

**UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes**  
**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
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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)
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Jospeh Leggott	(JL)	Interconnector
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)	CNG Services
Nick Wye	(NW)	Waters Wye
Nicola Lond	(NL)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Nigel Sisman	(NS)	Sisman Energy Consultancy Ltd
Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Phil Lucas	(PH)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
Ricky Hill	(RH)	Centrica
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Richard Selman	(RS)	Ancala Midstream Acquisitions Limited
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
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## 1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting and highlighted that the workgroup section of the agenda would be shuffled to put 0870 first.

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

EF noted that an amended version of the minutes from the previous meeting had been published on the Joint Office Website, noting that Phil Lucas (PL) had provided some clarification on the point raised in relation to impeding changes to the UNC as a consequence of the introduction of the NESO.

No further amendments were required.

### 1.2. Approval of Late Papers

EF advised that the papers for the Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point Pre-Modification and the papers for the DSR Update were late papers.

### 1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

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

**Update:** EF provided the following update on behalf of NGT:

*A purchase order has now been raised for a feasibility report of online mercury measurement equipment on the NTS. The quote also includes specialised online mercury sampling at Bacton using a portable analyser. The company have also quoted for sampling at additional locations. Any, or all, of the additional sampling will be decided in conjunction with the feasibility report and based on the analysis data we receive from Bacton.*

*In addition, there is a desk-top exercise being undertaken. This will determine if/what further work (outside Bacton) is needed.*

*The intention is that the feasibility study, along with the desktop study will allow us to build up an idea/map of mercury levels within the Network and decide what ongoing monitoring activity, if any, is needed going forward.*

*NGT will bring a further update in September. **Carried Forward.***

### 1.4. Industry Update from Ofgem

Matthew Brown (MB) advised that an Estimated Decision Date for both Modification UNC 0842 and UNC IGT172 would be allocated following the general election.

MB provided the following updates:

#### **ECR Lines to take for Panel meetings**

*The first Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) session took place on 14 May. This session focussed on two areas that we sought views on in our recent consultation: the code objectives, and the role of stakeholders in delivering strategic change. The MPW explored how a possible net zero code objective could impact the code modification process, the benefits and downsides of Ofgem producing associated guidance, and more broadly, opportunities for closer alignment of objectives between the codes. We also discussed the nature of information code managers might need from code parties to effectively develop and deliver strategic change, circumstances where that information may need to be requested, and the challenges with framing any licence or code obligation on this.*

Session 2 of the Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) took place on 23 May. It explored the future role of Stakeholder Advisory Forums (SAF) in the modification process as well as how the code manager and SAF could work together. There was a discussion on how SAF members could potentially be appointed. The second part of the workgroup looked at roles in the modification process, including who should be able to raise a modification proposal and alternative modifications, and if the principle of proposer ownership needs to evolve.

In light of the pre-election period, we are going to rearrange the MPW sessions scheduled for June.

We would like to provide an update on our approach to issue code modification decisions during the pre-election period.

Having considered guidance from government, we will not be issuing decisions on code modifications during this period, prior to the General Election on 4 July 2024. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis where there is a specific need to issue the decision. We will notify you prior to issuing any such decisions.

In light of this, we will also not be updating and publishing expected decision dates for code modifications with us for decision. These will be reset and published accordingly post General Election.

Please note we will continue to attend code panel meetings during the pre-election period but may be unable to comment or answer any questions on policy issues impacting code modifications.

## ISOP Update

The statutory consultation on the code changes to establish the ISOP is now live and is open until 23h59 17-June.

[Statutory consultation - Establishing the ISOP in GB industry codes 2024 | Ofgem](#)

Julie Cox (JC) questioned whether the MPW published any minutes. Steve Mulinganie (SM) advised they did not publish minutes, explaining that due to confidentiality, the lines provided by MB were in place in order to provide feedback from the MPW.

JC asked what the next steps were following the MPW meetings, querying whether anything would be published following consultation. MB advised that he would take JC's question away.

SM advised that the meetings for the 12 and 27 June 2024 had been cancelled, noting that the next meeting would be on the 12 July 2024, in which they would look at the Pre-Modification process, workgroups and self-governance criteria.

