

**UNC Workgroup 0755 Minutes  
Enhancement of Exit Capacity Assignments  
10:00 Thursday 04 March 2021  
via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>		
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RHa)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	South Hook Gas
Alex Neild	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Blair	(ABI)	IUK
Andrew Pearce	(AP)	BP
Anna Shrigley	(ASh)	Eni Trading & Shipping
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Bill Reed	(BR)	RWE
Chris Wright	(CW)	Exxon Mobil
Daniel Hisgett	(DHi)	National Grid
Debra Hawkin	(DHa)	TPA Solutions
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
James Cunningham	(JCu)	Cornwall Insight
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
John Costa	(JCo)	EDF Energy
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamila Nugumanova	(KM)	ESB
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	ConocoPhillips
Lauren Jauss	(LJa)	RWE
Leyon Joseph	(LJo)	SGN
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Grid
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye Associates
Pavanjit Dhesi	(PD)	Interconnector UK
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Rosannah East	(RE)	National Grid
Sarah Cooper	(SC)	IUK
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Sinead Obeng	(SO)	Gazprom
Will Webster	(WW)	Oil & Gas UK

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 20 May 2021.

## 1.0 Outline of Modification

Daniel Hisgett (DHi) introduced the modification and explained that this modification is a refresh of *Modification 0276 - Alternative User Pays approach to enabling the assignment of Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity*, which was raised as an alternative approach to *Modification 0263 - Enabling the Assignment of a Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity*. He advised it will be an enhancement of the existing Exit Capacity Assignment arrangements to enable Network Users to transfer, in full or in part, both the Capacity and associated liability at an Exit Point,

DHi confirmed this modification would be subject to Authority Direction.

DHi explained the solution that would be put in place in order to implement this change and advised it would involve adjustments to TPD Section B paragraph 6 and enhancements to the Gemini system enabling Users with the ability to assign Exit Capacity and liability in part rather than just being able to transfer full capacity volume as is the current process.

DHi explained that business rule number 5 in the suggested legal text is where the difference from *Modification 0276 - Alternative User Pays approach to - UNC Modification Proposal 0263, (Modification 0263 was Enabling the Assignment of a Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity)*. This part of the solution was originally a User Pays service. DHi also confirmed that the benefits highlighted in *Modification 0276* are still relevant.

Shiv Singh (SS) advised that being able to move capacity and the liability for that capacity moving with it offers no benefit and there would be no impact.

Bethan Winter (BW) agreed with the comments that SS made. Therefore, it was confirmed that Distribution Networks have said there is no impact or benefit with this modification and there will be no instances for them to use this enhancement to the Exit Capacity Assignment process.

DHi confirmed this facility will be available at all exit points, including Interconnection Points, but not for bundled capacity.

The next step will be to request a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) from Xoserve. DHi noted in the modification that early indication from Xoserve is that the changes required will have a 40-50 week lead time and costs in the region of £1.2m and £1.5m which will include implementation of both an Entry and Exit solution at the same time.

DHi confirmed the estimated costs relate to implementation of this modification as opposed to *Modification 0276*.

When asked, DHi clarified the benefits to this modification being implemented which will give Shippers another option when moving Capacity at an ASEP. This should aid long term profiling and reduce reliance on the short-term markets as well as reducing costs for Users overall.

**New Action 0301:** Joint Office (RHa) to inform IGT/UNC regarding changes to TPD Section B paragraph 6.

## 2.0 Initial Discussion

### 2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

#### 2.1.1. Whether it applies to DNOs and Shippers or just Shippers

It has been confirmed this modification will not provide any benefit or impact to Distribution Networks.

#### 2.1.2. Consider any Cross Code impacts

Please refer to Action 0301 where RHa will advise IGT-UNC of the changes to TPD Section B paragraph 6.

## 2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

## 2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel a specific Terms of Reference has been published alongside the Modification at [www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0755/](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0755/).

## 3.0 Next Steps

RHa confirmed that the draft legal text will be provided for the next meeting. The ROM request will be submitted to Xoserve. Hannah Reddy (HR) advised Xoserve will try to turn the ROM around as quickly as possible.

It is hoped that the ROM and legal text will be reviewed at next Workgroup meeting.

The modification requires a small amendment to correct the misuse of ASAP; this should say Exit Point.

## 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](http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month)

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 01 April 2021	Microsoft Teams	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended Modification</li> <li>• Consideration of Business Rules</li> <li>• Review of ROM</li> <li>• Review of Relevant Objectives</li> <li>• Consideration of Legal Text</li> <li>• Workgroup Report development</li> </ul>
10:00 Thursday 06 May 2021	Microsoft Teams	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended Modification</li> <li>• Consideration of Business Rules</li> <li>• Completion of Workgroup Report</li> </ul>

**Action Table (as at 04 March 2021)**

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
<b>0301</b>	04/03/2021	1.0	Joint Office (RHa) to inform IGT/UNC regarding changes to TPD Section B paragraph 6.	Joint Office (RHa)	<b>Pending</b>