

REA Landfill Gas meeting

7th November, at EDL's offices Milton Keynes.
Chancery House, 199 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 1JL

Attendees

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| • Jon Mellor | Renewable Power |
| • Phillip Walters | Cpl Activated Carbons |
| • Andy Leech | Renewable Power |
| • Stuart Markham | EDL Energy |
| • David Rice | CLP Envirogas |
| • Mike Guy | Arevon Energy |
| • Graham Bone | Infinis |
| • Rob Brannan | Total Gas & Power |
| • Gaynor Hartnell | Rea |
| • Ruth Baker | B9 Power |
| • Steven Shaw | Veolia |
| • Bob Gregory | Gregory Environmental |
| • Gerry Cavanagh | Suez |

Welcome and introductions

Stuart Markham gave H&S info. Attendees introduced themselves.

Competition Law Compliance DOs and DON'Ts

Attention was drawn to the importance of keeping the conversation acceptable within competition law and to raise any concerns immediately with the chair.

Matters arising from last meeting, not covered on the agenda

Enhanced lignin degradation. Bob Gregory talked to Tim Bugg, following up on the meeting on lignin degradation. Bob went to Warwick University, had 2 meetings, and was joined by Devin Sapsford from Cardiff. They are less confident than they were when presented before, now feeling it's not ready for full scale. Bob's recommendation keep in contact with Devin Sapsford, as he could be a useful academic contact. **Action GH to circulate Bob's word doc and slides. Action: Bob Gregory to have an informal chat Anne Jones to get her view on the potential for funding.**

G99. We had invited Alan Guiver to have a think about how REA might help ensure his derogation is protected (i.e. by not having generators try and stretch it). There hadn't been suggestions from Alan, but the REA did make the point of how welcome the derogation is, and that it was important it was respected, in its response to the ENA consultation on G99 table (see <https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/REA-response-to-ENA-consultation-on-G99.pdf>). Mike Kay, of the ENA, personally thanked GH for this response.

Microsoft Teams. Stuart Markham and GH hadn't progressed Microsoft teams as a route to setting up the collaborative engines group idea. *(Post meeting note, the new REA website should have a member forum area soon, which may provide a solution for the collaborative engine bulletin board we had envisaged).*

RO issues

GH described the conference call, and the process which had led to the letter being sent to Ofgem. Ofgem had initially offered a meeting (with Chris Jackson) but we had decided a letter would be a better approach. This was sent to Chris Jackson, and copied to Luke Hargreaves. Despite several emails and two phone call follow ups to get a response, nothing has yet been received.

Mike Guy described how he is going through an accreditation amendment for relocation of an engine at present. The original accreditation for this site *does* detail original and additional capacity separately, however this isn't specific to a particular engine, which throws up some interesting issues. Ofgem has come back and asked which capacity it is they will be removing.

David Rice noted that Ofgem is bringing out a new register next year. When this was last done, lots of history disappeared. They might struggle to retain history with the new register. It might be good timing to raise the question of how the new register deals will deal with additional capacity.

Action: Once we get an answer from Ofgem, arrange a conference call with the same individuals as were present on the previous one (i.e. Steven Shaw, Andrew Leeding, Mike Guy, Mark Dawber, David Rice) and if anyone else wants to be involved, contact Gaynor.

Generator connection capacity trading proposal

GH, Graham Bone and Steve Shaw talked through [the slides](#). SS gave background to the issue and described how Tom Cahill (Veolia's Energy Markets Team), had participated in one of the calls. Tom sits on the Challenge Group to the Significant Code Review, which looks at BSUoS and other charges and is chaired by Ofgem. It was set up to discuss changes within industry, with hope of avoiding future legal challenges. There are relatively few DG representatives on the group and it mainly consists of transmission connected generators. The REA also has representation on the challenge group, hence it is important to utilise this where possible. **Action GH to circulate slides from Sept Challenge Group meeting.** [Click here for the slides](#). *(Post meeting note, its first working paper – [find it here](#) – refers to trading access rights.)*

Stuart Markham mentioned that David Truelove of EDL has links with UKPN as they are both owned by the same parent company. **Action SM will raise the idea of capacity trading with David, so he can discuss within UK PN.**

Graham Bone described how Infinis' legal team had contested requests for them to relinquish capacity a few times, and that the DNOs were now taking a back door approach, e.g. when reacting to requests for engine moves or resizing, when going through the G99 process (asking what have you got, and what are you using? We can change this free of charge if you relinquish this capacity). He feels they're going to be trying harder in the future. SS indicated that where sites have very old connections, Veolia has experienced DNO seeking to issue modern Connection Agreements with revised capacities.

There was a discussion on whether the proposal for trading was related to sharing, or outright transfer. Agreed the latter, and acknowledged that the DNO needs to be involved in order to ensure that the freed-up capacity isn't going to default to the next potential connectee in the queue.

It was noted that there could also be sites that have got connection agreements, but not been built yet that might be interested in trading capacity. It seems some of the older grid connection offers weren't time limited.

Action GH arrange meeting with ENA with Mike Guy and Graham Bone.

Alternative approach to zoning under DSEAR – Jon Mellor

Jon Mellor went through his [presentation](#). There was a lengthy discussion, which concluded that with a blanket approach there could be a tendency for complacency, but on the other hand the purpose of the update is to provide clear guidance, and advocating a case-by-case approach is more complex and could potentially be more risky.

Action: Jon Mellor to liaise with Honace to see if the option of taking an alternative approach is fully captured within the draft update. Action GH to make an introduction.

Forthcoming events

GH noted a couple of talks on landfill coming up at an APSE policy event, one on landfill mining (Yves Tielemens, Enhance Landfill Mining Project Manager, Group Machiels, Belgium) the other on Swindon Council developing a private wire solar park at one of its landfill sites). **GH to send conference flyer out, for info.** It is on 23rd Jan. Find link to it [here](#).

Other ICoPs

GH relayed that Patrick Pointer had suggested that the REA website might host the ICoP on perimeter soil gas, which is no longer hosted on C&P Environmental's website. The EA has a position on it, and has requested that it should remain available. This was agreed. **Action GH should put the document on the REA website.**

Plans for guest speakers for next meeting

Date and location of next meeting

We agreed 9th Jan at the meeting..... *but post meeting note. This was a mistake, as is only 2 months hence. It needs to be in February, and will be held following the next LGIG meeting.* **Action Steve Shaw to find venue in midlands for both meetings.**

List of actions

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| GH to circulate Bob Gregory word doc and slides. | Done. Link is in these minutes. |
| Bob Gregory to have an informal chat Anne Jones to get her view on the potential for funding. | |
| Hold conference call re Ofgem response to additional capacity question | |
| Circulate slides from Sept Challenge Group meeting. | Done. Link is in these minutes. |
| SM to raise the idea of capacity trading with David, so he can discuss within UK PN. | |
| GH arrange meeting with ENA with Mike Guy and Graham Bone. | Date is now in diary |
| Steve Shaw to find venue in midlands for both meetings. | |