### 1.5. Pre-Modification Discussions

#### 1.5.1. Review and consolidation of TDIIC – Transitional Rules

Conor McClarin (CM) provided an overview of the Modification, explaining that TDIIC plays an important role within the UNC to house Transitional rules but that the TDIIC has not been reviewed in a number of years and become difficult to manage. CM explained that Transporters have reviewed the document to identify any redundant rules to be removed. The Modification will enable the removal of these rules.

CM advised that the Modification also proposes effective future reviews of the TDIIC.

EF questioned whether a timeline had been allocated to the Modification. CM advised that they were looking at three months of Governance Workgroup, in the hope to present to panel on 17 October 2024.

EF queried whether CM proposed to have feedback updates within the Transmission

Workgroup to ensure that participants who did not attend Governance Workgroups were able to track the Modification's progress. CM advised that NGT were happy to provide updates and encouraged any interested parties to attend the Governance Workgroups.

JC questioned whether they would have any issues of quoracy within the Governance Workgroups. CM was of the understanding that the Governance Workgroup did not have the same rules in place for quoracy as both Distribution and Transmission but noted that they were keen to encourage as much attendance as possible to ensure appropriate scrutiny.

EF advised that he would double check the rules for quoracy for the Governance Workgroup to include in the minutes.

Please see the [published slides](#) for further information.

### **1.5.2. Use of Entry Capacity Holdings at Easington at the Rough Storage ASEP in Winter 2024/2025**

Nick Wye (NW) provided an overview of the Modification, noting that it follows on from both Modification 0817 and 0847.

Modification 0817 was approved to allow Centrica to access capacity which it held at the Easington ASEP which had not been moved to the Rough Storage ASEP. Modification 0847 was then approved the following year to allow all users the same access capacity.

This Modification is proposed to enable the same process to occur for 2024/2025. NW advised that they hope to progress the Modification quickly for an Ofgem decision in August 2024.

Nigel Sisman (NS) asked whether the Rough Storage ASEP is dedicated to the Rough Facility or whether it was possible to flow other gas through that ASEP. NW advised that there is ability to flow other gas, but the accounting of the gas is specific to Rough.

Please see the [published Modification](#) for further information.

### **1.5.3. Transparency on non-standard Gas Quality parameters at new entry connections to the NTS**

Nicola Lond (NL) provided an overview of the Modification, explaining that in 2021, The Gas Market Plan (GMAP) identified inconsistencies in the transparency of information shared between new connections compared with existing connections in relation to Gas Quality.

NL took the Workgroup through the background of the Modification, the solution objectives and the proposed timetable.

NL advised that the NTS has an increased number of bio-methane connections, who are requesting higher oxygen specifications and NTS wish to encourage this as part of Net Zero and enable these connections. An evidence case is being prepared to be submitted to HSE to permit NGT to offer up to 1 mol% oxygen limit onto the NTS.

NGT wish to follow a two phased approach, by first obtaining a site-specific GS(M)R exemption, which can then be widened to cover the whole of the NTS. NL explained that although they expect the elevated oxygen content to blend readily, they intend to apply the exemption on a case-by-case basis in order to risk-assess any impacts.

NL explained that there are a number of key factors to consider within development of the Modification and that NGT are conscious not to adversely affect the connecting party.

NL advised the HSE Exemption, and the Modification development would run in parallel, but would not directly impact one another, however noted that any discussion had within Modification Workgroups could be used as part as the evidence case submitted to HSE.

JC raised concern regarding a general exemption rather than a case-by-case approach as there were some sites which could be impacted depending on location. NL advised that if the exemption was approved, a case-by-case risk assessment would still be carried out for every site. JC was of the view that a general exemption should not be issued if it adversely affected certain sites, noting that the process followed for risk assessment would need to be considered and discussed in detail.

Ritchard Hewitt (RHe) agreed with the need to encourage green gas to the NTS but questioned whether the Modification would include a solution to a situation where there is a conflict between existing connections and new connections following approval of the exemption. NL advised that the Modification focuses on what information should be provided to industry and not about the exemption process.

Please see the [published slides](#) for further information.

#### **1.5.4. Amendment to Wobbe Index upper limit in the Network Entry Agreement at the York Entry Point**

NW provided an overview of the Modification, explaining that gas is currently delivered from the HGS pipeline to the York and Rough entry points, which form part of the Easington ASEP.

