Gas Operational Forum March

Meeting Minutes

14 March 2019

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Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 14/03/2019

Location: Radisson Blu, Warren Street, London

Start Time: 09:30

National Grid and Xoserve Attendees

Company	Name and attendance Y/N		
National Grid	Karen Thompson (KT) **N**	Jon Davies (JD) **Y**	Martin Cahill (MC) **Y**
National Grid	Craig James (CJ) **Y**	David Lavender (DL) **Y**	John Carr (JC) **Y**
National Grid	Mark Rixon (MR) **Y**		
Xoserve	Matthew Smith (MS) **Y**		

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action Ref
Operational Overview	• Profile of Demand this winter has been broadly similar to last year • LDZ demand has increased as a percentage of total demand this winter • Most notable change in supply has been the increase in LNG, with a reduction in supply from IUK and storage • CWV in February was significantly higher than the same period last year, with demand in Feb consistently below that seen in the previous 2 years • 1st March saw a demand of 271mcm, compared to 417mcm last year. On this day no Scottish compression was required due to lower Fergus inputs, with higher linepack stored in the central region of the NTS, and flow control used to prevent gas drifting north. Lower use of compression means a cost saving across the industry • Linepack during February remained fairly high to mitigate risk of a sudden cold snap, and was not depleted by any colder weather	
LNG Outlook	• Warmer winter in Asia often cited as a reason for European LNG increase, but this was not significant enough to explain the surge in supply • Large uncertainties in Asian LNG demand, hence low and high scenarios have been developed • Commissioning timescales mean there may be a 'lag' in supply build • Full presentation for this topic is available in the online presentation pack: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/document/126461/download	
GFOP	• Within day linepack swing expected to continue increasing • Main factors are the decline of UKCS supply, increasing use of CCGT power stations for flexibility, and increase in embedded power stations • Latest publication assessing the physical capability of the NTS to meet these needs will be published on the 28th March: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/insight-and-innovation/gas-future-operability-planning-gfop	
Energy Balancing	• Overview of after the day services, D+1 publication, Amendments between D+1 and closeout, and post closeout reconciliation	

	• Energy Balancing team is available 7 days per week • Aim to validate by 10:00 on D+1 • Aim to ensure accurate measurements in GEMINI by D+5 • Reconciliation is used to correct invoices post closeout e.g. if there is a meter error discovered at a later date • Xoserve process, validate and issue invoices on behalf of NG + process post closeout adjustments • Contact details for NG and Xoserve available in online pack	
Operational Data	• Enduring Collaboration platform to be launched later this month • Existing users will be transferred to new platform • Trial of after the day trading data and instantaneous demand will continue to be published on the operational data website: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/data-and-operations/transmission-operational-data • Still need to understand after the day data in more detail, and the value of potential new within day data items • After the day data workshop will take place on the 4th April – please contact Karen Thompson if you are interested in taking part in this: https://mailchi.mp/4d96418ba704/national-grid-post-day-data-workshop • Do not yet understand which Gas Quality parameters would be useful to provide as a potential new data source, please feedback to Karen if you have any thoughts on this	1 2
Other	• New GEMINI nominations vs capacity report to go live in September • Capacity FAQs document available at: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/capacity • Maintenance Plans will go live on 1st April https://www.nationalgridgas.com/data-and-operations/maintenance • Forum Queries to be included in minutes	3
Forum Queries	• **Q: Are Gas Quality limits going to change?** A: There is an IGEM review with proposals to change limits, this is expected to complete in 2020: http://www.igem.org.uk/technical-standards/working-groups/gas-quality.aspx • **Q: Is NTS Map for GQ presentation available publicly?** A: This is not available publicly as it contains confidential information. The simplified map is available and published on the NG website: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/document/119406/download • **Q: Can you confirm that costs of UIG for NTS-connected loads is not charged separately like it is done for LDZ-connected loads?** A: UIG only relates to LDZ connected loads. UAG (Unaccounted for Gas), one of the components of NTS shrinkage, does however relate to NTS connected loads. The costs associated with the procurement of NTS shrinkage gas feed into the setting of future transportation charges for the NTS. Shippers are not charged separately for NTS shrinkage. • **Q: Is the allocation agent service for NTS exit points mandatory or optional? If mandatory, where can I find details on how the allocation service works?** A: It is not mandatory for NTS exit points to enter into an allocation agent service. Details of the allocation agent service offered by National Grid are provided in the National Grid Gas Transmission Transportation	

Charges statement (Shared Supply Meter Point Allocation Arrangements section) published on the National Grid Gas website.

- **Q: Any thoughts on the impact of gas storage construction in China, potentially flatlining annual demand globally?**
  A: There is a government drive to build more storage, but this takes a significant amount of time. Demand has outstripped infrastructure growth, so expect this to still vary seasonably
- **Q: How seasonable do you expect supply to be for LNG?**
  A: Global supply is in sync with LNG demand – would expect some dip in the summer, but not substantial. It can be difficult to predict patterns from countries such as Japan, Korea and Taiwan
- **Is there any appetite to invest to meet potential gap in early 2020s?**
  A: Difficult to predict exact levels, so unlikely to make commitments on long term contracts fir this, although China will sign for some significant projects

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Summary of Actions

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1	Contact Karen Thompson if you are interested in taking part in the post day data workshop on 4th April	Industry	Apr 19
2	Provide any feedback on useful Gas Quality parameters to potentially be provided through Operational Data	Industry	Apr 19
3	Include Forum questions in minutes	NG	Closed