

## Entry Customer Forum (EnCF)

### MINUTES

Tuesday 29 November 2022 at 12.30 – 14.00

### MS Teams Meeting

### ATTENDEES

Name	Initials	Company
Charlotte Marcel	CM	ADBA
Ruth Burden	RuthB	Cadent
Stuart Easterbrook	SE	Cadent
Tina Hawke	TH	Cadent
Alison Cartwright	AC	CNG Services
John Baldwin	JB	CNG Services
Philip Kershaw	PK	CNG Services
Matt Rosenfeld	MR	ENA
Silvia Simon	SS	ENA
Ben Hanley	BH	NGN
Emma Buckton	EB	NGN
Paul Thompson	PT	REA
Abbie Irvine	AI	SGN
Joel Martin	JM	SGN
Russell Brown	RB	Thyson
Bethan Winter	BW	WWU
Catherine Litster	CL	WWU
Helen Fitzgerald	HF	WWU

## MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS

Introductions	SE
<p>Paul Thompson (PT) introduced himself as a representative from REA, taking over from Kiara Zennaro, as she was moving on to Centrica.</p> <p>Catherine Litster (CL) introduced herself as the new chair of the Gas Entry Connections Technical Working Group, taking over from Tina Hawke.</p> <p>Matt Rosenfeld (MR) introduced himself as the new representative for ENA, taking over from Ellen Webb-Moore.</p>	

Review of action log and minutes from previous meeting	MR
<p>There were no issues arising from last meeting's minutes. The Action Log was updated as normal.</p>	

EnCF Action Plan Tracker		All
<p>The group worked through the Action Plan Tracker.</p> <p>RB presented a model which allowed for more flexibility in monitoring and registering CV Blips (especially relevant during start-up).</p> <p><b>ACTION: RB to distribute the slides presented to the group.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: BW to set up the next workshop with network's technical teams.</b></p> <p>(Workshop aims: to work on the model presented; to agree on some general principles, to hopefully put out a draft proposal, and to produce an example of the model in use with some dummy data).</p> <p>The group deemed that capacity through NTS Meters was still a live issue on the networks, and that more work needed to be done to address this.</p> <p><b>ACTION: TH to suggest capacity through NTS Meters as a deep dive at the next GECTWG.</b></p>		
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Update on Reverse Compression	SE + JM
<p>Raj Chatha was unable to join the call but provided a written Technical Update, summarised by SE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNV are reviewing and finishing off a first draft of our higher level management procedure and equipment specifications. Completion date: End of December 2022, after which we will send it out for review.</li><li>• DNV are then also going to aid us with PQQ and RFI for testing packager/market response to the specifications.</li><li>• I am going to review the UNC Mod and add in technical requirements.</li></ul> <p>On the commercial side, JM updated that most of the work had now gone into the Mod, which will be discussed at the next Technical Working Group meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that there were concerns with some of the GDNs regarding a third party owning and operating compressors to manage flows on the GDNs network. It was recognised that any compression installation could only go ahead with a suitable agreement with the network involved.</p>	

Update on Entry-Exit Charging Review	SE
<p>SE reported that there had been strong support from those who responded, with an emphasis on moving forward with something simple and quick. There was strong support for the preferred approach, i.e., the creation of a high-cost cap for entry reinforcements.</p> <p>For this solution, 6 or 7 workstreams would be required, and leads have already been allocated for them. SE reported also that there should be another progress update by the next EnCF, insofar as what will be required, when, and any implementation issues.</p>	

## Investor Workshop Updates

EB

EB gave a summary of the most recent workshop, held at ENA in October, on the topic of the future of biomethane. EM briefly ran through the workshop summary, with attention being drawn to the areas of concern looking forwards (“the barriers”).

