

# NATIONAL GRID OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

24 October 2006  
Radisson Grafton Hotel, London

## Present:

|             |               |             |                      |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| F Gracias   | National Grid | J Smith     | EdF Energy           |
| P Green     | National Grid | C Prestwich | Smartest Energy      |
| L Roe       | National Grid | H Bray      | Chemical Industries  |
| P Youngman  | National Grid | C Svaerin   | Norsk Hydro          |
| A Thomason  | National Grid | L Lomas     | GdF Energy           |
| A Beach     | National Grid | N Dewar     | APX Gas              |
| S Brown     | National Grid | C Moger     | APX Gas              |
| J Bradley   | Joint Office  | J Cornfield | RWE                  |
| E Carter    | Ofgem         | G Pickering | Total                |
| G Beveridge | ScottishPower | T Jesshop   | ConocoPhillips       |
| S Grayson   | E.ON          | B Martinek  | JP Morgan Chase Bank |
| J Walsh     | E.ON          | J-R Rastoul | Gaselys              |
| R Fairholme | E.ON          | D Fernie    | SSE                  |
| J Viala     | Glencore      | G Thorne    | Canatxx              |
| S Rouse     | Statoil       | A Shrigley  | ENI                  |
| K Henriksen | Statoil       |             |                      |
| D French    | Shell Energy  |             |                      |
| S Wing      | Shell Energy  |             |                      |

## 1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

1.1 No Actions

## 2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 Compliance Report for September 2006 was presented. There were no material or non-material breaches during the month.

## 3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for August and September 2006.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 were a net revenue to neutrality of £24.6m (-0.0706p/therm of throughput). This is a significant increase from last year.

## 4.0 Performance of Capacity Regime

4.1 The capacity presentation now includes data for all auctions (QSEC, MSEC, RMSEC, DADSEC, WDDSEC, DISEC)

4.2 There were no scale backs of interruptible capacity or buy back of firm capacity during September 2006.

## 5.0 Days of Interest – 2/3 October 2006

5.1 Frank Gracias gave a presentation on the operation of the system on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006, when system prices were at their lowest since start of Code, and the SMPS on 3<sup>rd</sup> October was -3.75p/therm

## 6.0 APX Gas Update

6.1 Neil Dewar gave the APX Gas Update.

6.2 Next year APX are implementing an IT user forum and requested contact details from shippers.

#### 7.0 **UNC Modification Proposals**

7.1 John Bradley gave an overview of the Joint Office and a demonstration of the website and UNC modifications register.

7.2 The Joint Office will have a regular slot on the agenda to provide an update on UNC mods.

#### 8.0 **Ofgem Update**

8.1 No update.

#### 9.0 **Gemini Update**

9.1 Details were given of the Gemini Release 3b implementation on 5<sup>th</sup> November, and the clock change on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 10.0 **Summer Maintenance Programme**

10.1 Paul Green gave an overview of the work still outstanding from this summer's maintenance programme. Some of work is due for completion by the end of this year, and the rest has been rescheduled for early next year with no impact on capacity.

10.2 An indicative plan of next summer's work is now on National Grid's website and will be updated early next year.

#### 11.0 **Electronic Data Submission System**

11.1 An overview of the new electronic data submission system used in the Control Room for the receipt of submissions was given. The system was implemented on 26<sup>th</sup> October, and will allow OPNs to be submitted electronically instead of by fax.

#### 12.0 **Exercise Neptune**

12.1 Instigated by the HSE, exercise Neptune took place on 6/7 September to monitor the procedures in place for firm load shedding during an emergency. There has been no significant change in the accuracy of the contact details available since the last exercise of this nature.

12.2 The preliminary findings have been submitted to the HSE and the HSE will be delivering its report in mid-November.

#### 13.0 **Emergency Curtailment Quantity**

13.1 Paul Youngman gave an update on the ECQ procedure, including details of the P70 process.

#### 14.0 **UK Gas Emergency Arrangements**

14.1 Paul Green gave an overview of the UK Gas Emergency Arrangements and an overview of the GS(M)R obligations and objectives.

#### 15.0 **Emergency Issues Q&A**

15.1 Frank Gracias presented answers to questions submitted via the Demand Side Workshop Group on various emergency related issues – ECQs, P70s, cashout prices and interruption.

Next Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at the Elexon Offices, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 350 Euston Road, London