

OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

9 November 2005

Radisson Grafton Hotel, London

Present:

F Gracias	National Grid	R Buckley	CEA
L Roe	National Grid	R Davis	RWE Trading
P Green	National Grid	J Price	Corona Energy
A Malins	National Grid	S Palle	Aron
A Bailey	National Grid	D Fernandez	Centrica Storage
D Lond	National Grid	A Murray	ConocoPhillips
M Shannon	National Grid LNG	B Farrington	Ilex
J Walsh	E.ON UK	C Prestwich	Smartest Energy
A Ryder	E.ON UK	T Johnson	E.ON UK
M Carter	Centrica	T Brandi	Statoil UK
M Tyrrell	Merrill Lynch	K Henriksen	Statoil UK
M Dalton	BG Group	M Rezvani	SSE
N Dewar	APX	I Razoul	Ofgem
T Faiers	Cargill	A Segbedzi	Ofgem
S Wing	Shell Energy	J Lawson	Centrica Storage
Mark Linke	Centrica Energy	C Peach	SSE
A Taylor	Intergen	L Wood	Gaz de France
G Evans	Total Gas & Power	S Watson	Gaz de France
I Sidhu	IUK	S Leedham	CIA
H Fisher	Energy Quote		
K Staunton	Sempra		

1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

No Actions

2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 Compliance Report for August/September 2005 was presented. There were no breaches.

2.2 A record number of 52 buy actions were recorded in August 2005.

3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for September/October 2005.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005 were a net revenue to neutrality of £18.61m (-0.0482p/therm of throughput).

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 October 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 **APX Gas Update**

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

7.0 **Ofgem Update**

7.1 Ofgem update not required.

8.0 **Update on Exercise Moscow**

8.1 Paul Green provided feedback on Emergency Exercise Moscow which was held on 27th and 28th September.

8.2 The exercise went well, and proved that National Grid would be able to manage a real emergency.

8.3 There was some confusion in communications from shippers to GNCC and DNCC.

8.4 For firm load shedding, although the number of incorrect details held had come down, there were a larger number of contacts who did not know how to turn off their gas.

9.0 **Constraint Management**

9.1 Andy Bailey gave an update on Modification 009 which was implemented in July 2005.

9.2 Mod 009 has aligned the UNC with the licence by modifying the triggers for both entry capacity and locational energy actions.

9.0 **Gemini Update**

10.1 An update on Gemini was given by Frank Gracias.

10.2 Gemini was successfully implemented on 18th October.

10.3 A Gemini User Group has been established by Xoserve and the first meeting is due to be held on 13th December.

10.4 The Gemini website will remain with historic information and will be maintained by Xoserve.

10.0 **Proposed Modifications to the Storage Services Contract**

10.1 James Lawson from Centrica Storage gave a presentation on the proposed modifications to the SSC.

11.0 **Any Other Business**

11.1 Shippers asked for information on the progress of maintenance planning. Nothing will be formalised until February, with information being given out in April. There should be more information available at the next Ops Forum.

11.2 Shippers expressed their concerns with the National Grid website. In particular they felt it was very slow and not very user friendly and it should be easier to use.

Next Meeting: In December 2005 exact date and venue to be advised.