

**UNC Workgroup 0870 Minutes  
Amendments to Wobbe Index and Calorific Value Lower Limits at  
NTS System Entry Points  
Thursday 06 June 2024  
via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Niamh Holden (Secretary)	(NH)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(AB)	SEFE Marketing & Trading
Adam Lane	(AL)	Spirit Energy
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Amy Howarth	(AH)	Storengy
Amy Rawding	(AR)	Northern Gas
Ash Adams	(AA)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ben Stodel	(BS)	Perenco
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell Energy
Chris Wright	(CWr)	Exxon Mobil
Conor McClarin	(CM)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Francois Gonsior	(FG)	European Commodity Clearing AG
Gavin Williams	(GW)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Corella on behalf of Xoserve
Jackie Atterton	(JA)	PX Limited
James Lomax	(JLo)	Cornwall Insight
Joseph Leggott	(JL)	Interconnector
Josie Lewis	(JLe)	Xoserve
Julie Cox	(JCo)	Energy UK
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Mariacharia Xennaro	(MX)	Centrica
Matthew Brown	(MB)	Ofgem
Michael Crowley	(MC)	Gas Networks Ireland
Malcolm Montgomery	(MM)	National Gas Transmission
Nicholas Ridley	(NR)	Ancala Midstream Acquisitions Limited
Nick King	(NK)	ERA
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
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Phil Lucas	(PH)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ricky Hill	(RH)	Centrica
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Richard Selman	(RS)	Ancala Midstream Acquisitions Limited
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve

Tim Gwinnell	(TG)	South Hook Gas
<p><i>The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 August 2024.</i></p> <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: <a href="https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0872/060624">https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0872/060624</a>.</i></p>		

## 1. Introduction and Status Review

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

### 1.1. Approval of Minutes (02 May 2024)

Ofordi Nabokei (ON) noted that her initials were incorrect in certain areas of the minutes. EF advised that the minutes would be amended to correct this.

### 1.2. Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers for approval.

### 1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions

**0501:** Workgroup participants to write to NGT explaining how Option 2 would be of benefit to their business

**Update:** ON advised that one email had been received from Jeff Chandler, which had been helpful, but no other responses were received. ON encouraged other participants to contact NGT, noting that the more responses received the better as they need to justify the costs required to implement Option 2. **Carried Forward**

**0502:** NGT to follow up with Heating and Hot Water Industry Council on the potential benefits of gas quality data publication for domestic gas engineers, and with industrial consumer associations.

**Update:** ON advised that NGT met with the Heating and Hot Water Industry Council and other industrial consumer associations on 22 May 2024. ON advised that they discussed the change to the Lower Wobbe Limit and presented the Options which were previously provided to the Workgroup. They said that GDN data was not something they required but agreed that Option 2 was a good first step. They advised that a forecasting service would be of most use to them.

ON advised that the information was sent to the Paper Industry, who sent the information to their members and requested responses by 3 June 2024. One response from a paper mill has been received advising of the various types of data which would be useful to them.

ON suggested the action be closed. No comments were received from the Workgroup.  
**Closed.**

**0503:** NGT to provide indicative cost and time of delivering Option 1 and 2

**Update: Carried Forward.**

**0504:** GDNs to advise if they are willing to give consent for NGT to publish gas quality data measured at DN offtakes.

**Update:** Richard Pomroy (RP) advised that Wales & West Utilities were willing to give consent, however it wouldn't be an enduring consent and wish to reserve the right to withdraw the consent subject to notice.

RP supported the notion of a forecasting service as they have bio-methane producers who would appreciate knowing in advance what the LDZ CV is likely to be. ON advised that the LDZ CV is already published and asked what information it is they require which is not already published. RP noted that the information published is a backward-looking CV, ON advised that she would take this point away for discussion.

Shiv Singh (SS) advised that Cadent were happy to provide consent and had confirmed this within an email to Ash Adams (AA).

