Storage & SO Costs

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Introduction

- This presentation covers analysis of SO costs in relation to a potential SO Storage Commodity Charge (As proposed by GCM03 and subsequently vetoed)
- This analysis covers those costs incurred on a daily basis and hence those costs that can be directly compared with on the day storage utilisation



SO Cost Components

- Daily Costs
 - Shrinkage: Own Use Gas (OUG) = Compressor fuel
 - Shrinkage: Un-accounted for Gas (UAG)
- Annual Costs
 - Operating Margins
 - Constrained LNG (CLNG)
 - Deemed Interruption.
 - Internal Costs
 - Outcome of Incentive Schemes
 - Under or over-recovery from previous year ('K')

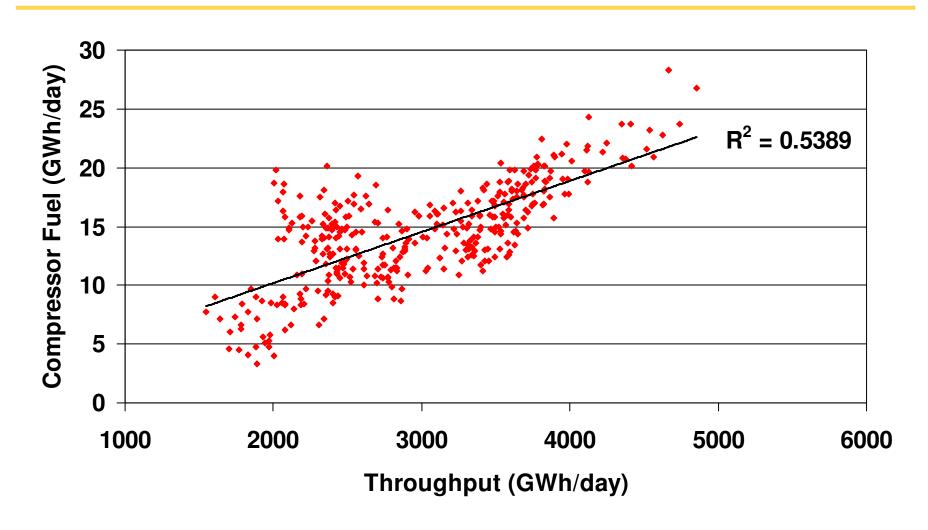
UPDATE

- This presentation has been updated to exclude the shrinkage costs associated with St Fergus compression as there is a separate St Fergus compression charge.
- The previous analysis has been retained and equivalent updated analysis, based on compressor fuel excluding St Fergus fuel, has been added for comparison



OUG (Compression) v Throughput

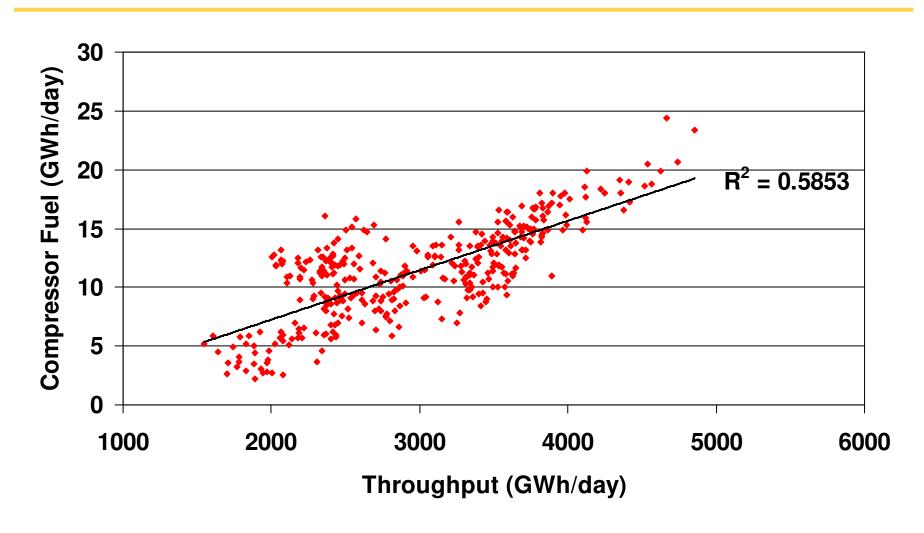
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OUG (Compression excl. SF) v Throughput

