

GDPCR Industry Cost Assessment Workshop

19 April 2007, Room 9

Purpose

The purpose of the cost workshop is:

- To provide an opportunity both for GDNs to explain and justify their forecast costs by addressing the key issues in the fourth consultation document, and for other parties to directly question the GDNs and seek further information; and
- To improve the GDPCR consultation process by facilitating greater discussion of the issues set out in the fourth consultation document in advance of the deadline for responses.

Format/Agenda

The format will be a round table workshop with GDNs, stakeholders and Ofgem. These parties will be informed and interested stakeholders. The GDNs will present company specific views on their forecast costs and then their views on each of the subject areas and issues raised by the consultation. This will then be followed by general discussion with the stakeholders covering views on this area. We expect the sessions to be interactive and questions from attendees after the presentation (or during if necessary).

Tea & coffee

9:30

SESSION 1

10:00

Introduction

David Gray and Joanna Whittington, Ofgem

GDN view on operating costs (WWU)

10:10

WWU will present their case for forecast costs in general detailed in their bid along with a focus on the key issues associated with opex. In particular they will provide their views on how the analysis should be pulled together and how opex allowances should be set

General group discussion

10:30

GDN view on capital expenditure costs (SGN)

11:00

SGN will present their case for forecast costs in general detailed in their bid along with a focus on the key issues associated with capex that the fourth consultation raises.

General group discussion

11:20

Lunch

12:00

SESSION 2 **12:30**

GDN view on replacement expenditure costs (NGG) 12:30
NGG will present their case for forecasts costs in general detailed in their bid along with a focus on the key issues with the repex programme that the fourth consultation document raises.

General group discussion 12:50

GDN view on general costs (NGN) 13:20
NGN will present their case for forecast costs in general detailed in their bid and raise any other issues for discussion by the group

General group discussion 13:40

CLOSE 14:00

For information - The gas distribution charging forum will take place at 14:30 at Ofgem.

Attendees

1	Bob Westlake	WWU
2	Charles Hazelwood	WWU
3	Alex Wiseman	NGN
4	Paul Hemsley	SGN
5	Mel Karam	SGN
6	Jonathan Callighan	NGG
7	Ed Syson	NGG
8	Paul Whittaker	NGG
9	Alison Russell	Centrica
10	John Costa	EDF Energy
11	Dennis Timmins	RWEpower
12	Charles Ruffell	RWEpower
13	Fiona Upton	Powergen
14	Wasif Anwar	EON - Energy
15	Richard Street	Statoil UK
16	Eddie Proffitt	MEUC
17	Gareth Davies	Chemical Industries Association
18	Abid Sheikh	Energywatch
19	Sebastian Eyre	John Hall Associates
20	Sundeep Klair	Energy Networks Association