

# **NATIONAL GRID OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES**

**26 September 2006  
Radisson Grafton Hotel, London**

**Present:**

F Gracias	National Grid	D Wing	HydroWingas
P Green	National Grid	S Wing	Shell Energy
N Maughan	National Grid	J Chadwick	Exxon Mobil
H Morgan	National Grid	N Lewis	Statoil
N Bradbury	National Grid	D Tomlin	BP
D Lond	National Grid	H Bartenk	Essent
R Griffiths	Xoserve	G Pickering	Total
G Beveridge	ScottishPower	S Kidd	ENI
K Stanton	Sempra	A Shrigley	ENI
D Hutchinson	Hetco	T Johnson	E.ON UK
J Cornfield	RWE Trading	S Grayson	E.ON UK
L Benningshof	SJB Energy Trading	A Mistry	Merrill Lynch
R Cornielje	SJB Energy Trading	N Dewar	APX Group
A Mazzoni	CSL	M Cocking	APX Group
D Fernandez	CSL	C Louger	APX Group
M Christiansen	Gazprom	T Jesshop	ConocoPhillips
C Svaeren	Norsk Hydro	C Prestwich	Smartest Energy
G Roberts	Macquarie Bank	A-M Segbedzi	Ofgem
J Smith	EdF Energy	J Bradley	Joint Office
M Stevens	HydroWingas		

**1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting**

1.1 No Actions

**2.0 Compliance Reporting**

2.1 Compliance Report for July to August 2006 was presented. There were no breaches.

**3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime**

3.1 Data was presented for July and August 2006.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 were a net revenue to neutrality of £18.1m (-0.0519p/therm of throughput). This is a significant increase from last year.

**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 of interruptible capacity or buy back of firm capacity during August 2006.

**5.0 APX Gas Update**

5.1 Malcolm Cocking of APX Gas gave a presentation reporting on the progress of the move from EnEx to the EuroLight platform.

5.2 Member testing will take place in Q2 of 2007 and APX will have more details on the timescale in January 2007.

5.3 Neil Dewar gave the APX Gas Update.

#### 6.0 **Ofgem Update**

6.1 No update.

#### 7.0 **Gemini Update**

7.1 Richard Griffiths gave a presentation updating shippers on the recent outages and incidents which have occurred in Gemini.

7.2 Release 3B will go live on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The Xoserve contact is Neil Morgan.

#### 8.0 **Summer Maintenance Programme**

8.1 Paul Green gave an update on the summer maintenance programme.

8.2 Pipeline work will be continuing into October 2006.

#### 9.0 **Mod 006**

9.1 Nigel Bradbury gave an update on Modification 006 which is due to go live at 0600hrs on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. For details on Mod 006 and APIS, see National Grid website [www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/data/EFD](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/data/EFD).

9.2 Shippers requested exact naming of zones and terminals.

#### 10.0 **Exercise Pelican**

10.1 Nicola Maughan gave details of the 2006 interruption exercise Pelican.

#### 11.0 **Gemini E-mail Contingency**

11.1 Shippers were informed that from 1<sup>st</sup> September a UK Link modification allows them the use of e-mail communications in a Gemini contingency. Procedures are held on the Xoserve xtranet.

#### 12.0 **Winter Outlook - Overview**

12.1 Frank Gracias gave an overview of the winter outlook for 2006/07. National Grid published its winter consultation on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006.

#### 13.0 **Any Other Business**

13.1 Shippers queried the consistency of the demand figures on the website. National Grid is investigating this.

Next Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006 – Radisson Grafton Hotel

This will include an 'Emergency Arrangements Walkthrough' starting at 13.30. In order to make the appropriate catering arrangements, we wish to know if you will be attending the morning Ops Forum session and/or the afternoon walkthrough.