



Enhanced information provision and revision of the Gas Balancing Alert for Winter 2009

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Enhanced Winter Information Provision

- ◆ **Existing information doesn't provide a succinct picture for 5 day ahead supply/demand balance**
- ◆ **National Grid considers this should be addressed before Winter 2009**
- ◆ **Work with industry stakeholders**
 - ◆ to develop and agree the new summary view (s) (formats) of the existing data provision; that will add value to the market
- ◆ **National Grid intends to raise a proposal to align the Gas Balancing Alert (GBA) to the revised Safety Monitor information**

Safety Monitor changes

- ◆ **All changes to the Safety Monitor are under existing UNC Section Q**
- ◆ **No change to determining space requirements**
- ◆ **BUT changes to allocation – from 3 storage types (LRS, MRS & SRS) to a single aggregate ‘Total Storage’ figure:**
 - Enables equitable treatment for all storage types (includes storage facilities previously not included)
 - Provides greater clarity
 - Ability to show a winter deliverability profile as well as a winter space profile
 - Existing stock reporting of LRS, MRS & SRS to continue

GBA Changes

◆ **Setting of GBA to be consistent with Safety Monitor assumptions**

- Aggregated storage
- Reference to LRS, MRS, SRS removed
- GBA storage based on 2 days+ of every storage site rather than by storage type
- Hence GBA trigger level movements will tend to be smaller and possibly more frequent

◆ **Improved market information**

- Increased transparency of supply / demand assumptions
- Greater clarity of remaining storage position

◆ **Raise draft Proposal to reflect the use of single aggregate Storage Monitor within the GBA**

◆ **Send draft Proposal to Mod Panel (July) with a recommendation that it proceeds to consultation**

Existing data provision

◆ Existing data already published by National Grid:

- TBE supply forecast
- Five day NTS demand forecast
- Storage stock levels
- Storage deliverability
- Safety Monitor levels

.... but its publication might be considered by some as disparate

New Summary Reporting options

Objective: To summarise existing data provision into new reports to help the market to operate more efficiently and effectively

Five day ahead view of supply/demand balance

- ◆ assuming maximum deliverability of storage?
- ◆ assuming 25mcm supply shock?
- ◆ ... others?

60 day view on Safety Monitor

◆Formats

- ◆ Web based information
- ◆ Traffic light status reporting?

Proposed Workshops

- ◆ **Transmission Workstream have organised workshops:**
 - National Grid (Network Operations and Commercial) will facilitate
 - request participation from all interested parties
- ◆ **Will seek views on our summary reporting options**
- ◆ **Will provide an opportunity for workshop participants to table other summary reporting options.. based on existing data provision**

Timetable

- ◆ **Transmission Workstream 2nd July 2009**
- ◆ **Demand-Side Working Group 14th July 2009**
- ◆ **Workshops 29 July/19 August 2009**
- ◆ **Progress new summary reporting requirements based on the consensus view**
- ◆ **Publication of new summary reports from 1st October 2009**
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