

BETTA – CHARGING USER GROUP (ChuG) MEETING

Date: 12th June 2006
Location: SHETL, Inveralmond House, Perth

Attendees:

Grant McEachran	Ofgem
Michael Dodd	Ofgem
Hedd Roberts	National Grid (NG)
Nigel Fox	National Grid (NG)
James Soundraraju	National Grid (NG)
Jim McCulloch	SPT
Max Lalli	SHETL
Craig Neill (part-time)	SHETL
Mo Sukumaran	SHETL, Chair

Notes from last meeting (9 March 2006)

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Update from Other Transmission Charging Forums

NG provided an update on the charging conditions that National Grid currently have under review.

Condition 2 – Incremental Cost of Capacity. Consultation closed end of May. NG will consult with industry on draft modifications to charging methodology statement.

Condition 3 – Intermittent Generation. NG concluded no changes to current methodology and expect to release report in July.

Condition 4 - Long Term Fixed Access Products. It appears Users are not prepared to take on the risks associated with this tariff product. Report to be released in Summer.

Condition 6 – Site Specific Maintenance. Responses to Questionnaire received which supported the view that maintenance of connection assets not cost effective.

SHETL and SPT responded that current charging arrangements are satisfactory and any reform to collect individual site-level costs will result in significant costs which far exceeded any potential benefits to the users.

NG also reported that ITC scheme comes into effect from 1 January 2007. Potential impact on GBSO's Allowed revenue and TNUoS charges.

TO Charging Statements

Ofgem advised that the process for approval of 2006/07 TO Statement worked well. Ofgem will generally consult industry wide on modifications that amend the form of the statement but not for clarification changes. Ofgem commented that clarification and consistency on Connection Boundary is helpful.

NG raised concerns regarding the lack of defined timescales. Ofgem stated their expectation that if the Scottish TOs were aware of any necessary changes, then they would let Ofgem know in sufficient time and that if NG needed information then they

would flag this with a letter to the Scottish TOs copied to Ofgem. It was agreed that ChUG was an appropriate forum to raise any issues.

NG requested clarification of SHETL's treatment of circuit switchers.

CAP097

NG requested that SHETL and SPT submit their application fee data for provision of a Statement of Transmission Works for the different types of embedded distributed generation (CAP 97). Ofgem stressed the need to provide users with as much forward information on fees as possible. SHETL and SPT to submit revised TO Statements to Ofgem for approval.

Ofgem requested that all charging information, statements etc for comment/approval should be sent to Michael Dodd.

STCP Data Requirements

NG to provide a note on data deliverables under STCP 13.1 and 14.1 in advance of formal submission to ensure a timely response from the TOs.

NG have identified some clarification changes to the STCP 13-1 and 14-1 and will circulate draft STCP proposals to TOs for comment.

NG to e-mail TOs requesting specific data requirements to implement Condition 2 final proposal.

NG mentioned that they are carrying out an analysis of the TOs Connections GAV data and will provide discuss outcome.

Transmission Self Build

SHETL gave a presentation of its policy (interim and long term) on transmission self build. Copy of the presentation is appended to this note.

SPT commented that they had no particular issues with SHETL's proposals and generally supported the proposals outlined. SPT added that they had not received to date any request for self build and at this stage have no plans to develop firm proposals.

NG raised a number of areas where the SHETL policy was different to that applied in England and Wales and also commented they are reviewing internally their current policy.

Ofgem reported that there appears to be no particular issues in extending the NERS arrangement for transmission works in Scotland.

Next Meeting

The CHUG meeting will be held in September and hosted by NG - date and venue to be confirmed.