NW noted that according to The Network Entry Agreements, the upper Wobbe Limits differ between York Entry Point and Rough Entry Point and explained that during Q4 2023, the Wobbe of gas arriving through York exceeded the Upper Wobbe Limit but remained within the permitted Wobbe Limit for Rough.

The Modification proposes to increase the Upper Wobbe Limit for York to the same limit as Rough, NW advised that this is consistent with the Wobbe Limit set out in the GSMR. NW proposed to accelerate the Modification for decision from Panel in September. No concerns were raised by the Workgroup.

Please see the [published Modification](#) for further information.

#### **1.5.5. Amendment to Gas Quality NTS Entry Specification at the St Fergus SAGE System Entry Point**

Nicholas Ridley (NR) provided an overview of the proposal, explaining that the Modification proposes to increase the O<sub>2</sub> limit from 10 ppm to 400ppm at the SAGE North Sea Limited sub-terminal at St Fergus. NR advised that they had seen an increase in volumes from the Norwegian sector which are out of the terminal entry specification. As a result a Nitrogen Injection Facility was installed to bring gas to NTS export specification. As NCS production into SAGE has increased, there is a need to move to a continuous Nitrogen Injection requirement.

NR noted that the Modification is required for two fundamental reasons, explaining that complex system could be installed with a high nitrogen purity level, but this may be less robust and cause more upset conditions. In addition, high purity plant would have a greater construction and operational cost and increased power use would lead to greater CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

NR hoped to take this through to detailed design for the end of 2024 to ensure they are in a position to continue to accept gas in 2027.

Lauren Jauss (LJ) agreed with the Modification and that they should try to reduce energy levels but noted that it is important to recognise that currently there is always a combination of quality gas which is within the specification range but raised concern that they might start to see quality of gas that is at the GSMR limit, and they need to consider this going forward.

JC questioned what 200ppm is in mol%. RS advised that it is 0.2% is 2000ppm.

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) advised that NGT's gas quality expert was not present within the meeting and therefore their input is fairly restricted but can be discussed in detail within Workgroup.

EF noted that many of the dates within the Modification timetable were to be confirmed. NR advised that when drafting the Modification, they were unsure on the dates, but they had discussed it with Phil Hobbins (PH) and are aiming to implement the Modification by the end of November 2024.

RHe advised that they should manage their expectations for a November deadline, as although it is doable it is quite a tight deadline.

Please see the [published Modification](#) for further information.



## 2. **Overrun Update**

Ofordi Nabokei (ON) provided an update on Overrun Reporting, providing a table of both Entry and Exit Overrun data for gas year 2023/2024.

ON explained that whilst entry overruns are higher than exit, the month on month overrun figures for entry are very similar from November to April 2024. ON explained that gas year 2023/2024 was similar to 2022/2023.

When reviewing Exit Overruns, ON noted that there had only been 580 Exit, which is considerably less than Entry.

NS noted that the Exit Overruns for December and January were similar and questioned whether this was possible or was a data issue. ON explained that this was possible, and they have seen it in previous years but advised she would double check the data was correct. NS questioned whether overruns contributed to recovered revenue, ON advised she would take this question away.

Please refer to the [published slides](#) for further information.

## 3. **Transmission Change Horizon Plan**

MM provided an update on the National Gas Transmission Change Horizon and Gemini Sustain Plus, noting that going forward Sustain Plus Focus Groups will occur monthly, with the next focus group scheduled for 22 July 2024.

Please refer to the [published slides](#) for further information.

## 4. **Workgroups**

### 4.1. **0860S – Clarify impact of exit capacity holdings on offtake rights**

(Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0860>

### 4.2. **0867 – Gas Demand Side Responses (DSR) Aggregation Arrangements**

(Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0867>

### 4.3. **0870 – Amendments to Wobbe Index and Calorific Value Lower Limits at NTS System Entry Points**

(Report to Panel 19 September 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0870>

### 4.4. **0871 – Facilitating IGTs with NTS Entry**

(Report to Panel 18 July 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0871>

### 4.5. **0872S – Single-sided Nominations for clearing houses of gas exchanges**

(Report to Panel 15 August 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0872>

### 4.6. **0874S – Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting Methodology**

(Report to Panel 18 July 2024)

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0874>

## 5. **Statutory Consultation for the Codes Change Programme (CCP)**

PL advised that the consultation regarding the UNC changes triggered by the introduction of the NESO is now live and closes on 17 June 2024.

## 6. **Issues**

None.