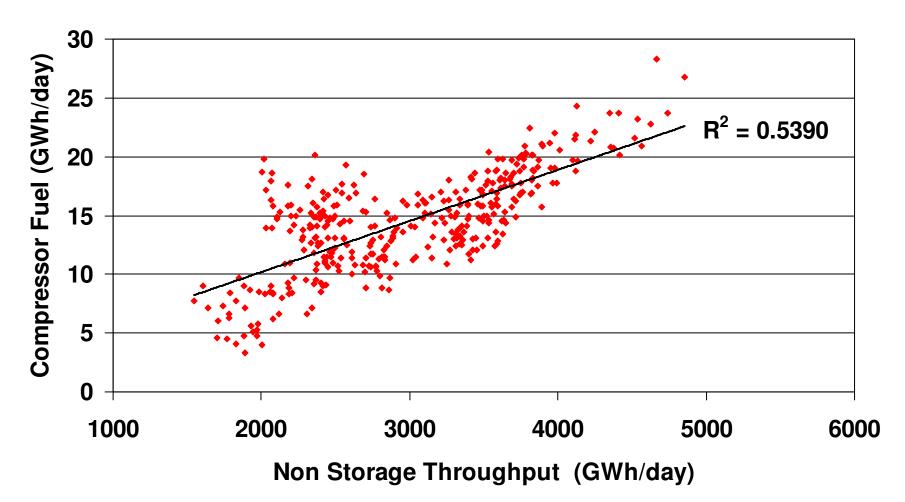
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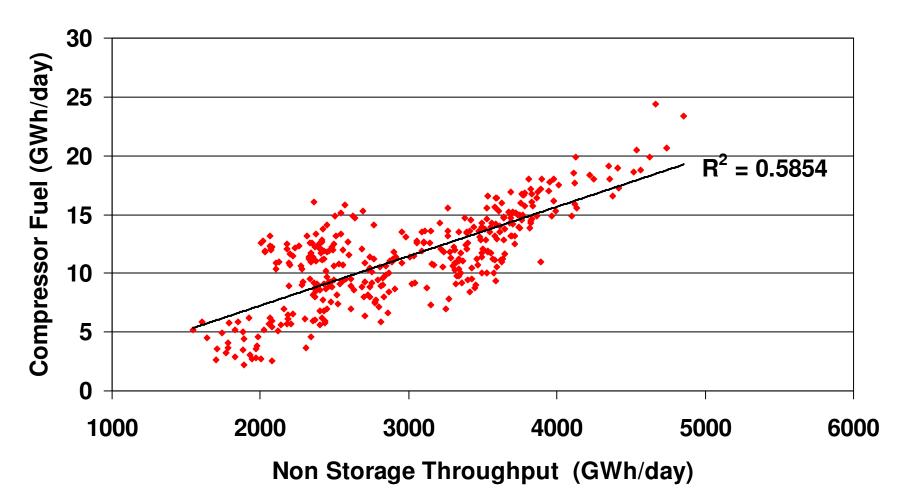
OUG (Compression) v Throughput (excluding Storage)

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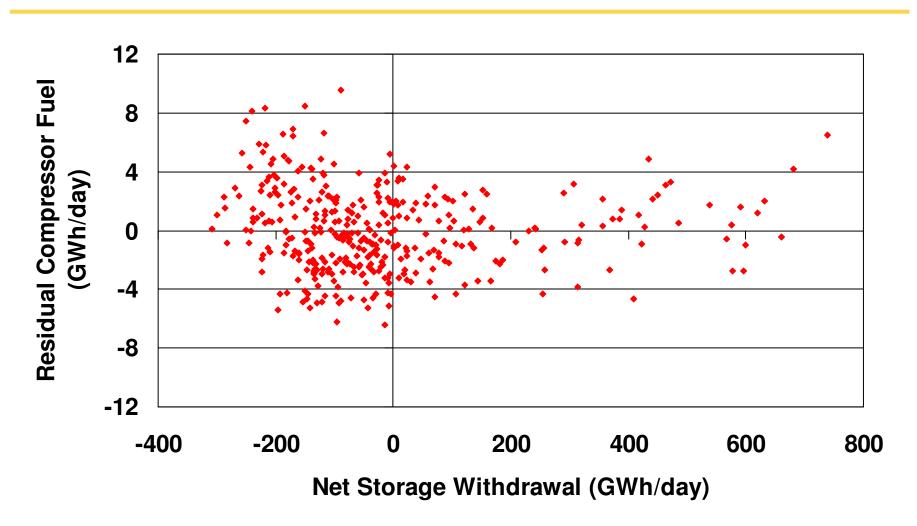
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Discussion

