



Gas Operational Forum February 2020

Meeting Minutes

20 February 2020

nationalgrid

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 20/02/2020

Location: Amba Hotel, Charing Cross

Start Time: 09:30

National Grid and Xoserve Attendees

Company	Name and attendance Y/N		
National Grid	Josh Bates Y	Martin Cahill Y	Ian Radley Y
National Grid	Sarah Carrington Y	Harj Kandola Y	Phil Hobbins Y
National Grid Partners	Iliana Portugues Y	James Garlick Y	
Xoserve	Matt Smith Y		

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action Ref
Operational Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LNG again reached levels similar to the records set in DecemberStorage withdrawal has increased bringing stock levels down (but still towards the higher end of the historical range)January was warmer than in previous years, accounting for a decrease in the LDZ demand compared to the last winterRecent Gas Power station utilisation has been lowerDemand has fluctuated significantly in January, with 10 days separating the highest Demand day of the year (362mcm) with the lowest Demand day since the start of November (233mcm)Higher demand days have generally been matched by increased supply at Grain and Milford	
European Gas Prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Guest Presentation provided by Argus MediaFocus on low spot prices, and unusually shaped forward pricesMarch prices below summer monthsA cold winter would leave storage stocks at around 2018 levelsLNG market share at new high	
Prevailing View Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operational Data enhancements project is scheduled to complete in June, implementing new data items, improving the user experience when accessing data, and improving the quality, timeliness and efficiency with changes to the underlying data structureData Community site will be kept on an enduring processNew prevailing view screen to go live over the next few weeks- demonstrated in the session with some minor changes to be made before go liveExisting screen to be available alongside the new one for a period of 3 months while users familiarise themselves with the new layoutChanges to this page can be made much faster in the future with the more standardised design tools used	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action NG send comms when new Prevailing View screen is live 	1
Innovation at National Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Grid Partners is a non-regulated part of the company, separate from the core regulated business Focus on partnerships, innovation and building an entrepreneurial mindset in businesses across National Grid Gas plays 7 roles in a transition to a clean future, so is key in many innovation projects 	
Margins Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Margins Notice process started from October 2019 A new method was implemented to determine LNG contribution to available supply, with the process to apply over the winter period only (but with an ability for NG to reinstate in April by exception) New LNG method ensures a higher LNG figure contributes to overall NSS number- previously the assumption from this tended to remain constant during the winter New Interconnector methodology was not introduced as in historic years would have triggered a Margins Notice with Demand below 300mcm New figure has generally been above what was last year with the new methodology. 17 December would've resulted in a Margins Notice had the interconnector methodology been introduced 	
Charging Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ofgem published minded to position in December 2019, with a preference for 0678A (postage stamp methodology) Consultation responses for impact assessment due by 24 February 2020 Decision from Ofgem is expected around May 2020 If 678A is chose, this will be effective from October 2020 There will be no changes to capacity processes (although the capacity access review will assess these separately) Storage and Interruptible discounts in discussion No Shorthaul included – new product is being progressed separately by 0670R 	
GEMINI Re-Platforming Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-Platforming project will not affect the functionality Underlying structure will be replaced All GEMINI users have the opportunity to test connectivity to new data centre from 13th April to 8th May 2020 There will be an extended outage on 5th July 2020 – between 8 and 12 hours expected Contingency data will be made available during this outage 	2
Changes to NIFR Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deemed to Flow Fax will be replaced by an automated process where nominations that fail flow rate validation will go straight to GNCC for approval There will be a new GEMINI screen created to monitor the status of requests This will go live in April Questions from last month: 	

Why is the reschedule process window open until 4am when nominations on GEMINI have to be made by 3am?

Re-nominations are available up to Gemini housekeeping window

Will nominations created using the renominations API automatically create a NIFR request if necessary, or will a manual process be required in the Gemini front end?

Yes the API will generate the NIFR request without any frontend activity required

Are any changes to the API request needed to facilitate this?

Only the number of text characters in the message section of the API has been extended, However this has no impact to the structure of the API (within original specifications)

Are there any changes to the API response that we will receive if a renomination results in a NIFR request?

Only the number of text characters in the message section of the API response file has been extended, However this has no impact to the structure of the API (within original specifications)

Can an API be setup to notify for approval of the request?

New API's are out of scope. However a new Gemini screen has been created which allows shippers to view the status of NIFR requests.

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- UAG Report
- NG propose to immediately start publishing UAG report in May and November rather than April and October
 - We believe this is what was intended in the licence wording
 - This will allow for a full year's worth of data in the May report
 - If UAG hasn't changes significantly at the mid year point, a shorter report will be produced to allow for efficiency and concentrate on longer term UAG projects
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Summary of Actions

Action Reference	Action	Responsible	Expected Closure
1	Send out comms for new Prevailing View screen when live	NG	March 20
2	Contact Box.OperationalLiaison@nationalgrid.com if you would like to be involved in connectivity testing	Industry	April 20