## 7. **Any Other Business**

### 7.1. Review of Capacity Methodologies

NL provided an update on the Capacity Methodologies Review, advising that there are 5 Capacity Methodology Statements to be reviewed by April 2025. NGT are currently working on a scope for the review, with particular focus on feedback on the current process. NL advised that engagement on options will be required and hoped to provide updates via the Transmission Workgroup.

NL encouraged participants to highlight any particular feedback to be considered within the scope. NL expects to update the Transmission Workgroup again in August 2024.

Please refer to the [published slides](#) for further information.

### 7.2. EU Update

MM provided a brief overview of the EU Update and took the Workgroup through the Revision of the EU Remit Regulation and Revision of the EU Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) Network Code.

MM advised that there were 6 areas of amendment within the Revision of CAM:

- **Maximising the offer of Firm Capacity**

MM advised that this looked at Capacity Calculation Methodologies and the transparency surrounding those Methodologies. NGT's Methodology is that they have a base line set within the license and have to adhere to that. MM noted that it is hard for NGT to justify any changes unless the UK Version of CAM was revised.

- **Maximising the offer of Interruptible Capacity**

MM advised that NGT only do Day-Ahead Interruptible Capacity, which is in line with the GP Market.

- **Improving the offering of capacity**

MM advised that ACER were currently looking into new products to buy Capacity long term. MM noted that NGT would have to consider a cost benefit analysis.

- **Improving the offer of Capacity: adapting the rules to the market**

MM explained that this isn't completely relevant to the GB network, noting it relates more to EU processes.

- **Improving the incremental capacity process**

MM advised that NGT do already make use of an alternative location mechanism.

- **Further amendment proposals**

MM noted that NGT intend to do some further analysis on the areas of amendment and will provide a further update.

Joseph Leggott (JL) flagged that this Network Code Revision follows the new EU Gas Regulation, which is about to be published, advising that they expect that all the EU Network Codes to be revised in due course. JL noted that this would be the first gas package post Brexit.

Please refer to the [published slides](#) for further details.

### 7.3. DSR Update

MM provided the Workgroup with a brief update on DSR, explaining that following the implementation of UNC Mod 0866, NGT is preparing for the DSR options tender.

MM encouraged participants to contact Phil Hobbins (PH) if they wished to join the DSR webinar on 24 June 2024.

SM questioned whether the aggregate value is the same as last year. MM advised he would take this question away for discussion.

Please refer to the [published slides](#) for further details.

8. **Diary Planning**

Transmission meetings are listed at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/TX>

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10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 01 August 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 July 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 September 2024	5 pm Wednesday 28 August 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 October 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 September 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 November 2024	5 pm Wednesday 30 October 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 05 December 2024	5 pm Wednesday 27 November 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

Transmission Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
1002	05/10/23	5.1	Mercury Content - NGT (KA) to provide an update following further sampling and risk assessment	September 2024	NGT (KA)	Carried Forward



**UNC Workgroup 0860S Minutes**  
**Clarify impact of exit capacity holdings on offtake rights**  
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**via Microsoft Teams**

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## 1. Introduction and Status Review

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

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

EF advised that clarification had been provided in relation to the discussion within the Legal Text Review in the previous set of minutes and a change-marked set of minutes had been published on the Joint Office website. No further amendments were proposed

### 1.2. Approval of Late Papers

EF advised that the drafted Legal Text and explanatory table were late papers, noting that this was due to an administrative error in allocating the drafting.

### 1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

**0501:** Lauren Jauss (LJ) to provide JO with an amended version of the Modification.

**Update:** LJ provided an overview of the amended Modification provided to JO and the changes made. LJ explained that the purpose of the Modification is to clarify that users who don't hold capacity, don't have increased risk of not being able to offtake gas from the system.

LJ advised that the amended Modification was now believed to be a material change and therefore has been changed from Self-Governance to Authority Direction.

There are two new Business Rules, the first one being to clarify the intention that capacity holdings should be thought of as financial instruments against overrun charges. The second clarifies that a user's entitlement to offtake gas shouldn't be affected by their exit capacity holdings.

LJ explained that there were three key elements of the amended Modification. The first was in relation to OPNs and the removal of the restriction on users which stops them from submitting an OPN where the offtake rate exceeds 1/24 of their capacity holding for a day, LJ noted that users would then rely on the Network Exit Provisions to determine to maximum permitted rate.

