



Gas Operational Forum February

Meeting Minutes

14 February 2019

nationalgrid

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 14/02/2019

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) Y Jon Davies (JD) Y Martin Cahill (MC) Y
National Grid	Harj Kandola (HK) Y Elaine Baker (EB) Y Stephanie O'Connor (SO) Y
Xoserve	Helen Field (HF) Y

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action Ref
Operational Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• 23rd of January saw the highest power station demand since 2010, with CCGTs supplying around 55% of the total electricity demand, which required 97mcm of gas from the NTS	
Brexit Preparations (Notes from BEIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering the deal negotiated with the EU remains the government's top priority. However a responsible government must plan for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario. Before Christmas BEIS took the decision to intensify and accelerate no deal planning to ensure we are fully prepared.• In December, Cabinet agreed to proceed with the Government's next phase of no deal planning. This means BEIS are setting in motion our remaining no deal plans. We recommend that businesses and individuals now also ensure they are prepared and enact their own no deal plans as they judge necessary.• In a 'no deal' scenario, the mechanisms of cross-border trade are not expected to fundamentally change.• The EU Withdrawal Act moves EU legislation into UK law and Government have prepared no-deal Statutory Instruments (SIs) to make the legislation operable and remove elements that no-longer work in a no-deal scenario. The SIs are drafted to maintain stability and not to change the policy.• The Government and Ofgem are working with interconnectors to ensure new access rules can be approved in Great Britain and are providing support to interconnectors engaging with EU Member State authorities.• The administrators of the various domestic industry codes: (the technical rules of the domestic gas market) will need to ensure that the codes are updated. Ofgem will lead the licence change process in Great Britain and has recently issued a document to industry outlining the process it will follow and the Utility Regulator will lead the licence change process in Northern Ireland.	

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- National Grid (Great Britain's Transmission System Operator), Premier Transmission Limited (Northern Ireland's Transmission System Operator) and the UK's interconnector operators currently use the PRISMA gas capacity trading platform to allocate capacity at interconnection points. PRISMA is a privately-owned gas capacity trading platform that provides services for a range of EU and non-EU countries. National Grid and Premier Transmission Limited are both PRISMA shareholders and currently hold commercial contracts for PRISMA's services; their intention is to continue using the PRISMA platform.
 - The solidarity provision from the security of gas supply regulation doesn't work in UK law in a no-deal EU exit scenario – as it depends on reciprocity from another Member State which cannot be guaranteed.
 - BEIS are happy to attend the Forum in March 2019 for a further update on Brexit preparations.
 - BEIS recommend that stakeholder read the Technical Notice on cross-border gas trading.
 - If you would like to receive updates on EU Exit, particularly focused on electricity and gas markets and trading, from the Department, please email: EnergyEngagement@beis.gov.uk

Interesting Day

- Deep dive presented, looking at highest demand day of the winter so far – 402mcm on the 23rd of January
- This was the second highest demand day since 2011
- Balanced supply pattern on the day and a high opening linepack of 357.98 meant a lower requirement for NTS reconfiguration and complex compression strategy for a day of such high demand
- East coast compression strategy employed, utilising Hatton, Peterborough, Huntingdon, Aylesbury and Lockerley, as well as Aberdeen and Avonbridge
- High supply from Grain helped to meet South East Demand
- North West Withdrawal was roughly equivalent to NW LDZ Demand
- Milford flows met a significant proportion of SW and Wales Demand
- 1st March 2018 required roughly double the amount of compression, due to a less balanced supply profile with heavier flows from the East, lower Scotland flows, and a lower starting linepack which depleted at a faster rate with supply losses in the morning

Gas Markets Plan

- Gas Markets Plan follows on from Future of Gas work, looking at changes required over the next 2-10 years
 - This needs to include Customer and Stakeholder views of what the future might look like
 - Testing with stakeholders has shown a strong support to initiate the plan
 - The objective is to have a project plan with different aspirations, identifying which projects fit together
 - Topics discussed at Operational Forums such as information provision, GEMINI changes and pressure services are included as part of the change plan
 - More information available at: www.futureofgas.uk
 - Updates will be provided in the Future Markets Gas newsletter: subscribe here: <https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?u=f8abb3ae74efc2234c1b9c27d&id=1c9098444f>
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Gas Future Operability Planning:

<https://www.nationalgridgas.com/insight-and-innovation/gas-future-operability-planning-gfop>

Winter Outlook:

<https://www.nationalgridgas.com/insight-and-innovation/winter-outlook>

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Summary of Actions

Action Reference	Action	Responsible	Expected Closure
1	Feed back any specific requirements for GEMINI APIs	Industry	Mar 19
2	Submit any queries to be included in Capacity Auction FAQs	Industry	Mar 19
3	Any further feedback for Operational Data Enhancements delivery in 2019 to be submitted in the next 6 weeks	Industry	Apr 19
4	First scoped Operational Data requirements to be fed back at March Forum	NG	Mar 19