

Uniform Network Code Modification Proposals

8th October 2008

New Proposals

UNC Review 0221

- Title:
 - Review of Entry Capacity and the Appropriate Allocation of Financial Risk
- Raised by:
 - National Grid NTS on 13 August 2008
- Status:
 - Allocated to Review Group
 - Two meetings taking place each month
- Next stages:
 - Review Group Report to March 2009 Panel
 - Probable UNC Modification Proposal with Report

UNC Review 0221

- Main Features:
 - For Incremental Entry Capacity purchased in the QSEC Auctions
 - Review the existing credit security arrangements
 - Consider the issues which impact upon their efficient and effective operation
 - Develop potential solutions to resolve any issues identified where appropriate
 - Develop any UNC contractual changes as necessary

UNC Modification 0222

- Title:
 - Amendment of Interconnector UK's Minimum Wobbe Limit
- Raised by:
 - National Grid NTS on 26 August 2008
- Status:
 - Closed-out 06 October 2008
 - 11 responses, all supporting implementation
- Next stages:
 - To October Modification Panel for recommendation

UNC Modification 0222

- Main Features:
 - Allows the minimum Wobbe Index Interconnection Agreement (IA) to be the same as the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations (GS(M)R) minimum
 - Currently IA minimum is higher
 - GS(M)R minimum applies elsewhere

UNC Modification 0223

- Title:
 - Provision of day ahead Gas Flow Nomination data at major Aggregated System Entry Points
- Raised by:
 - National Grid NTS on 11 September 2008
- Status:
 - Consultation
 - Close-out 13 October 2008
- Next stages:
 - To October/November Modification Panel for recommendation

UNC Modification 0223

- Main Features:
 - By 18.00 on D-1 National Grid NTS shall publish on its website;
 - Input Nominations by ASEP excluding those not capable of flowing more than 10 MCMD
 - If bi-directional sites net figure recorded
 - If no nominations then zero recorded
 - Part of European Gas Regional Initiative North West (GRI NW).

Proposals in Development

UNC Review 0217

- Title:
 - Gemini Code Contingency Arrangements
- Raised by:
 - National Grid NTS on 10 June 2008
- Status:
 - Allocated to Review Group
 - Meetings taking place monthly (2nd Thursday after UK Link Meeting)
- Next stages:
 - Review Group Report to December 2008 Panel
 - Probable UNC Modification Proposal with Report

UNC Review 0217

- Main Features:
 - Review prevailing Code Contingency procedures in place for Gemini, given the experiences of October and consider the development of ‘Guidelines’ for Gemini specific Code Contingency arrangements.
 - Consider the benefits of including Code Contingency arrangements under the governance of the UNC Committee as a UNC related document.

UNC Modification 0219

- Title:
 - Publication of UK Wholesale Gas Market Liquidity Data
- Raised by:
 - E.ON UK on 31 July 2008
- Status:
 - Transmission Workstream Recommend Consultation
- Next stages:
 - To October Modification Panel

UNC Modification 0219

- Main Features:
 - National Grid NTS to publish aggregated data on a daily basis,
 - The volume of all Shipper trades at the NBP notified to National Grid NTS

Compared with:

- Daily physical flows into the NTS
- Numbers of Shippers Trading
- Numbers of matched trades
- To be published daily by National Grid NTS at D+2

Proposals with Ofgem

NTS Exit Capacity

UNC Modifications 0116 etc

- Title:
 - Reform of the NTS Offtake Arrangements
- Raised by:
 - (0116/V) National Grid NTS 13.09.06/16.11.06
 - (0116A) E.ON 12.10.06
 - (0116B/BV) RWE 13.10.06/16.11.06
 - (0116C/CV/CVV) Centrica 17.10.06/16.11.06/21.12.06
 - (0116VD) Scotia Gas Networks 22.11.06
- Status: With Ofgem for reconsideration
 - Ofgem approved 0116V
 - Competition Commission quashed decision
 - In same process as 0195/0195AV

UNC Modifications 0116 etc

- Main Features
 - Retain Status Quo by deleting sunset clause
 - 0116A
 - Introduce User commitment for flat capacity, retain status quo for flex
 - 0116CVV
 - Introduce User commitment for both flat and flex capacity
 - 0116V, 0116BV, 0116VD

UNC Modifications 0195/AV

- Title:
 - Introduction of Enduring NTS Exit Capacity Arrangements
- Raised by:
 - (0195) RWE (on behalf of Review Group 0166) 17.01.08
 - (0195A) E.ON 21.02.08 (0195AV 17.04.08)
- Status: To Ofgem
 - (0195/1095AV) Unanimously supported by Panel
 - 0195AV preferred by five, 0195 by three
 - Ofgem impact assessment published 21 July 2008
 - Seminar held at Ofgem 22 July 2008
- Next Steps
 - Responses to Impact Assessment by 29 August 2008

UNC Modifications 0195/AV

- Main Features
 - Both Proposals
 - Introduce User commitment for flat capacity, retain status quo for flex
 - Flex information to be placed on website
 - Staged “ARCA type” commitments
 - Enduring capacity can be booked outside annual windows
 - Less auctions than 0116CVV etc

UNC Modifications 0195/AV

- Main Features

- 0195AV

- Entitlement to Daily Interruptible Capacity up to Maximum Supply Point Offtake Rate
 - Entitlement withdrawn when forecast above 80% peak day
 - Overruns are deemed to be firm bookings with full User commitment.

Proposal Implemented

NTS Entry Capacity

UNC Modification 0216/A

- Title:
 - 0216 Introduction of an Additional Discretionary Release Mechanism for NTS Entry Capacity
 - 0216A Introduction of Additional Pay-as-Bid Auctions for NTS Entry Capacity
- Raised by:
 - 0216 National Grid NTS on 09 May 2008
 - 0216A E.ON UK on 22 May 2008
- Status:
 - 0216 Implemented 26 August 2008
 - 0216 Rejected

UNC Modification 0216

- Main Features
 - Provide further opportunity to release entry capacity
 - At the sole discretion of National Grid NTS.
 - Subject to the application of a Reserve Price. For clarification this will be the prevailing AMSEC auction Reserve Price
 - Applied solely within that Capacity Year

UNC Modification 0216A

- Main Features in addition to 0216
 - All releases will be by pay as bid auction of at least two rounds
 - At least 28 days notice will be given
 - Minimum quantity of at least one month “capacity strip”
 - A sunset clause of 30 September 2009

Proposal Withdrawn

NTS Exit Capacity

UNC Modification 0214

- Title:
 - Reservation of Firm NTS Exit Capacity at new NTS Exit Points in the transitional period
- Raised by:
 - RWE on 7 May 2008
- Status:
 - Withdrawn as ExCR approved by Ofgem

UNC Modification 0214

- Main Features: (Reflected in ExCR)
 - During “Transitional Period” ie up to October 2012
 - Specify the circumstances where an ARCA (Advanced Reservation of Capacity Agreement) would be offered
 - Both for NTS Supply Points where reinforcement is required and not
 - Lays out terms to be included

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