The second element was to clarify the circumstances in which the Transporter can instruct a user to reduce or limit their offtake of gas and whether this would only be in accordance with Section Q emergencies. LJ explained that NGT had advised that if the maximum permitted rate was determined by The Network Exit Provisions, then it is appropriate for this also to be a circumstance in which they can instruct a user to reduce their offtake.

The third element was to remove the text that relaxed the obligation on Transporters to make gas available, as this had no impact on the user.

**Action: Closed.**

## 2. Legal Text Review

Phil Lucas (PL) took the Workgroup through the drafted Legal Text, explaining that it intends to address the 4 business rules within the Modification.

### Business Rule 1 and 2

PL explained that the maximum permitted rate set out in the Code, in Section J 3.10.2, is set according to a user's capacity holding for NTS exit capacity. PL explained that BR2 attempts to define the maximum permitted rate by reference to the applicable Network Exit Provisions, in order to do this paragraph 3.10.2 of Section J must be amended.

The drafted Legal Text proposes to amend 3.10.2 (b) to:

*'an NTS Supply Point or a NTS Connected System Exit Point, is the rate specified in or determined by reference to the measurement provisions contained in the Network Exit Provisions as being the maximum flow rate.'*

PL explained that as the Proposer advised that this also applies to NTS/LDZ offtakes, the intention is to also amend the text of Section J 3.10.2 (a) in the same way, so that it applies to these offtakes.

Steve Mulinganie (SM) questioned whether the Business Rules would be amended to include the clarity provided by the Legal Text. PL believed that this was the intention, noting he had a discussion with the Proposer and provided some suggested amendments to the Business Rules.

### Business Rule 3

PL advised that the UNC is clear on the requirement for OPNs to not exceed a user's permitted offtake rate discussed in BR3.

In order to address this BR, the drafted Legal Text proposes to continue to reference '*Permitted Offtake rate*' within paragraph 4.5.2 of Section J, recognising that this is the rate as amended in 3.10.2 (b). PL advised that further clarification was also required in relation to what the OPN should include, suggesting the following addition to paragraph 4.5.2: '*and represent the User's best estimate of the rates of offtake at the time the notice is given*'.

### Business Rule 4

PL explained that BR4 was in relation to the reduction or discontinuance of the offtake of gas at Exit Points, noting that this had been addressed in the Legal Text through the addition of paragraph 4.2.2 of Section J:

*'Except where permitted to do so pursuant to Section Q, a Transporter shall not be entitled to require any reduction or discontinuance in the offtake of gas by the Relevant User at a NTS Supply Point or NTS Connected System Exit Point other than in accordance with paragraph 4.2.1.'*

SM noted that the context of the BR4 is that it is reasonable to exceed the volume in the agreement but only in limited circumstances and queried whether it would only be in those circumstances that the BR would apply, querying whether LJ was comfortable with the proposed text. LJ advised that it applies to any requirement pursuant to paragraph 4, 5, 6 or 7 of the Network Exit Provisions and confirmed that she was comfortable with proposed Legal Text.

PL advised that because the Modification has now been amended to require Authority Direction, the Implementation section with the Modification would need to be revised to remove reference to the sixteen-business day implementation date following panel decision. LJ agreed that this would need to be amended.

PL noted that an avoidance of doubt statement may also needed to be added to the Business Rules to make clear that the Proposal wants this to apply to NTS/LDZ offtakes as well. LD agreed to add this to the Modification.

Please refer to the published documents for further information.

## **3. Conclusion of Workgroup Report**

EF advised the Workgroup that they were not yet at a stage to discuss the Workgroup report.

## **4. Next Steps**

- Review Version 4 of Modification
- Legal Text (if amended)
- Review of Workgroup Report

## **5. Any Other Business**

None.

