

DAWG for D+1 Rule Changes Meeting #1

Date: Wednesday 18 August 2021

Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Venue: Online - Teams



Minutes

Present

- Edward Oosterban, ems
- Jim Raybould, Vector
- Pam Caird, Firstgas
- Sharon Wray, Contact
- Dave Weaver, Concept
- Shaun O'Brien, Firstgas
- Tim Kerr, GIC
- Greg Redshaw, Genesis Energy
- Andrew Walker, GIC
- Grace Burtin, GIC
- Evelise Campozana de Favari, Mercury
- Shane Haswell, Firstgas
- Gerry Hughes, GIC

1	DAWG Terms of Reference
	Gas Industry Co (GIC) gave an overview of the key points for the Terms of Reference and what GIC was expecting from members. There were no comments from the group and GIC said it would finalise the Terms of Reference and publish on GIC's website following the meeting.
2	D+1 project overview and timeline
	<p>GIC gave an overview of the D+1 project. The project was delayed as a result of GTAC but when Firstgas signalled earlier in the year that GTAC would not be being progressed GIC started a project to move D+1 from a proof of concept to an established industry process. It is no longer acceptable to have an industry critical process remain as a pilot.</p> <p>GIC has transitioned the current D+1 to be run by ems as an interim solution. This solution enables a greater level of support to be provided to the running of D+1 while a final solution is being built. This rebuild has commenced and a go-live is expected by the end of the year.</p>
3	Rule change project overview and timeline
	<p>GIC gave an overview of the rule change process and DAWG's role within it.</p> <p>A query was raised about whether it would be appropriate to have distributors and meter owners as members of DAWG too. GIC noted that though they were invited it will follow up with both distributors and meter owners about joining DAWG. GIC also noted that the Statement of Proposal, once drafted, would be released to the wider industry stakeholder group for consultation.</p>

4	Summary of issues to consider (scoping)	
	<p>GIC highlighted a number of issues that it saw needed to be discussed in greater detail by DAWG in subsequent meetings. These were each agreed by DAWG and some further analysis was suggested to inform these more detailed discussions.</p>	
	1. Do we keep the initial allocation?	Agreed was an issue
	2. Should we change the timing of daily runs?	Agreed was an issue. It was thought helpful if shippers could provide the timings that would be most useful for them i.e., to align with OATIS nomination cycles, GTA process, wholesaler deadlines, internal business decisions etc
	3. What's the right level of detail for describing the D+1 allocation methodology in the Rules?	Agreed was an issue. How things were done in the FTR market was discussed and GIC noted it will look at how things are done in electricity in greater detail before next meeting. GIC also noted it would get in touch with PCO to discuss their level of comfort regarding what detail would be required in the Rules.
	4. Obligations on parties to supply information	Agreed was an issue.
	5. Improvements to format and content of reports	Agreed was an issue.
	6. Should we change the timing of the initial, interim or final allocations?	Agreed was an issue.
	7. Obligation to install telemetry on large sites	Agreed was an issue. GIC noted that it would revisit the TOU telemetry analysis previously done before the next meeting. It was also discussed investigating what AG2s would significantly improve D+1 if we were to receive daily data.
	8. How to incorporate AMI data into D+1?	Agreed was an issue. It was discussed that it would be useful to know when Genesis is expecting to reach a tipping point in its rollout that would consider the AMI data material. GIC noted it would get in touch with Genesis for an update.
	9. 7-day D+1	Agreed was an issue.
	10. Rules for customer shutdowns, start-ups, switches	Agreed was an issue.
	11. Temporary changes to demand	Agreed was an issue.
	12. Obligations on AA to perform D+1 allocations	Agreed was an issue.
	13. Report requirements	Agreed was an issue.
	14. Compliance and enforcement approach	Agreed was an issue.
	15. Obligations around estimating missing data	Agreed was an issue.

		It was discussed that it would be useful for Firstgas to confirm whether its new metering validation system will be able to provide estimates or not.
	16. Validation/exception handling	Agreed was an issue.
	<p>It was also discussed that Firstgas would look at any GTAC related things that could still be done to improve D+1. It was noted that Firstgas would look at its slides from the March 2021 meeting to see what could be brought into DAWG.</p>	
5	Any questions arising from rebuild project	
	<p>GIC highlighted that as we rebuild the D+1 system, issues may arise that would be worthwhile discussing with DAWG. For example, the question has recently arisen regarding whether we want to continue to recalculate previous days in the daily reports.</p> <p>Because the above-mentioned issue relates to the rebuild it was discussed that this should be agreed as a priority and could be dealt with via an email circulation.</p>	
6	Agree on future meetings (frequency and dates)	
	<p>The 14th or 15th of September was loosely discussed but it was agreed that it would be easier to set a date via email.</p> <p>It was also discussed that it was people's preference to continue the process while in COVID-19 lockdown but in person would be preferable.</p>	
7	Firstgas update	
	<p>Firstgas gave an update on the Firstgas D+1 process. It was emphasised that its D+1 process was also still part of the trial and therefore still a proof of concept but that Firstgas were looking into implementing a final D+1 solution.</p> <p>It was discussed that the main inhibitor to an earlier D+1 (and a roadblock to a 7-day operation) is the current metering validation process. However, they're currently undertaking a project to improve their metering validation system. Firstgas is also looking at changing the calculation for cash outs and envisages that a new D+1 agreement will be needed to accommodate any changes. Currently they have no set timeline.</p>	
8	Summary of actions	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalise and publish the Terms of Reference (GIC) 2. Follow up with both distributors and meter owners about joining DAWG (GIC) 3. Bring along what timings during the day would be useful for Shippers to receive the D+1 files next meeting (Shippers) 4. Look at how much detail is provided on the allocation process in electricity and raise with PCO what level of detail they would expect to see (GIC) 5. Revisit the TOU telemetry analysis in time for detailed discussion (GIC) 6. Investigate which AG2s would significantly improve D+1 if we were to start receiving daily data (GIC) 7. Get an update from Genesis on their smart meter roll out and when they think they might pass the threshold for material levels of AMI data. (GIC) 8. Find out whether the new Firstgas metering system will be able to provide estimates (Firstgas) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Look at March 2021 slides to see whether there are any GTAC related things that could be used to improve D+1. (Firstgas) 10. Circulate an email relating to whether we want to continue to recalculate previous days in the daily reports (GIC)* 11. Send out a meeting invite for the next DAWG (GIC)
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*this proposal will be consolidated with other minor system/reporting changes for email consultation