Grid Code Review Panel

'Multi Unit' BMUs Update

Background

1. The Grid Code Review Panel requested that they should be informed of any updates / changes to the treatment of Multi Shaft CCGTs and be notified, on an annual basis, in September that the current arrangements for gaining access to MW above MEL will continue.

2. The information is being treated as 'Other Relevant Data' under BC1. NGET has indicated that it would use the information to determine whether generating capacity was available over and above that indicated by the Maximum Export Limit indicated within the Balancing Mechanism.

Overview of Arrangements

3. The current process involves a fax pro-forma being sent to NGET indicating any MW available above MEL, which would not normally be accessible within BM timescales. Indications are also given as the notice time required. (See Appendix A).

4. The necessary energy may be secured by:-

   Using the PGBT framework

   Sequential Bid Offer Acceptances where the required notice allows

5. Information provision for MW availability above MEL will be published on the Internet via SONAR giving improved transparency of process.

6. The volume of faxes NGET has received remains low, as expected, at less than 2 or 3 per week. This further supports our understanding that development of a full-blown change to the IS systems to incorporate this additional information would not be efficient.

7. National Grid will send out a letter to all owners of CCGT BMUs confirming the continuation of the current arrangements.

Recommendation

8. The GCRP is invited to note the approach for winter 06/07, which is a continuation of the current fax methodology.

Appendix A

Notification to of Additional Units to NGET

Contact Details: **Generator Name**

	Telephone:	....
	Standby Telephone:	....
	Fax:	....
	Standby Fax:	....

Operational Day:	

BMU:	
Start and End Time:	
Approximate MW Available over and above submitted MEL:	
Notice Period:	
Additional comments:	

Sent By (Print Name):

Signature: Date/Time

Acknowledged by (Print Name):

Signature: Date/Time