## **6. Diary Planning**

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10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Microsoft Teams	Review Version 4 of Modification Legal Text (if amended) Review of Workgroup Report

0860S Workgroup Action Table						
Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0501	02/05/24	2.0	Lauren Jauss (LJ) to provide JO with an amended version of the Modification	June 2024	LJ	Closed

**UNC Workgroup 0870 Minutes  
Amendments to Wobbe Index and Calorific Value Lower Limits at  
NTS System Entry Points  
Thursday 06 June 2024  
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Ofordi Nabokei	(ON)	National Gas Transmission (NGT)
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## 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 Wobbe Limit could under certain flow configurations, particularly at Bacton, find its way to Interconnectors who are contacted at a minimum of Wobbe 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 Wobbe 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 Wobbe 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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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

**UNC Workgroup 0871 Minutes  
Facilitating IGTs with NTS Entry  
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
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
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Steve Mulinganie	(SM)	SEFE Energy
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Tim Davis	(TD)	Barrow Gas Shipping

Tim Gwinnell	(TG)	South Hook Gas
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## 1. Introduction and Status Review

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### Approval of Minutes (02 May 2024)

Steve Pownall (SP) advised that during the previous meeting there was some discussion regarding double counting which had not been captured in the minutes. SP noted that a point was raised that Shippers do not nominate at bio-methane sites within Gemini, but he had found a data extract to suggest otherwise. SP advised that some Shippers do nominate and are allocated daily gas flows, noting that his question regarding the potential consequences on the gas flows allocation process still stands.

SP clarified that some Shippers do nominate at bio-methane sites and are allocated and some Shippers do not nominate at bio-methane sites and are allocated, however if nominations are not entered in the Gemini but are allocated, Shippers would be subject to scheduling charges.

Tim Davis (TD) advised that there was only one bio-methane site that injects into NTS and only one Shipper, and they do nominate and are allocated.

Phil Lucas (PL) advised that TPD Section C 2.3.4. states that when a user has not made an input nomination in respect of gas by a daily user, they will be deemed to have made a nomination of 0.

### 1.1 Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers for approval.

### 1.2 Review of Outstanding Actions

**0501:** Tim Davis (TD) to provide a walkthrough of different scenarios to ensure common level of understanding of Modification.

**Update:** TD provided a walkthrough of scenarios to Workgroup Participants. Please refer to section 2.0 for further information.

**Closed**

## 2. Scenario Review

TD provided the Workgroup with a walkthrough of generic NTS Entry/Exit Connection, explaining that an AD Plant generates gas which goes through NTS Injection Compressors to put it up to NTS pressure, the gas then flows partly into the NTS and partly into a local network. TD advised that the logical way to measure this is that the amount of gas injected at the AD Plant is added to Shippers Accounts and the gas which has flowed to the NTS, and local networks is accounted for at Exit Points.

TD then took the Workgroup through a walkthrough of different scenarios where the gas flows and is measured to illustrate the current problem and suggest the solution. TD explained that the Modification proposes to count gas entering at the AD Plant as entering the Total System for balancing purposes.

TD took the Workgroup through the UNC Precedents, explaining that no flow from one system to another involves Shipper transactions and they are treated as exit rather than entry. SP questioned whether this would mean free capacity and transmission rights. TD advised that Shippers would pay for the costs of using the NTS.

EF clarified that the Modification deals only with the energy balancing of gas flowing within the Network. TD agreed that the Modification is very limited.

Nick Wye (NW) asked whether all the Modification is trying to achieve is to establish that Entry into an IGT is the equivalent of an DN Entry Point. TD advised that there is a different Modification dealing with DNs and only relates to the NTS.

Please see the [published slides](#) for further information.

### **Potential Regime Rules to Facilitate Physical Arrangement**

PL provided the Workgroup with an overview of the framework of commercial arrangements that NGT believes would need to sit around the Modification. PL was of the understanding that it won't always be Entry and could be a bi-directional connection to the NTS. TD agreed that flow could change within day.

PL discussed potential Business Rules with the Workgroup and a potential UNC Change requirement:

*(See published material for details – only discussion points are noted below)*

#### **Business Rules 2: Incentive to procure Capacity**

NW queried whether DNs require Entry Capacity on the NTS. PL advised that DNs are incentivised to acquire Exit Capacity, in the context of existing NTS/DN offtakes, therefore they would intend for IGT members to be incentivised to procure capacity at the IGT/NTS connection.

EF noted that energy balancing may net to zero, but use of capacity may use both Entry and Exit in day, EF questioned whether that amount of complexity is required. PL advised that this had not yet been considered. EF queried what interconnectors do in this scenario, noting that they could potentially reverse flow.

Malcolm Montgomery (MM) advised that the capacity is charged to Shippers rather than Interconnectors, noting that the net position is not considered.

