

**UNC Workgroup 0785 Minutes
Application of UNC processes to an aggregated Bacton (exit)
Interconnection Point**

Thursday 04 November 2021

via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Kate Elleman (Chair)	(KE)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Amber Talbot	(AT)	Storengy
Andrew Blair	(ABI)	Interconnector
Andrew Pearce	(APe)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Carlos Aguirre	(CA)	Pavilion Energy
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell
Daniel Hisgett	(DH)	National Grid
David Mitchell	(DM)	SNG
Davide Rubini	(DR)	Vitol
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella
Henk Kreuzer	(HK)	Vermillion
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Joseph Leyon	(JL)	SGN
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	Conoco Phillips
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE (from 1pm)
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Marion Joste	(MJ)	ENI
Mark Field	(MF)	Sembcorp Energy UK
Max Lambert (from 11am)	(ML)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Paul O'Toole	(POT)	NGN
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Richard Selmen	(RS)	Ancala Midstream
Ritchard Hewitt	(RH)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Samuel Dunn	(SM)	Interconnector
Samuele Repetto	(SR)	Gazprom
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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 December 2021.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) introduced the Modification and explained the purpose of the Modification is to clarify how UNC processes would be applied to an aggregated Bacton (exit) Interconnection Point (IP).

Referring to the presentation provided at the October UNC Modification Panel meeting MM explained that there are two interconnectors connected at the Bacton terminal. These are BBL which connects from Bacton to Balgzand, and Interconnector Ltd. (IL) which connects from Bacton to Zeebrugge. Currently within the NTS Licence these two interconnectors are treated as two separate NTS Exit Points, however the Licence is due to be changed to combine the exit points. This Modification will provide clarity to processes e.g. how a single combined capacity baseline can be allocated either to the Bacton BBL and Bacton IL exit points, within the UNC for the combined exit point.

MM provided a brief presentation which included an illustration of the aggregated exit point and a view of the changes required to the Legal text.

MM anticipated that the Modification could be implemented in the New Year, and there would be some system changes, but this needed further analysis. MM expected the system changes to potentially need 4 months for development and a further 2 months, to allow these to be implemented and to take effect. MM explained National Grid will liaise with Xoserve on the implementation date, however a definitive timeline could not be provided at this stage as this would be subject to prioritisation.

Acknowledging that the supporting processes do not expect to change, Ritchard Hewitt (RH) questioned why system changes would be required. MM confirmed further analysis is required with Xoserve to understand the system impacts.

Pavanjit Dhesi (PD), referring to the Ofgem decision on the licence change and the technical mismatch with capacity, enquired what capacity can be made available at the exit point. PD made a request for a further assessment to be undertaken and a commitment from National Grid to provide capacity above the baseline on a more regular basis.

MM understood the interest and was willing to provide a response to the request but wished to note this information would not be required as part of this Modification's assessment /development. MM agreed to provide further information offline but requested this is not recorded as a formal Workgroup Action.

Information Request: National Grid (MM) to provide further information on the available capacity at the combined Bacton (exit) Interconnection Point.

MM went on to explain that there is evidence that the current arrangements work to satisfy additional demand from Shippers when it is materialising, on a short-term basis. MM explained the risk of capacity buy-back and the balance which needs to be struck. MM explained that the information request, would not necessarily aid the development of this particular process.

The Workgroup reviewed the Legal Text provided. MM explained the difference between a Primary and Binary Interconnection Point (IP) and the need for a new defined term for a Binary Aggregate Exit IP. MM welcomed feedback from the Workgroup ahead of the next meeting.

MM wished to note the intention to amend the Modification to take into account one extra point in relation to short-haul. This will be needed to change the short-haul route with one of the IPs which needs further consideration, especially in terms of how to capture this and how to reflect this within the Legal text.

The Workgroup reviewed the draft Workgroup Report to capture the Workgroup’s initial views, deferring detailed development until the Modification had been amended.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods

3.0 Next Steps

KE confirmed the intention will be to conclude the Workgroup Report at the next meeting, following consideration of the expected Amended Modification.

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Monday 29 November 2021	5pm Friday 18 November 2021	Microsoft Teams	Completion of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 04 November 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
			No new actions			