

NATIONAL GRID OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

07 November 2007

Radisson Grafton, Tottenham Court Rd, London

Present:

D Mitchell	National Grid	M Nielson	Dong Natural Gas
P Youngman	National Grid	M Jereceovich	BG Group
B Webster	National Grid	S Jahans	Arcadia
L Ramsey	National Grid	S Taillieu	Distrigas
J Steane	National Grid	T Dufraing	Distrigas
P Green	National Grid	Y Sufi	ENI UK Ltd
R Griffiths	Xoserve	J Smith	EDF Energy
S Kalsi	Xoserve	D Hazelwood	Citigroup
C Moger	APX Gas	J Chadwick	ExonMobil
J Crump	Ofgem	M Rezvani	SSE
V Arr	Ofgem	M Vincent	UBS
M Doherty	Centrica	B Whitehead	StatoilHydro
M Maddox	BGT	R Norris	Metco
A Holmes	ConocoPhillips	J Cornfield	RWE
C Taylor	ConocoPhillips	D Tomlin	BP
A Bell	Scottish Power	S Kahni	Merril Lynch
B Stuart	Barcap	A Vlassis	Gazprom
D Tomlin	BP Gas Marketing		
G Roberts	Macquarie		
H Iverson	Dong Natural Gas		
J Walsh	Eon		
S Grayson	Eon		

1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

1.1 No Actions

2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 The Compliance Report for September and October 2007 was presented. There were no material or non-material breaches during this time.

3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for September 2007.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2006 to 30 September 2007 were a net revenue to neutrality of £11.95m (-0.0318p/therm of throughput).

4.0 Performance of Capacity Regime

4.1 There were no scalebacks and no buy back of firm capacity across all terminals.

5.0 APX Gas update

5.1 Christian Moger gave the APX Gas Update.

7.0 Ofgem Update

7.1 No Update given.

8.0 **Trade and Transfer Results**

8.1 Paul Youngman gave a summary of the impacted ASEPS with results from the two tranches of auctions held.

9.0 **Storage Monitor Update**

9.1 Paul Youngman gave an update. There were no changes to the Safety Monitors.

10.0 **Interruption Exercises**

10.1 Paul Youngman advised of the forthcoming Interruption Communication Exercise to be held w/c 26th November 2007. He stressed no actual Interruption was to take place for this exercise.

11.0 **Monthly Web Updates**

11.1 Paul Youngman advised we would be providing a “backward looking” Winter Update on the Website which would display a number of charts such as Gas Demand, UKCS Monitor, Supply Build up and Gas Prices.

11.2 In response to a question Paul Youngman advised the UKCS graphs was an aggregation of terminal flows monitored against a variety of measures including the maximum capability figure and 90% of flows.

12.0 **UNC Modification Proposals**

12.1 There was no update given.

13.0 **Key Maintenance Update**

13.1 Paul Green advised of two ongoing projects.

13.2 Firstly new pipelines for the Milford Haven project were currently being commissioned in three separate stages. It is believed there will be a supply delay until Q1 and supply assessments have been reduced accordingly. This work is tied in with a major project to modify Wormington Compressor to pump gas West to Wales and also pump gas from Milford Haven to the east.

13.3 Secondly the latest phase of Pannal – Nether Kellet pipeline changes are now completed. On completion of the final phase next year some further flexibility should be available at Easington.

14.0 **Gemini Update**

14.1 The presentation given to the Transmission Work stream on 1st November by Richard Hewitt was shown by Dave Mitchell plus a going forward update.

14.2 Dave Mitchell advised of the urgent mod 0181 which averages the scheduling charge for week days in the 1st to the 20th October period to be applied to Gas Days 22nd to 26th October. He requested shippers urgently check their gas trades, certainly before invoicing and billing.

14.3 Shippers queried why there was no contingency to roll back to Oracle 9. Sat Kalsi of Xoserve explained that two checkpoints were cleared and showed a clean bill health with no

- reason to roll back. Subsequently data had been entered beyond the point of roll back. He advised of extensive testing of the code with internal and external customers.
- 14.4 Eon asked about performance testing and Sat Kalsi agreed performance tests were met but the large volume of traffic on Sunday 21st October (7500 hits on the system through API in the first minute) was not anticipated correctly. The number of shippers using the same screen and same transaction was higher than ever experienced.
 - 14.5 Questions concerning what would have happened if there had been locational problems or National Grid staff did not have use of Gemini were asked. Paul Green answered that there were lessons to be learnt and revision of contingency arrangements would be looked into with the need to have visibility and awareness of arrangements within the shipper community.
 - 14.6 Joy Chadwick from ExxonMobil stated that communication could have been clearer especially concerning the APX feed not working. It was acknowledged that there were problems with communication, and this undoubtedly would be investigated in the reports to the UK link committee.
 - 14.7 The rationality on the decision for mod 0181 was questioned. Dave Mitchell answered that the scheduling charges would have been exceptionally high therefore each shipper would have to be contacted to check each nomination. Scheduling charges are a revenue so a neutral solution was chosen above other options which would also have the least impact on the industry and be the most cost efficient.
 - 14.8 There was a query over contact details. Other communication issues were noted particularly ANS messaging.
 - 14.9 Kat Salsi advised that if shippers experienced any similar problems to go through to the help desk where these would be progressed as priority one.
 - 14.10 The dates for the urgent scheduling mod were queried and Dave Mitchell answered that it would be an average of scheduling charges for 1st October to 21st October applied to Gas Days 22nd though to the 26th inclusive.
 - 14.11 A shipper queried whether the Gemini problem had led to an impact on the market. Dave Mitchell confirmed this had been investigated and no correlation between the two could be found.
 - 14.12 Views on flows at Langald were requested. Paul Green stated the main concern was profiles but had no comment on changes in flows as this was market driven. He had no details as to why there were step changes.
 - 14.13 The email address whereby Shippers can post feedback and queries regarding the Gemini outage is .Box.gasOperations.Centre.satisfaction

15. **Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: 10.30am on Wednesday 05th December 2007 at the Elexon, 350 Euston Rd, London