Shiv Singh (SS) requested clarification on DNs being incentivised to procure NTS Exit Capacity. PL explained that there is a potential exposure to overrun charges creates this incentive. SS responded that GDNs are obliged in licence to secure capacity for their 1-in-20 peak day flows.

#### **Business Rules 3:**

SP questioned whether the sites are likely to be directed via Ofgem and not included within the Thermal Energy Regulation calculations. TD advised that this would be a question for Ofgem.

Please see the [published slides](#) for further information.

SM questioned whether the considerations impacted the Modification or were follow up rules to consider following the implementation of the Modification. PL advised that NGT were currently unsure whether Modification 0871 could stand alone in terms of delivering the end-to-end solution. SM queried whether NGT would raise an alternate Modification. PL advised this had not been decided.

NW was of the belief that in order for the Modification to proceed, the issue of bi-directional flow for these points needs to be addressed as it not currently permitted within the Code. NW believed that all other considerations were commercial and therefore could be raised by NGT following the Modification.

SM questioned whether the intention was that these systems would operate in a bi-directional nature. TD advised that getting power to an AD plant can be difficult, so this tends to be done through a mini generator and if it tripped gas could be taken off the NTS. TD advised that the variations of flow are small and won't cause issues to NGT system control.

SM raised concern regarding the Modification going to Panel without addressing any of the points raised which may have a material effect. SM questioned whether a quick implementation is still achievable.

Chris Wright (CW) was of the view that in considering the points raised by NGT, these are also relevant for hydrogen entry which could in turn create more points to consider, delaying the Modification further.

**3. Development of Workgroup Report**

EF advised that the development of the Workgroup Report would be referred to the July meeting, noting that further discussion and decisions would be needed to provide a clear picture to Panel.

SM added that it may be worth agreeing that there are polarising views on the Modification and that it is up to Panel to make the decision.

**4. Next Steps**

Completion of Workgroup Report

**5. Any Other Business**

None raised.

**6. Diary Planning**

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0501	02/05/24	1.0	Tim Davis (TD) to provide a walkthrough of different scenarios to ensure common level of understanding of Modification	June 2024	TD	Closed



**UNC Workgroup 0872S Minutes**  
**Single-sided Nominations for clearing houses of gas exchanges**  
**Thursday 06 June 2024**  
**via Microsoft Teams**

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#### 1.1 Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers for approval.

#### 1.2 Review of Outstanding Actions

**0501:** Hannah Reddy (HR) to provide the Workgroup with further insight into what the system is doing and the potential for extension of the functionality.

**Update:** HR provided the Workgroup with an overview into the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) response. HR explained that NGT had a meeting with ECC to discuss how they were currently using the system. They are currently using Shipper APIs rather an online user account so that they can act on behalf of the shipper.

The proposed solution is to develop new APIs that allow both sides of the trade to be registered. HR advised that there are two solution options within the ROM response, one in relation to APIs, which accounts for the minimum change that is needed, the second option was to include an online screen solution for contingency purposes.

HR explained that Clearing Houses would have their own access, they would be set up in Gemini and any Shipper who was working with a Clearing House would be set up as being associated to them.

HR advised that there was an assumption that only one Clearing House would be associated with a Shipper, and that Clearing House would be acting on behalf of that Shipper. Francois Gonsior (FG) advised that this was not the case, noting that they actively supporting competition between exchanges and if one Shipper were to be involved with several exchanges, they would also be involved with several Clearing Houses. HR advised she would take this away.

HR explained that changes would be made to the system to accommodate the new APIs and the mapping of a Clearing House to Shippers.

SM noted that the ROM would need to be amended to factor in the idea that trades could be received from multiple Clearing Houses. HR agreed.

FG questioned whether a decision could still be made on whether the costs outlined would be accepted by the Workgroup. EF advised that further cost benefit analysis would be carried out before a decision could be made but noted that the changes suggested are relatively small and it is therefore likely to be accepted. **Carried Forward.**

**0502:** Gavin Williams (GW) to liaise with FG to help with the mentions of clearing houses within the UNC and determine whether the drafting of the Modification can be used as is or further amendment is required

**Update:** GW advised that he had looked into the current arrangements within the UNC for Clearing Houses. GW advised that ECCs role would be User Agent, which is a defined term within TPD V.

