



Gas Operational Forum November

Meeting Minutes

29 November 2018

nationalgrid

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 29/11/2018

Location: Radisson Blu, Warren Street, London

Start Time: 09:30

Attendees

Company	Name and attendance Y/N		
National Grid	Jon Davies (JD) Y	Martin Cahill (MC) Y	Cara Finn (CF) Y
National Grid	Craig James (CJ) Y	Rob Gibson (RG) Y	Emma Piercy (EP) Y
National Grid	Phil Hobbins (PH) Y	Simon Durk (SD) N	
Xoserve	Dave Turpin (DT) Y		

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action Ref
Brexit – Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full notes from this agenda item have been published as a separate document alongside these minutes on the Operational Forum websiteOfgem have provided detail on no-deal contingencies for REMIT since the forum: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/no-deal-eu-exit-remit-contingency-arrangements.Ofgem and BEIS to attend future forums to allow for regular dialogue	 1 2
GASSCO Guest Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">State owned company, comprising System Operations, Capacity Management, Infrastructure Development, and Asset ManagementGASSCO operates the Norwegian gas infrastructure on behalf of GASSLED and other joint ventures6 export receiving terminals across Europe, 80 fields delivering gas, and 3 major processing plantsSystem Operation comprises planning, monitoring, controlling and co-ordination of gas transportBlending service provided for fields delivering off spec gas (around 50% of these deliver off spec continuously)OBA preferred to daily attribution process for deviation between nominated quantity and physical deliveryAasta Hansten and Polarled in development to extend gas infrastructure further northLong term deliveries expected to stay out high levels out to at least 2035	
Operational Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LDZ demand has been higher so far this winter compared to last yearNTS demand mostly as expected with spikes seen at the tail end of October and November. These were driven by unseasonably cold temperaturesIncrease in supply from LNG seen so far this winter. This is due to a decreased price differential to Asian markets	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Operational Overview pack available on website (November extended pack) 	
Linepack Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linepack strategy presented to aid understanding of strategy when trading to manage linepack – particularly when closing linepack varies significantly across days • Linepack describes total volume of gas contained within system (volume covered if at standard atmospheric pressure) • Increasing the linepack results in greater flexibility in operating network, but a higher entry risk • In winter, higher flexibility is required to protect exit pressures (higher linepack), in summer a lower linepack reduces the requirement for compression • When transitioning to colder weather, National Grid may aim to incrementally increase linepack over a number of days. National Grid are incentives to keep the difference between opening and closing linepack smaller than 2.8mcm 	
Interesting Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading Activity by National Grid on 1st October, 21st October and 6th November presented • PCLP can differ from actual closing linepack due to variables such as pressure, temperature, and compressibility. This resulted in a lower than expected linepack on the 1st October • 21st October saw unseasonably warm temperatures. Due to occurring on a weekend, market response was somewhat limited • Trading on 6th November was utilised to respond to consecutive linepack loss over previous days, resulting in a requirement to gain stock • Question around 6th November reasons for depleting linepack in run up – action to look into this further 	3
Preparedness for Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of feedback from October Winter Preparedness session • New website area created to collate useful information for winter: https://www.nationalgridgas.com/data-and-operations/transmission-operational-data/useful-operational-information • Prevailing view design to be assessed in Operational Data Enhancements Group • National Grid to provide Appendix showing data items on prevailing view and where to find ANS • Linepack strategy and interesting days presented to aid understanding of balancing actions taken by National Grid • GEMINI enhancements project to capture feedback around visibility of allocations and password reset • Demand Side Response is currently under review • Offtake Rules to be presented at January Forum 	4 5 6
Winter Outlook Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer cold spells analysed as part of winter outlook – see Figure 2.3 • LNG supplies have been higher than expected so far this winter, and market reacted to higher demand last year • Impact of increased Gas generation due to no coal generation has been modelled, but currently not wind due to embedded generation which cannot be accurately predicted • Storage Monitor requirements are lower due to higher forecast Non Storage Supplies • Any feedback for winter outlook can be provided via links online: 	

Emergency Exercise

- Exercise involved over 300 participants from across the industry
- Further use of G.A.S report to be investigated
- Communications with electricity industry to be enhanced
- Tools and processes for NEMT briefing to be improved
- Investigation of how to exercise commercial response to incidents

MN, GDW, and Balancing Review

- Margins Notice and Gas Deficit Warning workshops completed on 4th October, 1st November, 6th December. This looks at a variety of potential improvements to processes
 - Further information can be found on the joint office website
 - National Grid do not currently see an urgent need for a gas Balancing review. However, we are looking to gather evidence from the industry for views via existing work streams such as GFOP, RIIO T2 engagement, GICP, and Operational Data working group
 - Information on ISO 6976:2016 can be found in Operational Forum extended pack for November
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Meeting Actions

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Summary of Actions

Action Reference	Action	Responsible	Expected Closure
1	Provide information on no-deal REMIT contingencies	Ofgem/BEIS	Complete
2	Ofgem and BEIS to attend future forums to allow for further dialogue related to Brexit preparations	Ofgem/BEIS	Ongoing
3	Look into reasons for depletion in linepack prior to 6 th December	NG	Jan 19
4	Share Link to new website area	NG	Closed
5	Provide Appendix showing where to find data items in prevailing view and ANS	NG	Dec 18
6	Offtake Rules to be presented at January Forum	NG	Jan 19
7	Provide any feedback for Winter outlook at shared link	Attendees	Ongoing