

OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

15th September 2005

Present:

F Gracias	NGT
H Daniels	NGT
Paul Green	NGT
Mark Nicolson	NGT
Mel Wilson	PX LTD
James Cornfield	RWE Trading
Simon Watson	GDF ESS
Jamie Walsh	EON UK
Keith Stanton	Sempra
M Tyrrell	MERRILL LYNCH
Tim Johnson	E.ON UK
Stuart Wing	Shell
Anne-Marie Sejbdsji	Ofgem
Martin Shannon	LNG STORAGE
D Tomlin	BP
C.Boyes	TOTAL
S Casanove	CONOCOPHILLIPS
N Dewar	APX
J Munbodh	NGT
M Russo	ENI UK
Dave Roberts	Centrica

1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

No Actions

2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 Compliance Report for June/July 2005 was presented. There were no breaches.

3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for July/Aug 2005.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2004 to 31st July 2005 were a net revenue to neutrality of £13.28m (-0.0390p/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 Scale backs on 2 days at St Fergus, 1st and 3rd August. No buy backs in Aug 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 **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. It was noted that the system has a new functionality to prevent trades being taken out of price order.

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 and reported at future meetings

10.0 **Gemini Update**

10.1 An update on Gemini was given by Mark Nicolson

- Shipper Trials are complete. The environment is still available for use by shippers
- Implementation outage plans for 17th and 18th October were presented. 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. Nominations can be input on AT link for the 19th October before outage on the 17th Oct.
- Dress Rehearsal is complete
- Disaster Recovery planned before Implementation was successfully carried out on 17th/18th September
- The next Shipper Working Group and Shipper Forum meeting is planned for 6th Oct 2005. See the Gemini web site for further details (www.transco.co.uk)

- Gemini Procedures and Performa's have been reviewed and updated. Notification will be given as to when they are available for viewing on.
- Shippers were supportive of a proposal by Transco to look into the possibility of Renominations in a contingency being submitted electronically as well as fax.
- Consideration was given to sending Nominations and Renominations electronically as well as fax. This will be confirmed and the procedures updated.
- Proforma's will now be available in an editable format

11.0 **Interruption Update – Exercise Ostrich**

- 11.1 An Interruption Exercise was held on 8th September
- 11.2 All notices were successfully transmitted, albeit the DN notices were sent earlier than expected. For NTS sites 10 out of 13 shippers confirmed receipt within 30 mins deadline. All within 1 hour.
- 11.3 The Gas National Control Centre at Warwick is responsible only for NTS interruption and the Distribution National Control Centre at Hinckley for LDZ interruption. Details of contact numbers: Nicola Maughan: 01926 654043 for NTS sites and Diane Bentick: 01455 893137 for LDZ sites
- 11.4 ANS Interruption Notices will now be sent only to those shippers with interruptible sites.
- 11.5 Next test will be Exercise Moscow w/c 26th Sept

12.0 **Interruption Update – Exercise Moscow**

- 12.1 Date of the exercise 27th and 28th Sept
- 12.2 Players will consist of Shippers, iDNs and rDNs and Storage facilities. Scope will include stage 1-5 of an NGSE – Interruption, Maximising Beach Gas and Firm Load Shedding. Leading to a 'long duration' GS(M)R Safety Monitor Breach.
- 12.3 All communication during the exercise will commence with 'Exercise Moscow'

13.0 **Information Exchange web site**

- 13.1 As a result of an exercise to re-brand all National Grid websites, the Information Exchange (IE3) website will change URL with effect from 10th October 2005.
- 13.2 The URL for the IE3 website will change from *info.transco.co.uk* to www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas

14.0 **Storage Monitors**

- 14.1 Paul Green gave a Management and Communication update.
- 14.2 Proposed Communications Summary will involve a 2 day 'Alert' to Shippers, Monitor Breach Notification sent to Industry, in conjunction with declaration of a Stage1 'Potential ' Network Gas Supply Emergency, NEC notification letter sent to Shippers, Storage Operators & Primary System Transporter, Further Updates via the Stage 1 Notification Process
- 14.3 Additional reporting will involve a new Daily Outlook Report. This information will be available on the National Grid web site and will include new 'storage information' (subject to agreement) and will be launched in November 2005.

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