When looking at the OCM operator arrangements, GW had identified a couple of defined terms, one being the Trading System Clearer, which is defined within TPD V as a recognised Clearing House, however a recognised Clearing House is not a defined term. GW was of the view that this role would need to be expanded to include a User Agent role.

GW suggested that the OCM Trading System Clearer text could be adopted as it already sets

a precedent for a recognised Clearing House.

In relation to Single-Sided Nomination, GW advised this was defined in EID Section C, so the concept Single-Sided Nomination would need to be added to TPD C 5.

EF asked whether the Legal Text could be drafted for the July meeting. GW advised that they would aim to provide the Legal Text for July. **Closed.**

**2. Review of Amended Modification**

Deferred.

**3. Development of Workgroup Report**

Deferred.

**4. Next Steps**

Review of Legal Text and Revised ROM

**5. Any Other Business**

None raised.

**6. Diary Planning**

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10:00 Thursday 04 July 2024	5 pm Wednesday 26 June 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	Review of Legal Text Review of Revised ROM
10:00 Thursday 01 August 2024	5 pm Wednesday 24 July 2024	Solihull/ Microsoft Teams	TBC

0872 Workgroup Action Table						
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0501	02/05/24	1.0	Hannah Reddy (HR) to provide the Workgroup with further insight into what the system is doing and the potential for extension of the functionality.	June 2024	HR	Carried Forward
0502	02/05/24	1.0	Gavin Williams (GW) to liaise with FG to help with the mentions of clearing houses within the UNC and determine whether the drafting of the Modification can be used as is or further amendment is required.	June 2024	GW (NGT)	Closed

**UNC Workgroup 0874S Minutes  
Amendments to UNC to align with Gas Demand Forecasting  
Methodology**

**Thursday 06 June 2024**

**via Microsoft Teams**

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#### 1.1 Approval of Late Papers

There were no late papers for approval.

#### 1.2 Review of Outstanding Actions

**0105:** Conor McClarin (CM) to confirm whether the proposed changes affect Distribution Network forecasts.

**Update:** CM advised that Distributions Networks forecasts are not affected at this stage of the process, noting that the third-party consultant looked at both updating the UNC references and the forecasting processes. CM advised the changes required to forecasting processes will be resourced separately and there will be consultation via Ofgem at which stage the DNs will be closely involved. **Closed.**

CM advised that a further question was raised in relation to the term 'Transporting Britain's Energy' and whether this was still used, CM confirmed that whilst it is not a commonly used, it is not a redundant term so is not being removed or amended through this modification.

A question was raised around the role of the NESO in forecasting. CM advised that the changes in the Modification relate to things that are NGTs responsibility now and thus might require future changes as the NESO role develops. CM clarified that the Modification proposes to change only the terms and references to documents and not obligations of the UNC.

CM advised that there has been two minor amendments to the Modification since the previous Workgroup. It has been slightly expanded in the UNC Sections that it impacted, to capture all mention of 'Ten Year Statement' so that this can be amended to Long Term Development Statement for completeness. CM explained that this amendment is also covered under the NESO amendments, therefore an alternative legal text has been provided in case the NESO amendments are implemented prior to this Modification.

## 2. Development of Workgroup Report

EF took the Workgroup through the drafted Workgroup Report.

### Governance

EF requested confirmation that Workgroup Participants agreed that the proposed changes were non-material and subject to Self-Governance. No comments were received from Workgroup.

### Workgroup Impact Assessment

This section was amended to include 'Any further changes to the Demand Forecasting Methodology will be done in consultation with Ofgem and subject to consultation that would include GDNs.'

### Reference Documents

EF questioned whether there were any further reference documents to be added. CM was not aware of any other documents.

### Workgroup Assessment of Relevant Objectives

This section was amended to include 'Workgroup Participants agreed that it is appropriate to

ensure that referenced within the UNC are correctly aligned with the documents that support its operation.’

Legal Text – Workgroup Assessment

This section was amended to include ‘Workgroup Participants, mindful of this potential, are satisfied that the proposed drafting in both versions meets the intent of the solution.’

**3. Next Steps**

Workgroup Participants agreed to the proposal by EF to submit the report early to the Modification Panel June meeting.

**4. Any Other Business**

None raised.

**5. Diary Planning**

No further meetings planned

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Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0105	2/5/24	1.0	CM to confirm whether the proposed changes affect Distribution Network forecasts.	June	CM (NGT)	Closed