### The workshop was split into 3 key sessions:

- Update on Green Gas Support Scheme by Tim Charters, BEIS
- David Kennedy, EE Heating
- A view from Nick Primmer, Future Biogas

The 3 sessions generated great conversation and ideas around the room and a summary is below:

#### Green Gas Support Scheme

- “Shows biomethane has a role in gas networks”
- “We need something between GGSS and any new scheme to allow connections that can’t make 2025 deadline”
- “We need confidence in what comes next”
- “Feedstock restrictions are limited, and we are not able to flex feedstocks”
- “The scheme isn’t long enough”
- “Thinking needs to be set out in mid scheme consultation 2023”

#### What are the barriers and what is needed to unlock opportunity?

- “Propane is a barrier”
- “Feedstock supply is a barrier”
- “Network capacity is a barrier now for biomethane”
- “2025 GGSS deadline causes a bottleneck”
- “Barriers to hydrogen blend – GS(M)R, ownership, charging, storage and uncertainty of government decisions”

#### How will a future hydrogen network affect the biomethane sector?

- “We see hydrogen and biomethane going hand in hand, not one replacing the other”
- “Networks focusing resources on hydrogen is a risk to biomethane sector”
- “Government decisions on hydrogen blending needed”
- “No risk perceived, only opportunity”
- “No short-term threat perceived by hydrogen development. Perhaps issue with a 100% network”

### How can the Gas Networks help?

- “Support legislative change”
- “Support Reverse Compression”
- “Create capacity and share capacity information”
- “Smart pressure solutions to create capacity”

Your feedback and ideas is not only helping to shape future policy, but the way gas networks work both now and, in the future.

### Next Steps

We will work with you through the subsequent Entry Customer Forum’s to prioritise the areas that are important to progress to remove barriers to connect and shape future policy. It is important that initiatives are owned by both the biomethane community and the GDN’s. We will work with you to develop clear delivery plans.

Our commitment to arrange the next ‘Investor Day’ around April 2023 which will align to the midterm review of the Green Gas Support Day.

**The one thing we can take away from the day , was the desire by all attendees in ensuring biomethane is part of the energy transition.**

## Tell us what you think

Thank you for reading this report. We welcome any further feedback, thoughts or ideas you have. Please drop us a line on at [gas@energynetworks.org](mailto:gas@energynetworks.org)

HF updated that she would send around an Investor Workshop Survey shortly, in order to prioritise themes, concerns and steer at the next workshop.

Discussion was raised on who was to be invited to these workshops, and who the remit of who could be invited to EnCF Meetings. Consensus was not reached on the former, but the latter was addressed by the EnCF Terms of Reference (available on Huddle).

**ACTION: MR to address with HF the extra participants she wishes to add to the distribution lists.**

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<b>AOB: Gas Entry via IGT Pipelines</b>	<b>JM</b>
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JM outlined two scenarios in which gas entry through IGT pipelines may be relevant:

- 1- Where a new export pipeline is required, to use an IGT-owned export pipeline to facilitate new gas entry into the total system. The arrangements in the UNC don't currently acknowledge this option.
- 2- Where a biomethane plant is located near an existing IGT site, so it may be more economical for the gas to enter on the IGT site and then flow onto the GDN network.

JM reported a Mod would be required to do this.

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<b>AOB: Propane Quality</b>	<b>BH</b>
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BH provided context to this issue, in that all the GDNs had experienced metering issues – giving rise to measurement errors – on DFO sites, as a result of contamination in propane. The problem appeared to be getting worse as well, and it was unclear at the time whether this was due to a dip in propane quality or whether it was a problem that had built up over time.

AC emphasised the importance of getting the networks to acknowledge this issue, since there was (understandably) a reluctance for networks to share that they were experiencing contamination issues at sites across the country.

*The next Technical Working Group Deep Dive will be on the topic of propane contamination, at which the plan will be to draft a letter out to the networks.*

AOB: Meeting dates for 2023 and next in-person registrations		MR + TH
<p>SE announced that discussions would be held with the gas networks to review the future chairing of the EnCF.</p> <p>TH shared the current proposal for the 2023 Meetings, in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Technical Working Group host monthly meetings, alternating between standard agenda items and a deep dive.</li> <li>- The EnCF will meet every other month (with the next two meetings in January and March), but hold a review in March as to whether the group would rather move to quarterly meetings.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: MR to send out calendar invites for 2023 Meetings (once agreed upon)</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Review of meeting frequency to be held in March 2023.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: MR to add a review of the Terms of Reference to the next EnCF agenda.</b></p>		
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