacts and any associated risks.

MN clarified that the Modification will allow BBL to request enhanced pressure, but it does not guarantee that NGT can provide the pressure.

The Workgroup considered contaminated gas being a potential issue and whether any changes to the investment model or security of supply risk mitigation should have Authority oversight. MN provided a view of the integrity considerations to deal with pipeline dust. MN clarified this forms part of the normal business as usual (BAU) risk management by the GSO.

It was noted that National Gas Transmission (NGT) need to demonstrate prudence and that the risk management processes around assessing a request does not force NGT to provide enhanced pressure.

EF emphasised that the gas-quality obligations resting on NGT were explicitly identified by Ofgem in its decision on Modification 0814. NM confirmed that NGT would make an assessment in accordance with its statutory and licence conditions, and that the assessment would consider the network conditions and configuration on that day before agreeing to a request for the service.

The Workgroup reviewed the Panel questions and concluded the Workgroup Report.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

Q1. Is an enduring solution required?

NGT believed it was prudent to progress with a time-limited solution before considering an enduring solution. NGT did not believe an enduring solution was appropriate at this stage.

Q2. Workgroup to consider the appropriate Governance route.

The Workgroup considered whether this Modification should go to the Authority for a decision. The Workgroup reviewed the Panel vote noting from the 14 members, 8 voted in favour of Self-Governance with 6 not in favour. It was noted that whilst the Workgroup may endorse the Proposer's view that the Modification can be processed under Self-Governance procedures, Ofgem has authority to 'call-in' a Modification and thus change the governance procedures being followed.

The Workgroup did not reach a consensus on the Governance route.

2.2. Initial Representations

It was noted that Joseph Leggett (JL) made a verbal representation when the Proposal was considered at the pre-modification stage and EF agreed to include the report of that representation as captured in the Transmission Workgroup minutes within the Workgroup Report.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference will be published alongside the Modification at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0859

3.0 Next Steps

The concluded Workgroup Report will be submitted to the November UNC Modification Panel.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

No further meetings are planned.