

# Security of Supply SCR – A suppliers view



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THEY WERE CREATED AS AN OVERVIEW OF THE MAJOR THEMES AND COMMENTS PROVIDED BY ALL SHIPPERS AND SUPPLIERS DURING THE OFGEM SCR WORKSHOPS.

# Process

## •Negatives

- Closed 'invite only' workshops
- Time was limited in the workshops
- Focused purely on supply deficit emergencies
- Minutes difficult for non-attendees to follow



## •Positives

- Ofgem representatives appear open to views
- Good, open dialogue (each meeting all attendees contributed)
- Debate was not curtailed
- Ofgem team clearly making active efforts to engage outside of Workshops (Gas Forum, DSWG etc)
- Willing to discuss previous Ofgem decisions and assumptions

# Major Themes - Prior to an Emergency

## Principle

- Where is the problem?
  - Shipper/supplier incentives and obligations to balance are in place now
  - Historic customer interruptions have been Transporter led
- Would measures result in supply-side investment?
  - Incentives would drive the least cost option (insurance, flexibility products or accept the risk)
  - Obligations would distort the market and destroy competition (small suppliers could not compete with vertically integrated suppliers).
  - Would VoLL be set prior to the day?
- Is the current approach in the best interest of consumers?
  - Costs will be passed to consumers (flex costs reflect 5%-10% price increase)
  - Customer choice? Opt Out?
  - International competitiveness

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## Practical

- **Different deficits causes may create differing issues**
  - Cold weather/International disputes – Medium/Long lead time allows market response and positions to be covered. International competition for energy.
  - Accidental damage/Terrorist Attack – Short lead time. Limited market response and response may not be possible.
- **Demand Side Response**
  - Mod 90 changes never considered the benefit in supply deficit situations but these sites provided a significant degree of protection
  - Medium and Smaller customers demonstrate little appetite (only 10% of customer placed bids for interruptible contracts) for enduring arrangements
  - Smaller customer will need smart meters to make this viable
  - Scope to reform arrangements to create a demand side response market that NGG could access
- **How to calculate VoLL?**
  - Summer/Winter – Heat load values differently by season
  - Seasonal sites – May not be using energy
  - Business economics – Different processes will have different values for the energy content
  - Business dynamics – Different points in a business cycle may create different energy values
  - Reputation risk – Non delivery to a customer may be costly
  - Alternative Fuel – Mod 90 demonstrated how complex



# Major Themes – During an Emergency

- Should the market remain open or be suspended?
  - Consensus that where possible the market should remain open
  - Credit is a significant problem
  - Idea of a central buyer not popular but could be a ‘least worse’ option
- Day 2
  - The market may respond and shippers could all be balanced or long but a network still maybe isolated. Who is responsible?
  - Obligations would distort the market and destroy competition (small suppliers could not compete with vertically integrated suppliers).
- Firm load shedding processes
  - Could the process be more flexible to recognise customer loss/costs
- Need joined up thinking with Europe to avoid protectionism and distortions
- Tutti Fruity approach?

# Major Themes – After an Emergency

- Who should pay?

Consensus that short shippers should bear the majority of the risk

Strong concerns raised of the risk of supplier/shipper default

- a) Affordability
- b) Timing - Ability to raise funds
- c) Domino effect

- How to limit the impact on consumers

Smart meters may play a role

Transporters may need an incentive

# Questions