

Code Modification Forum Meeting Minutes

20 April 2016

Location: The Clarion Hotel, Cork

Attendees		
	Name	Representing
1	Danny Mills	Electric Ireland
2	Mike Ronan	Aughinish Alumina
3	Brian McGlinchey	Kinsale Energy
4	Kevin Murray	Bord Gais Energy
5	Paul Hoey	Electric Ireland
6	Lisa Fahy	SSE
7	Karol O’Kane	ESB GWM
8	Paul Barnett	Manx Utilities
9	Derek Scully	Energia
10	Kieron Carroll	Kinsale Energy
11	Martin Regan	EBI
12	Bryan Hennessy	Vayu
13	Graham Wilkins	Tynagh
14	Wayne Mullins	GNI
15	Henk Kreuze	Vermilion
16	Terry Burke	Statoil
17	Amrik Bal	Shell
18	Sarah McCauley	CER
19	Colm Ó Gormáin	CER
20	John Melvin	CER
21	Conor Long	GNI
22	Andrew Kelly	GNI
23	Marion McCarthy	GNI
24	John McCarthy	GNI

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the Code Modification Forum of the 09 March were agreed and approved.
- For supporting information to be read in conjunction with these minutes, please see the slides presented at this meeting.

2. Review of Action Items

- The actions from the previous Code Modification Forum of 09 March were reviewed and discussed.
- The Transporter gave an update on the open actions and those actions which have been completed as per the accompanying slides.

3. General Items Update

- The Transporter delivered the following updates to the Forum:
 - Requested Shippers submit 1-3 contact to receive GTMS communications.
 - Update on web browser support for GTMS as per slide.
 - Version 5.0 of the Code of Operations is awaiting final approval from CER and will be published once approved.
 - A post consultation draft of the Gormanston IA has been sent to NRA's for approval, with execution expected by end of April.

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C480	Industry to submit 1-3 contact email addresses to receive GTMS notifications from the Transporter.	Industry	20/04/2016	30/04/2016

4. Corrib Update

- An update was delivered regarding the commissioning of the linkline as per the slides.
- The extension of the Commissioning Tariff was discussed by the Forum, with a query as to why the Bellanaboy Entry Tariff was not reverting to the standard multipliers from 1 May 2016.
- The CER stated that the Commissioning Tariff was being extended until the completion of commissioning in order to be consistent with the original decision.
- The Transporter committed to issuing the CER Decision on the BET and publishing it on the GNI website.

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C481	Transporter to issue CER Decision on BET.	Transporter	20/04/2016	22/04/2016

5. GNI Scheduled Maintenance

- The Transporter delivered an update on planned maintenance on the network on the Mayo-Galway pipeline as well as the Midleton Compressor Station as per the slides.
- An industry participant requested that the Transporter improve the communication with industry in relation to any maintenance being carried out, whether planned or unplanned. It was pointed out that the Transporter has obligations under the Code of Operations to notify industry about maintenance work.
- An industry participant stated that no notifications has been provided to Inch shippers under the Code of Operations for the upcoming outage in August. GNI needs to notify shippers under the appropriate sections of the Code as to how shippers flows will be interrupted due to maintenance e.g. maintenance day etc. The participant stated its belief that currently GNI is not following its own Code of Operations.
- The Transporter committed to improving the communications with industry in relation to maintenance activities.

6. Code Modification Proposal A069 '*Back-up capacity Arrangements under New Tariffing Regime*'

- The CER outlined the reasoning behind the rejection of Code Modification Proposal A069, as per the Commission Instruction issued on 19th April 2016.
- The proposer queried whether the wide scope of the proposal had been a factor in its rejection, and whether the proposal could be re-submitted, to which the CER stated that a new Code Modification proposal could be submitted at any time.

7. Code Modification Proposal A070 '*Implementation of the Inch Storage Entry Point*'

- The Transporter stated that Code Modification Proposal A070 had been approved by the CER as per the approval notice issued by the CER on 19th April 2016, and the proposal was now complete.

8. Code Modification A071 '*Alternative Capacity Arrangements in event of GNI Interruptions to Flow*'

- The Transporter stated that the consultation period for the Initial Modification Report (IMR) had been extended to 27th April to allow industry to take the CER decision on A069 to be taken into account in the responses.
- The proposer clarified in response to one of the points in the ‘Transporter’s Assessment’ section of the IMR that it was open to the rebate being applied to the affected capacity rather than the alternative capacity acquired.
- An industry participant queried the list of potential circumstances in which an interruption may occur as outlined by the Transporter in the IMR. The participant stated their opinion that the proposal should prevent a Shipper for being charged for capacity during an interruption which was outside the Shipper’s control.
- An industry participant stated their belief that there should be a financial liability to the Transporter in the event of an interruption initiated by the Transporter.
- The Transporter requested that industry participants respond to the IMR by close of business on 27th April, outlining their position on the proposal, and the circumstances or scenarios in which they believed the proposal should apply.