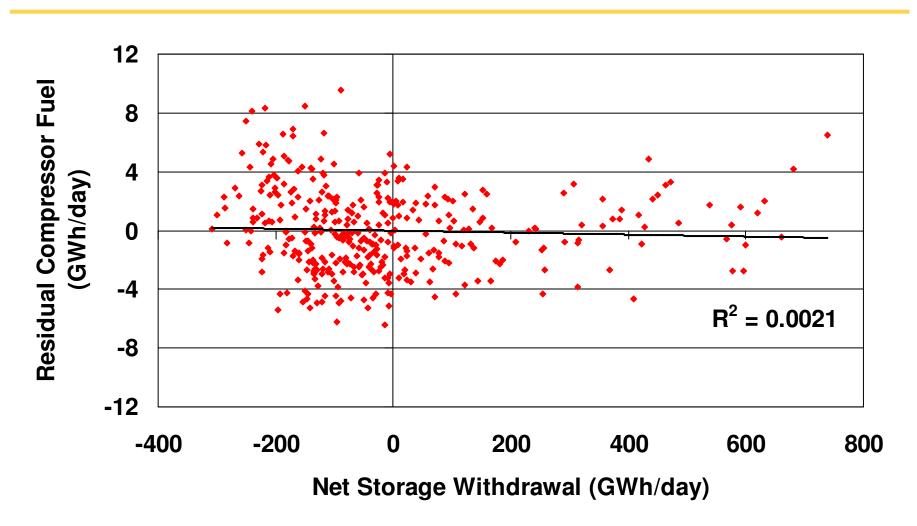
- Clearly there is a relationship between Throughput and Compressor fuel (OUG)
- We can remove the impact of throughput by fitting a linear model and looking at the residuals
 - If compressor fuel increased with storage withdrawal we would expect to see a positive relationship
 - If compressor fuel decreased with storage withdrawal we would expect to see a negative relationship
 - If compressor fuel was not linked to storage withdrawal we would expect to see no relationship

Residual OUG (Compression) v Storage Throughput (April 2006 to March 2007)



