

UNC Energy Balancing Credit Committee Minutes
Monday 18 May 2020
via Teleconference

Attendees

Loraine O'Shaughnessy (Chair)	(LOS)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HC)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Brendan Gill	(BG)	CDSP	Non-Voting
Sharon Bright	(SB)	CDSP	Non-Voting

Shipper Members (Voting)

David Holland	(DH)	Scottish Power
Jane Morrison	(JM)	SSE
Joanna Bulley	(JB)	E.ON
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	Gazprom
Thomas Grove	(TG)	Centrica

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Loraine O'Shaughnessy (LOS) welcomed all members including Steve Mulinganie (SM) and Joanna Bulley (JB) who had recently been appointed to the Committee, and confirmed the meeting was quorate.

1.1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

1.2. Note of Alternates

No alternates were in attendance.

1.3. Approval of Minutes (24 February 2020)

The minutes were approved.

1.4. Review of Outstanding actions

1102: Xoserve (BG) to provide monthly updates to the Committee on resolution of the outstanding energy balancing adjustments.

Update: See item 3.0 below. As this was now a standing agenda item and will be reported on at each meeting it was agreed to close this action. **Closed.**

0201: Xoserve (BG) to send the formal draft EBCC Rules and Appendices to the Committee members for approval.

Update: See item 2.3 and New Action 0502. Brendan Gill (BG) confirmed the draft EBCC Rules had been issued for feedback with a view to publishing on 01 June 2020. **Closed.**

0202: Xoserve (BG) to provide an update on the information provided by National Grid in respect of the approach and current status of the Energy Balancing Adjustments.

Update: See item 3.0. **Closed.**

2. Operational Update

2.1. Energy Cash Collection

BG reported the following Cash Collection performance:

Month	Payment Due Date	Payment Due Date +2	Failure to Pay Notices Issued
February 2020	99.31%	100%	4
March 2020	99.03%	100%	3
April 2020	99.16%	100%	8

2.2. Cash Calls

BG confirmed that during February 2020 there was 1 Failure to Pay notice issued, which was appealed and withdrawn and none for March or April.

BG clarified there was no issues or signals that customers are having difficulties paying in light of COVID-19.

2.3. Further Security Requests (FSRs)

BG confirmed there were no Further Security Requests to report for the past 3 months.

2.4. Terminated Shipper Update

BG provided an update on two Terminated Shippers and the action taken to recover the debt.

2.5. Operational Update – Score Cards

BG asked the Committee to provide feedback on the full statistics provided and if members had any thoughts on how the Operational Statistics are currently presented and whether to move to providing a higher-level score card to focus members on a high-level summary in terms of what they need to be aware of. BG welcomed feedback on the statistics. BG provided a late paper with the Score Card and recommended views from the Committee.

New Action 0501: Committee members to review and provide feedback on operational statistics provided by Xoserve/CDSP.

2.6. Energy Balancing Credit Rules

BG provided an update on the Energy Balancing Credit Rules summarising the specific changes, which included the need to update a number of template documents. BG explained that normally 2 months' notice is provided, however as the changes were minor he proposed these should take effect from 01 June.

New Action 0502: All EBCC Members to provide Xoserve/CDSP feedback/comments on the Credit Rules with a view to approving changes for 01 June.

3. Outstanding Energy Balancing Adjustments

BG provided an overview of the outstanding energy balancing adjustments which is an ongoing agenda item following a customer highlighting concern on the delay in processing an Energy Balancing adjustment raised in 2016 which had not been processed until 2019. BG confirmed that Xoserve/CDSP are continuing to engage with National Grid to explore the options to improve and develop a Journey map for the end-to-end process.

BG provided an update on the remaining 84 adjustments between 2018 and 2020. SM noted this was not an insignificant amount of energy.

BG reassured the Committee that additional resources have been placed on this with the aim of undertaking adjustments month +2. SM wished to understand if this will be reflected within the rules and going forward this should be managed properly to avoid two years of unreconciled amounts for energy not being actioned.

New Action 0503: Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to confirm if the UNC will need to be updated to reflect changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Adjustments.

4. Modifications

None.

5. Key Messages

There were no key messages noted for escalation to UNCC.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. CICM Accreditation

BG wished to note that the CICM Accreditation which was due in March had been put on hold due to COVID-19 to allow for the full assessment to be conducted once Xoserve’s offices could be fully re-opened. In the meantime, the current accreditation would remain in place.

6.2. CDSP Credit Team structure

BG provided an updated CDSP Energy Credit Team structure from the 01 May 2020, noting a re-alignment and new members of staff and introduced Sharon Bright (SB).

6.3. X.1.2.6 Powers and duties relating to the Energy Balancing Credit Committee

SM advised that he had raised a question to Xoserve prior to the meeting for clarity on the effect of UNC TPD Section X1.2.6, with regards to the provisions, operations of the committee, and its effect. He wished to seek further clarity on the rule with regards to the wide-ranging powers of the EBCC

BG explained this allows the EBCC to instruct a change without a UNC Modification. SM challenged the ability to change arrangements without a UNC Modification.

BG believed this power is to allow the Committee to undertake urgent action, he explained that this has been challenged before and the history of this can be shared with the Committee to assist with its interpretation. BG advised he would seek a Legal Opinion.

New Action 0504: Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to provide further clarity on the powers under X1.2.6 and to share these findings with the Committee

LOS also confirmed as Code Administrator the Joint Office will review the implications of this in line with the governance arrangements in the Modification Rules and await the Legal Opinion shared by BG.

It was agreed that further consideration was required with a view to providing more information via email for discussions at the next meeting.

LOS advised the Committee that the Operational meetings whilst previously were Monthly, had been moved to quarterly and if this was still adequate noting within the Energy Balancing Credit Rules an Extraordinary meeting can be convened, if required and managed by Xoserve/CDSP. The Committee were happy to leave the scheduled quarterly meetings in place.

7. Diary Planning

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

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:30 – 11:30 17 August 2020	Teleconference	Standard agenda items
10:30 – 11:30 23 November 2020	Teleconference	Standard agenda items

Action Table (as at 18 May 2020)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1102	25/11/19	5.2	Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to provide monthly updates to the Committee on resolution of the outstanding energy balancing adjustments.	Xoserve /CDSP (BG)	Closed
0201	24/02/20	1.0	Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to send the formal draft EBCC Rules and Appendices to the Committee members for approval.	Xoserve /CDSP (BG)	Closed
0202	24/02/20	3.0	Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to provide an update on the information provided by National Grid in respect of the approach and current status of the Energy Balancing Adjustments	Xoserve /CDSP (BG)	Closed
0501	18/05/20	2.5	Committee members to review and provide feedback on operational statistics provided by Xoserve/CDSP.	All	Pending
0502	18/05/20	2.6	All EBCC Members to provide Xoserve/CDSP feedback/comments on the Credit Rules with a view to approving changes for 01 June	All	Pending
0503	18/05/20	3.0	Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to confirm if the UNC will need to be updated to reflect changes to Outstanding Energy Balancing Adjustments.	Xoserve /CDSP (BG)	Pending
0504	18/05/20	6.3	Xoserve/CDSP (BG) to provide further clarity on the powers under X1.2.6 and to share these findings with the Committee	Xoserve (BG)	Pending