9. Code Modification A072 ‘Application of adjustments related to new Entry Points’

- The Transporter outlined the current status of Code Mod A072 as per the slides.
- An industry participant stated that the spreadsheet as issued by the Transporter following the previous Code Modification Forum was not what had been requested, and requested that the calculations which had been carried out by the Transporter showing an over-recovery in the event of Entry Point Transfers be released.
- The Transporter stated that it would investigate whether this information could be released and if so would issue the calculations.
- The Transporter stated that the driver of this modification was the principle that the charges/rebates under the process as currently outlined in the Code should no longer apply under the new tariffing structure.

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C482	The Transporter to issue a spreadsheet outlining the calculation of the estimated total adjustment charge indicated when proposing the Modification.	Transporter	20/04/2016	25/04/2016

10. Virtual Reverse Flow

- The Transporter delivered an update on the virtual reverse flow within-day products as per the slides.

- An industry participant welcomed the progress delivered by the Transporter, but stated their view that the VRF product needs further enhancements, particularly the time-stamping of interruptions according to capacity bookings, which would also necessitate within day capacity auctions.
- An industry participant queried how a VRF Shipper would know whether an interruption could be reversed due to an increase in forward flows at Moffat. The Transporter stated that there would not be a notification to Shippers if forward flows increased enough to accommodate further VRF.
- The Transporter committed to investigating the further enhancements to the VRF product as follows:
 1. Notifications to industry when forward flows had increased to accommodate further VRF nominations.
 2. Investigate the possibility of adding an over-nomination facility to VRF.
 3. Investigate the possibility of modifying the interruption process so that interruptions are carried out according to the time-stamp of a VRF Shipper's capacity booking.

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C483	<p>The Transporter is to investigate adding further enhancements to the VRF product:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification if additional VRF capacity available. 2. Allowing VRF capacity to be obtained within-day 3. Interruption time-stamping 	Transporter	20/04/2016	01/06/2016

11. Gas/Electricity Interactions

- A number of discussions took place during the Forum on gas/electricity interactions.
- It was noted that the issue of INFR had been raised as a concern for industry in the UK, and that it was being discussed at the next equivalent National Grid industry forum. The Transporter stated that they were in communication with National Grid and would keep the Forum apprised of the discussions which took place in the UK.
- An industry participant stated that an Irish gas/electricity interaction workshop would be held shortly. It was pointed out that efforts to align the gas/electricity market would not be solved by a single or simple Code Modification.
- The CER requested that an attendant of the workshop deliver an update to the Forum at the next Code Modification Forum on 1st June 2016.

12. AOB

- The Transporter stated that it would propose another Code Modification to standardise the charging regime between Distribution LDM and DM new connections in respect of when SPC charges are first applied.
- An industry participant raised an issue with the transporters monthly report. He queried why the Inch flows are not included in the monthly published data. The participant also stated that the energy balance of the sum of the inflows to Ireland does not equal the sum of the outflows to Ireland as per the numbers provided in the GNI monthly report and the Inch data. The participant asked that this be discussed at the next Code Mod Forum to explain to shippers what is in the monthly reports and to discuss if changes are required. The participant also questioned whether this information could be published quicker than a month after the month which is currently the case – perhaps on a D+1 basis.

13. Administration

- The next forum will take place in the Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham, Dublin on 1st June 2016

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Date Raised	Status	Response Date	Expected Delivery Date	Priority
C452	The Transporter committed to producing a new version 5.0 of the Code of Operations	Transporter	4/11/2015	Open		31/12/2015	Medium
C464	The Transporter will consider the concerns raised by industry in relation to credit level ratings. It will also discuss the issues directly with industry participants where necessary.	Transporter	9/12/2015	Open		27/01/2016	High
C472	The Transporter is develop a process to ensure effective communication to industry on issues relating to gas flow at the Bellanaboy Entry Point.	Transporter	09/03/2016	Open		20/04/2016	Medium
C478	The Transporter is to consider what the earliest possible date is for the implementation of a multi-party framework and/or a market based imbalance cash out price.	Transporter	09/03/2016	Open		20/04/2016	High
C480	Industry to submit 1-3 contact email addresses to receive GTMS notifications from the Transporter.	Industry	20/04/2016	Open		30/04/2016	Medium
C481	Transporter to issue CER Decision on BET.	Transporter	20/04/2016	Open		22/04/2016	High
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C483	The Transporter is to investigate adding further enhancements to the VRF product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Notification if additional VRF capacity available. 5. Within-day auctions 6. Interruption time-stamping 	Transporter	20/04/2016	Open		01/06/2016	High