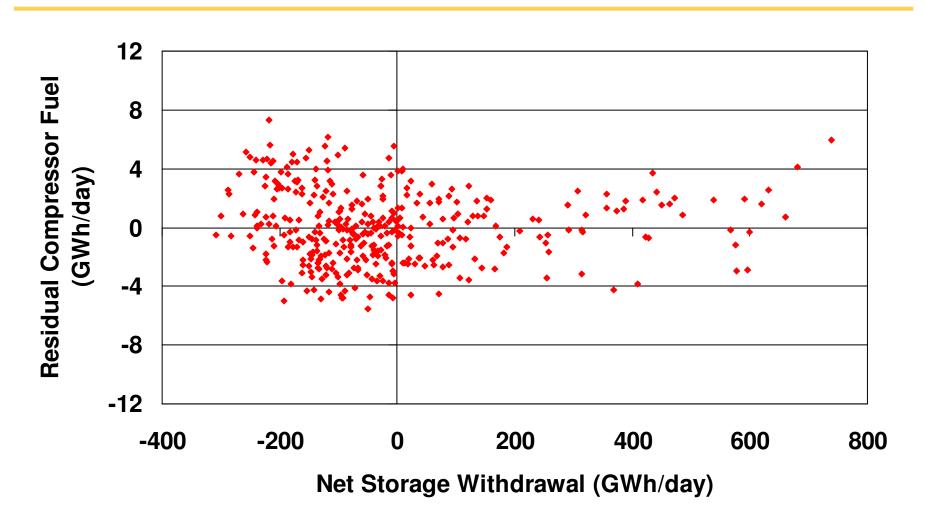


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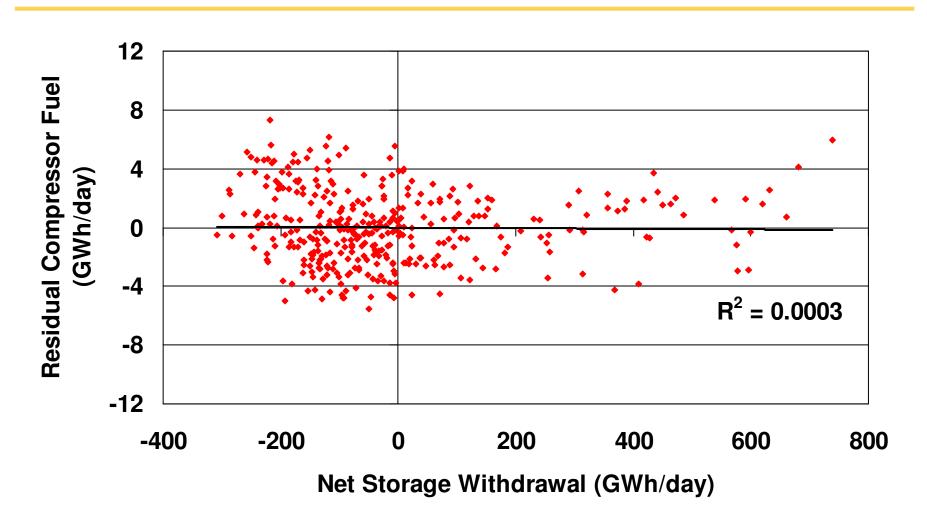


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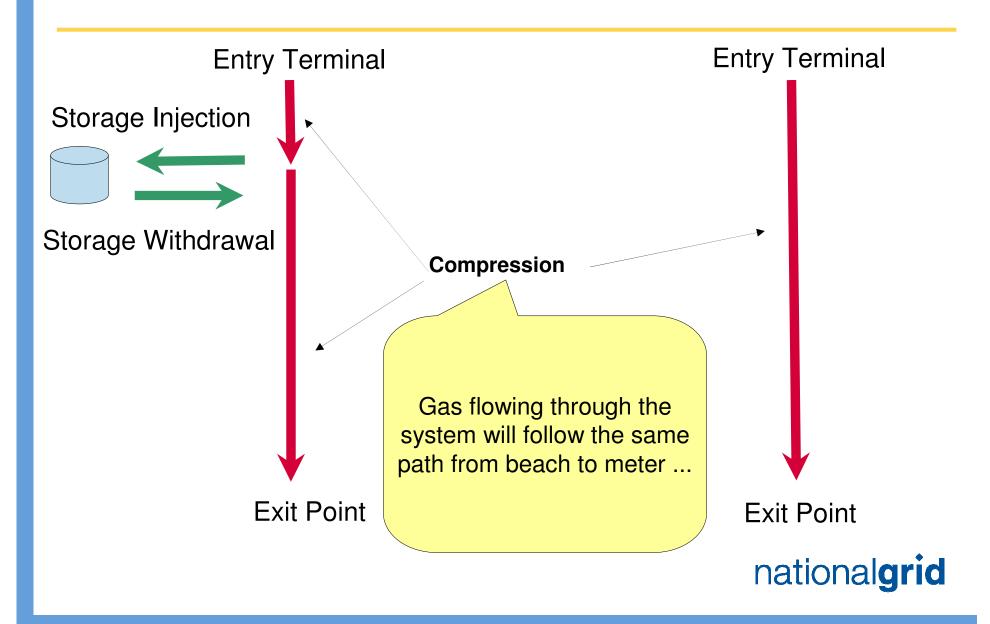




