

NATIONAL GRID OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

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Radisson Grafton Hotel, London

Present:

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P Green	National Grid	A Murray	ConocoPhillips
D Sluce	National Grid	H Bartenk	Essen Energy
A Young	National Grid	J Alberola	ExxonMobil
P Youngman	National Grid	C Prestwich	Smartest Energy
P Zeng	National Grid	T Brandi	Statoil UK
A Raper	National Grid	D Hazelwood	Statoil UK
M Shannon	National Grid LNG	S Tolley	Ofgem
J Walsh	E.ON UK	C Peach	SSE
T Johnson	E.ON UK	S Watson	Gaz de France
S Grayson	E.ON UK	C Turner	Glencore
M Tyrrell	Merrill Lynch	M Wilson	PX Ltd
M Dalton	BG Group	M Shannon	EdF Energy
N Dewar	APX	J Smith	Edf Energy
S Wing	Shell Energy	R Warren	SGN
Mark Linke	Centrica Energy	C Ruffell	RWE Npower
R Monroe	Centrica Storage	N Allen	ENI UK
C Boyes	Total Gas & Power	J Bradley	Joint Office
S Waring	IUK	M Curtis	EMCC

1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

No Actions

2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 Compliance Report for October – December 2005 was presented. There were no breaches.

3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for December 2005 and January 2006.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2005 to 31st December 2005 were a net revenue to neutrality of £9.49m (-0.0907p/therm of throughput). This is a significant increase from last year.

3.3 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 scale backs or buy backs in December 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 a response from shippers on what they are doing to improve the accuracy of their DM nominations particularly at 13:00 D-1.

6.0 **Winter So Far**

6.1 This winter has been relatively mild so far (between warm and SND), with high demands between Christmas and New Year and at the start of February. The highest demand so far has been 412.55mcm, on 1st February 2006, which is well below previous years' highest demands.

6.2 After monitoring supply performance, Grid reallocated the supply risk built into the September 2005 safety monitor analysis and believes that the December 2005 assessment remains appropriate.

7.0 **Days of Interest**

7.1 Duncan Sluce gave a presentation on the gas days of 25th December 2005 (when a SMP Sell of 10p was set) and 29th December 2005 (when operating margins gas was used and an SMP Buy of £1.51 was set).

8.0 **Summer Maintenance Programme**

8.1 An overview of this summer's work and the impact it might have on capacity was given by Paul Green.

8.2 The focus of the work is now moving away from the north towards eastern England.

9.0 **APX Gas Update**

9.1 Neil Dewar of APX Gas gave the APX Gas Update.

10.0 **Ofgem Update**

10.1 Ofgem update not required.

11.0 **P70 Process**

11.1 Following feedback from shippers, Paul Youngman's presentation on ECQ included examples of the P70 process.

11.2 Shippers were concerned that confusion could arise due to the amount of information National Grid requires.

12.0 **Operating Margins (OM) – Request for Proposals**

12.1 NG informed the meeting about the ‘Request for Proposals’ to be issued later this month to potential OM service providers, with a view to establishing contestability in the provision of OM.

13.0 **Gemini Price History**

13.1 Due to a rationalisation of screens being used by the National Control Centre, the Price Information History screen will remain but not be populated. The System Balance Status Information History screen should be used to view price information.

13.2 Xoserve are seeking approval for the helpdesk calls raised regarding this, to be closed down as this is not a system fault.

14.0 **Setting Shipper Preferences on Gemini**

14.1 In order to cut down on incorrectly entered data, shippers were reminded that they could set up validation limits for one or more Method of Sale and Location of Entry Capacity.

15.0 **Any Other Business**

15.1 National Grid requested that when submitting changed trades, shippers should set up their APIs such that they only submit the trades which have changed, and not the previously rejected ones as well.

Next Meeting: to be advised