

Minutes

Meeting name	Electricity Balancing System (EBS) IT Subgroup
Meeting number	14
Date of meeting	15 th Sep 2015
Time	10:00 – 14:00
Location	Holiday Inn Winnersh Triangle

Attendees

Name	Initials	Company
Antonio del Castillo	AdC	Chair, National Grid
Sally Cox	SC	Technical Secretary, National Grid
Sarvesh Kumar	SK	National Grid
Steve Roberts	SR	National Grid
Afe Ogun	AO	National Grid
Ann Morgan	AM	National Grid
Allan Viney (teleconf)	AV	Scottish Power
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF
John Sherban	JS	Quorum
Paul Fothergill	PF	Quorum
Mahesh Chauhan (teleconf)	MC	EON
Richard James (teleconf)	RJ	CGI
Michael Joyce (teleconf)	MJ	EON
Stuart Green (teleconf)	SG	Dinorwig
Paul Hardy (teleconf)	PH	Siemens

1 Introductions

All participants introduced themselves.

2 Previous Meeting – Minutes and Review of Actions

No comments were received regarding the minutes from the last meeting. These were, therefore, agreed.

The actions were reviewed and the action list updated.

3 Industry consultation outcome

Antonio mentioned only a small number of parties have responded on the transition consultation questionnaire. There were range of views which have been incorporated in the transition draft plan to be circulated in this month. He mentioned that responses received were from a mix comprising of suppliers and MPs. He further mentioned that responses to questionnaire will be summarised and National Grid will incorporate their views in the transition plan.

4 Program update

Factory Testing in US is now complete. System Integration Test in UK have started. In December National Grid will receive Version 1.3 which will be the final version

before the UAT kicks off. UAT runs for approximately 2 months. He added that contingency on the project is reduced to 3 weeks. One of the main reasons for the delay relates to Pump Storage modes and the GB network CIM loading process.

5 Industry Testing Update

Sarvesh presented the external testing update. He touched upon the external test plan. Multiple instructions test with 2 suppliers completed with no major observations. These additional tests around auto resource dispatch capability of EBS will be included in the formal type test to be performed in Q1 2016. Pump storage test with 1 control point is complete and others are to be scheduled in next few weeks.

60% of Market Participants have completed EDT Circuit connectivity tests with National Grid. Remaining 40% are targeted to complete these tests. Sarvesh mentioned that it will be good to complete these tests as soon as possible.

Sarvesh mentioned that VPN setup for EDT*/EDL* for 3 of the suppliers has been completed. National Grid is waiting for outer proxy to be available before an end to end test can be performed.

Next Steps

Sarvesh confirmed that Informal Type tests will continue as required alongside the EDT circuit connectivity.

Sarvesh pointed out that EBS is capable of sending multiple instructions at the same time with the same log time for one power station. The receiving end has to be capable of accepting such multiple instructions. National Grid have completed these test with 2 suppliers and rest are to be scheduled. **ACTION:** Sarvesh to schedule test with the remaining suppliers.

6 Transition Plan

Afe Ogun presented an overview of the transition approach. The draft transition plan is attached here.

Q: Graham Bunt (EDF Energy) expressed concern on the length of the notice period i.e. 4 weeks for planning access validation trials. He also mentioned that he would be keen to do these access validation trials from test to test before completing these on production.

NG: National Grid's current view is to stick to 4 weeks' notice for each validation trial, although an earlier indication of dates will be done around February. EBS Test and Production systems are going to be available to carry out these tests. NG will complete these trials using the test environment in order to be ready on time for access validation.

7 Communication Strategy

Communication Strategy is part of the transition plan. Graham suggested the use of Microsoft Lync as an additional instant messaging system for the EBS stakeholder group. As part of the communication strategy it was suggested for each organisation to identify a business change contact or a communication contact.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a teleconference on 1st December 2015 (TBC)

9 Any Other Business

Antonio closed the meeting and teleconference by thanking all the attendees.