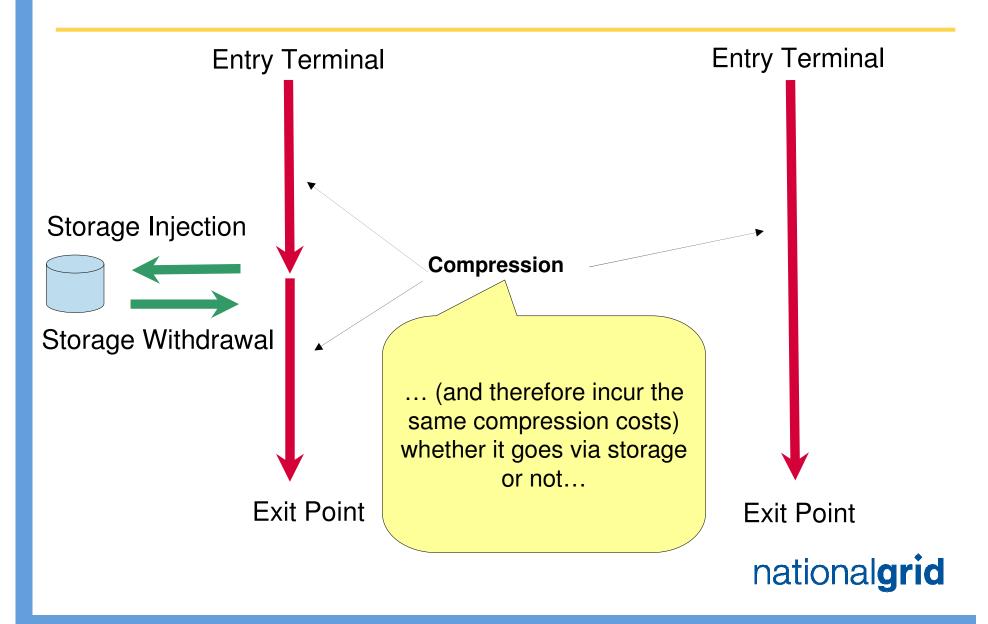
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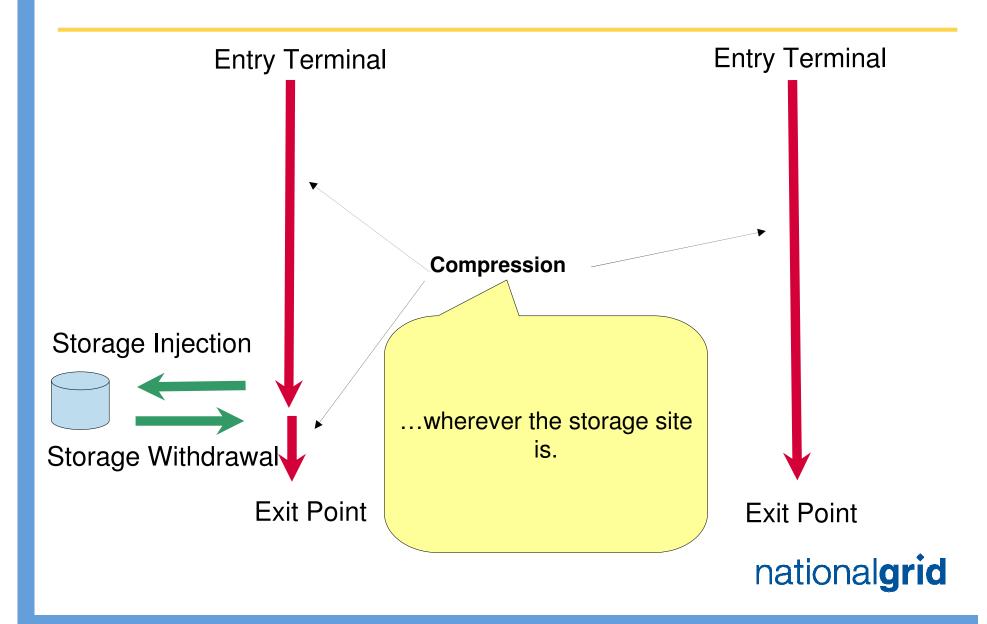
Compression (OUG) & Storage (1)



Compression (OUG) & Storage (2)



