

OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

12th July 2005

Present:

F Gracias	NGT
Nicola Maughan	NGT
Andy Malins	NGT
Paul Green	NGT
Mark Nicolson	NGT
N Dewar	APX Group
S Courtney	Scotia Gas Networks
P Clarke	NGT
M Wilson	PX Limited
S Watson	GDF
R Cameron-higgs	Northern Gas Networks
Jamie Walsh	EON
G Stelk	EON
J Smith	EDF Energy
M Tyrrell	ML
Y Sufi	Eni UK
S Smith	GDF Britain
M Shannon	NGT LNG
E Spierling	Wales & West Utilities
H Fisher	Energy Quote
N Dewar	APX
M Linke	Centrica Energy
S Wing	Shell Energy
M Shah	SSE
S Cazanove	ConocoPhillips
T Jesshop	Conono Phillips
G Pickering	Total
K Henriksen	Statoil UK
G Barnett	NGT
Mark Dalton	BG Group
D Tomlin	BP Gas Marketing
David Roberts	Centrica Energy
Richard Norris	HETCO
Sue Higgins	NGT
Mo Rezvani	SSE
Tony Brandi	Statoil
Twewah Marfo	Ofgem
Bill Bullen	Utilita
Steve Fisher	NGT
Adam Richards	NGT
Lindsay Reid	NGT

1.0 **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

No outstanding actions.

2.0 **Compliance Reporting**

- 2.1 Compliance Report for April/May 2005 was presented. There were no breaches.
- 3.0 **Performance of the Energy Regime**
- 3.1 Data was presented for May/June 2005.
- 3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2004 to 31st May 2005 were a net revenue to neutrality of £9.12m (-0.0311p/therm of throughput).
- 3.3 On 21st June a supply loss resulted in the highest SAP of 39.45 and SMPB 41.25 for the month of June.
- 3.4 INS data is still being published on the internet but not presented.
- 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 Scalebacks or buy backs in June 2005.
- 5.0 **DM Nomination Performance**
- 5.1 It was noted that there is continuing significant under-nomination of DMs which is effecting NDM forecasts. Transco are still awaiting response from those shippers who were sent information on their DM nomination performance.
- 6.0 **Summer Maintenance**
- 6.1 An update on 2005 Summer maintenance programme was presented including completed, in progress and future NTS maintenance. The programme is published on the Website which is updated monthly or changed if any dates or capability changes in the programme. (<http://www.transco.co.uk/services/maintenance.htm>)
- 7.0 **APX Gas Update**
- 7.1 Neil Dewar of APX Gas gave the APX Gas Update.
- 8.0 **Ofgem Update**
- 8.1 Ofgem update not required.
- 9.0 **NTS OPN Monitoring**
- 9.1 The NTS OPN Monitoring was not presented but is available on the website.
- 9.2 As this remains operationally important the Data will continue to be collected and monitored by NGT.
- 10.0 **Gemini Update**
- 10.1 An update on Gemini was given

- Training is complete for the majority of shippers. New shippers will be trained towards the end of the programme. If shippers have outstanding training requests they should contact Mark Nicolson.
- Shipper Trials are in progress and a high volume day was completed on 5th July with 39 users participating. 1 resulting issue is being investigated with shippers concerned.
- Implementation outage plans for 17th and 18th October were presented. These will go to the next UK LINK committee. During the outage period fax renominations will be accepted from 23:00 to 04:00 on 17th October. The 00:00 D-1 demand Attribution will be brought forward to 22:30 on 17th October. On 18th October NB92 linepack and demand data will be published via website or ANS.
- The next Shipper Working Group meeting is planned for 1 June 2005 and the next Shipper Forum on 8 June 2005. (www.

11.0 **Interruption Update**

- 11.1 From 1st August 2005 the final arrangements for the split of Distribution and Transmission Interruption will take effect. The Gas National Control Centre at Warwick will be responsible only for NTS interruption and the Distribution National Control Centre at Hinckley will be responsible for LDZ interruption. Details of contact numbers and responsibilities were presented.
- 11.2 Interruption Information services will also change from 1st August with the removal of the confirmation telephone line and recorded message line. From 1st October the 5 day subscription service for Likelihood to Interrupt will cease.
- 11.3 There will be an Interruption Exercise held w/c 5th September to test the communication process for interruption between NGT and Shippers. This will be a joint exercise with GNCC and DNCC for both NTS and LDZ interruption. This is also an opportunity for shippers to test their communications with their End Users.

12.0 **Emergency Exercise**

- 12.1 The NEC Safety case was updated in March 2005 and the Emergency Procedure E1 is being changed to reflect this, due for publication in August. To test the procedures, in particular the new GSMR Safety Monitor Breach classification, an Emergency Exercise is being planned for late September 2005. More details will follow at the next Ops Forum.

13.0 **A.O.B**

- 13.1 A request was made for information on the Winter Outlook. The consultation ends on this on 15th July and then communications with shippers will be arranged. This may be combined with the next Operational Forum Meeting.

Next Meeting : Date in September 2005 and venue to be advised.