

NATIONAL GRID OPERATIONAL FORUM MINUTES

6th December 2006

Elexon, 350 Euston Road, London

Present:

F Gracias	National Grid	T Jesshop	ConocoPhillips
P Green	National Grid	A Holmes	ConocoPhillips
L Roe	National Grid	D Small	SSE
J Bradley	Joint Office	M Rezvani	SSE
R Griffiths	Xoserve	A Shrigley	ENI
A-M Segbedzi	Ofgem	V Petersen	Dong Energy
G Beveridge	ScottishPower	A Jasper	British Gas
S Grayson	E.ON	N Smith	Centrica Storage
J Walsh	E.ON	S Waudby	Centrica Storage
N Dewar	APX Gas	M Stevens	Hydrowingas
C Moger	APX Gas	F Leather	Gazprom M&T
M Linke	British Gas Trading	C Lyle	EFET
D Tomlin	BP	H Bartenk	Essent Holland
R Wilson	Statoil	S Kanji	Merrill Lynch
R Poulter	Shell Energy	K Ewing	Sempra
S Wing	Shell Energy	K Stanton	Sempra
C Prestwich	Smartest Energy		
J Cornfield	RWE		
C Fall	Total		

1.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting

1.1 No Actions

2.0 Compliance Reporting

2.1 Compliance Report for October 2006 was presented. There were no material or non-material breaches during the month.

3.0 Performance of the Energy Regime

3.1 Data was presented for October 2006.

3.2 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006 were a net revenue to neutrality of £23.7m (-0.0634p/therm of throughput).

3.3 Balancing costs for period 1st October 2006 to 31st October 2006 were a net revenue to neutrality of £0.5m (-0.0179p/therm of throughput).

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 During October 2006 there was 25% scale back of interruptible capacity at Easington on just one day. There was no buy back of firm capacity.

5.0 Days of Interest – 14 November 2006

5.1 Frank Gracias gave a presentation on the operation of the system on 14th November 2006, when there were very large fluctuations in supply/demand and National Grid took sell and buy actions and set both SMPS on the day.

6.0 **Winter Update**

6.1 Frank Gracias gave a presentation on the winter so far.

6.2 October and November 2006 have been the warmest on record with the highest demand being 325.5mcm compared with last year's figure of 376.2mcm.

7.0 **APX Gas Update**

7.1 Neil Dewar gave the APX Gas Update.

7.2 APX is holding a business forum on 13th December 2006 relating to the EnEX to EuroLight migration.

7.3 Next year APX are implementing an IT user forum and requested contact details from shippers. The date for the forum is 30th January 2007.

7.0 **UNC Modification Proposals**

7.1 John Bradley gave an update on UNC modifications.

8.0 **Ofgem Update**

8.1 No update.

9.0 **Gemini Update**

9.1 Richard Griffiths of Xoserve gave details of recent outages and incidents and post closeout implementation of Gemini Release 3b.

10.0 **Exercise Neptune**

10.1 The preliminary findings have been submitted to the HSE and the report is expected soon. The HSE is intending to publish the full report on its website.

11.0 **PCLP on Gemini**

11.1 A shipper queried the reason for the PCLP being published, quite often, on the website ahead of being published on Gemini which most shippers were monitoring and reacting to. National Grid took away an action to look into the matter.

Next Meeting: 10.30am on 31st January 2007 at the Elexon Offices, 4th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London