Compression (OUG) & Storage (3)



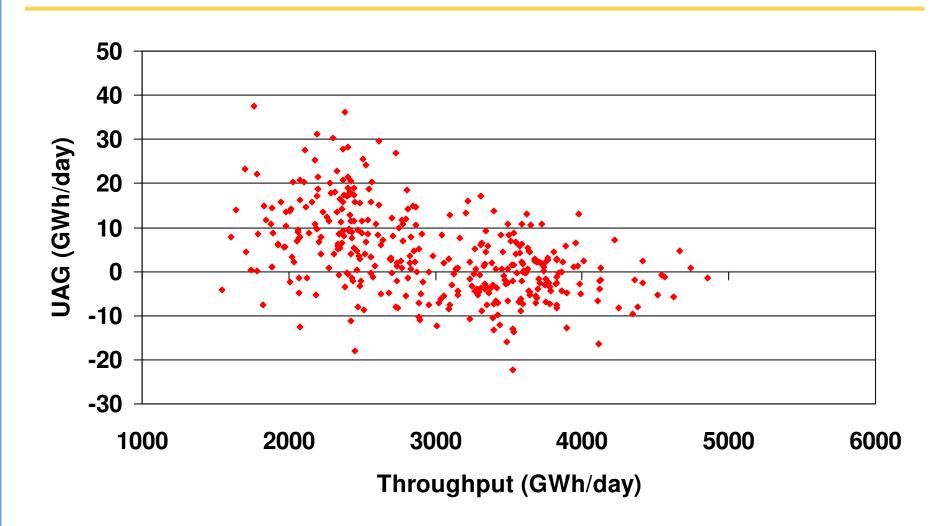
Shrinkage (UAG)

- Unaccounted for Shrinkage Gas is thought to be largely meter error
 - It has been argued that any meter error at storage sites would have no annual impact as injection errors would be cancelled out by withdrawal errors
 - If this was not the case
 - the volume of gas held in storage (which is published) would not agree with in the 'inputs' and 'outputs'
 - There would be an unexplainable increase or decrease in storage stock



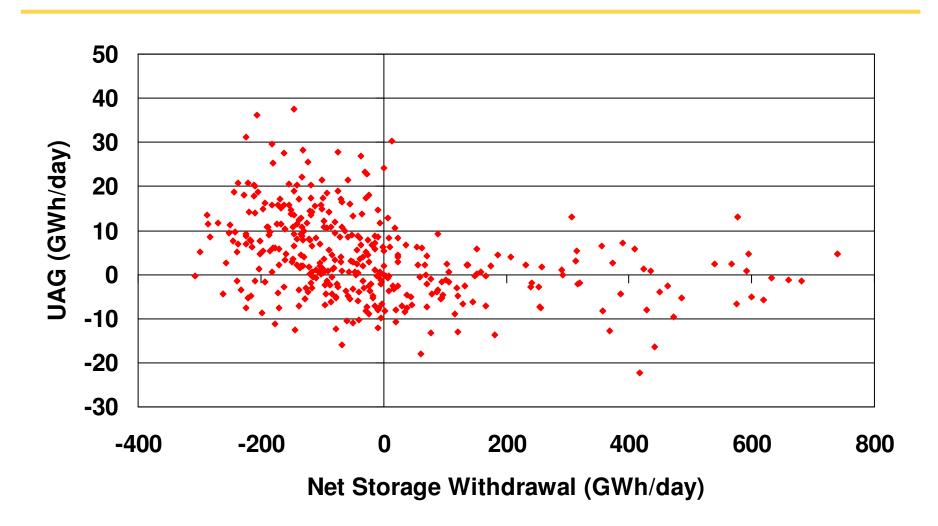
UAG v Throughput

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UAG v Storage Throughput

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Conclusions

- No additional compressor usage as a result of storage injection & withdrawal
 - Including the cost within an SO Storage Commodity charge would therefore lead to double counting
- No positive relationship between UAG and throughput or storage flows;
 - Including the cost within an SO Storage Commodity charge could not be said to be cost reflective
 - Would including the cost within an SO Storage Commodity charge achieve the remaining charging relevant objectives e.g. promote competition?