AA advised that following the last Workgroup, he had followed up with the DNs and had not had a response from Northern Gas or SGN.

The Workgroup agreed to carry the action forward with the addition of a reminder to Northern Gas and SGN from EF that NGT require a response to move forward.

JC suggested that if a response is not received, the next step may be to ask Ofgem for a view on why. **Carried Forward.**

**0505:** Delivery Facility Operators that have requested the lower wobble limit to consider if they would be willing / able to share a forward look on outages / indicative wobble range that could be published in respect of their NTS entry point.

**Update:** ON noted that a response was received from Spirit Energy, advising that they were happy to provide the information, but no other responses were received.

Jackie Atterton (JA) confirmed on behalf of PX at St Fergus Terminal that they are happy to consent, and she would confirm this within an email.

The Workgroup agreed to carry the action forward until further responses were received. EF agreed to send a reminder to DFOs that a response will be helpful. ON agreed to provide a list of the contacts that NGT has. **Carried Forward.**

## 2. Review of indicative cost and time of delivering Options 1 and 2.

AA advised that NGT's systems team were currently collating the data required to be presented to Workgroup in the July meeting.

## 3. Next Steps

- Walkthrough of reminder of Options presented
- Review of Cost Benefit Analysis

## 4. Any Other Business

### 4.1. Update on Interconnectors

ON advised that the implementation of the Lower Wobble Limit could under certain flow configurations, particularly at Bacton, find its way to Interconnectors who are contacted at a minimum of Wobble of 47.2. ON explained that NGT had a meeting with the Northwest European Transmission Systems Operators to provide an update on the Modification, an outcome of the meeting was that the Dutch operator had submitted a legal request to change their Wobble Limit. They provided a timeline of 12 months for their legal request.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) questioned whether the EU impacts of the Modification would be picked up within the Workgroup Report so that parties understand the issue. ON advised that regular discussions are had with the European TSOs, and they are aware of the issue, noting that it would only have a potential impact on the Perenco Entry Point. ON advised they had also spoken to Ofgem, but they do not have a concrete timeline and does not have an impact on the DFOs who have asked for the change.

Adam Lane (AL) questioned whether the GTS Modification was only for interconnectors or could other gas flow into GTS at the new 46.8 Wobble Limit. ON was of the understanding that it was not specific to interconnectors but to the interconnection point and other sources would be able to flow at 46.8.

The Workgroup discussed the need to highlight this issue within the Workgroup Report. ON advised that it stated within the Modification itself. EF explained that it would be helpful to discuss it within the Report and pick up any debate had within Workgroups.

Ritchard Hewitt (RHe) noted that this is an enabling Modification, explaining that the Modification facilitates change but does not oblige NGT to enforce that change, so the Modification can go ahead while the GTS discussions continue.

**5. Diary Planning**

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Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Walkthrough of reminder of Options presented  Review of Cost Benefit Analysis
10:00 Thursday 01 August 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 July 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	TBC
10:00 Thursday 05 September 2024	5 pm Wednesday 28 August 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	TBC

0870 Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0501	02/05/24	1.3	Workgroup participants to write to NGT explaining how Option 2 would be of benefit to their business	June 2024	Workgroup	Carried Forward
0502	02/05/24	1.3	NGT to follow up with Heating and Hot Water Industry Council on the potential benefits of gas quality data publication for domestic gas engineers, and with industrial consumer associations	June 2024	National Gas	Closed
0503	02/05/24	1.3	NGT to provide indicative cost and time of delivering Option 1 and 2	July 2024	National Gas	Carried Forward
0504	02/05/24	1.3	GDNs to advise if they are willing to give consent for NGT to publish gas quality data measured at DN offtakes.	June 2024	GDNs	Carried Forward
0505	02/05/24	1.3	Delivery Facility Operators that have requested the lower wobbe limit to consider if they would be willing / able to share a forward look on outages / indicative wobbe range that could be published in respect of their NTS entry point.	June 2024	DFOs	Carried Forward