

iGT054/054A Development Group Meeting #5 Minutes

1. Participants

AP - Adam Pearce (ESP)
DA – Dave Addison (Xoserve)
HC - Huw Comerford (Utilita)
KS – Kiran Samra (Npower)
TC – Trevor Clark (E.On)
TP – Trevor Peacock (Fulcrum Pipelines)

2. Minutes & Actions

The minutes from the previous meeting (#4) were approved without comment.

All actions were closed (see the actions log at the foot of the minutes). Some actions were closed due to the removal of the retrospective element and the outcome of the iGT's funding discussions.

3. iGT054 update

HC announced that, in light of the approval of UNC451A over UNC451, Utilita were preparing to amend their modification iGT054 to remove the element of retrospective. This would bring the solution for iGT054 in line with iGT054A. AP asked if either party (Utilita/E.On) would be prepared to withdraw their modification in order to prevent a situation where the panel, industry participants and Ofgem would be asked to consider two identical modifications. Neither party agreed to withdraw their modification.

The group agreed that E.On and Utilita should discuss the matter offline, seeking input from the iGT-UNC Secretariat, the iGT-UNC panel and possibly Ofgem on how best to proceed.

The group carried out a page turn of both iGT054 and iGT054A and suggested a number of amendments. The proposers agreed to make the amendments, prior to submitting the modifications to panel.

DA expressed a view that there should be an aspiration to align iGT054 and iGT054A as closely as possible, in order to avoid confusion, should parties be asked to consult on both modifications. TC and HC agreed to pick up a discussion outside of the Development Group to ensure the mods aligned.

Implementation guidelines were discussed. The group agreed that it shall recommend to panel an implementation date of 1st October 2014 for these modifications. This is to align with the start of the new Gas Year and aligns with the systems implementation of UNC451AV by Xoserve.

The group considered the possibility of an iGT obligation commencing from October 1st but Xoserve's systems development being pushed back beyond October (i.e. iGTs providing the reports, where Xoserve couldn't process them). It was agreed that this was a decision for the Development Group of the UNC modification (i.e. would Xoserve retrospectively apply the iGT054/A/AA reports provided by iGTs or simply commence using the iGT054/A/AA from systems implementation?).

4. UNC modification update

HC presented a draft of a potential UNC Modification Proposal that sought to place an obligation on the Large Transporters to take into account the iGT Supply Points submitted by iGTs on the iGT054/A/AA reports, in the calculations for RbD and billing.

DA asked the group what validation it saw Xoserve carrying out. He gave the example of what Xoserve was expected to do where the AQ submitted by the iGT against a particular LMN in the iGT054/A/AA report exceeded the AQ against the same LMN submitted by the iGT in the most recent LMN (D01/D02) updates. The group agreed that this was an unlikely scenario and that given the materiality, the temporary nature of the modification and the complications with rejecting an iGT054 report from an iGT (i.e. how is a rejection managed? what if the iGT isn't able to resubmit a report by the 28th day deadline?), that GDNs might not consider Xoserve carrying out validation as necessary. The group agreed that this would be one of the main points that would need to be picked up by the UNC development group, and that if the UNC modification did require Xoserve to carry out validation, then iGT054 would need to be amended to introduce rules for how an iGT would handle a rejected file from the iGTs.

AP requested that the associated UNC modification was drafted in a way that gave effect to all three iGT-UNC modifications (054/054A/054AA), saving the need for UNC alternates. HC agreed to take this into account.

DA and HC agreed to discuss the associated UNC modification offline, with a view of readying it for the UNC panel.

5. iGT alternate (iGT054AA)

AP asked if either Utilita or E.On would be prepared to amend their modifications to remove the 'Smart Meters Operating in Prepayment mode' reporting obligations from their modifications. Both HC and TC confirmed that they would not be willing to remove these elements.

In light of no party agreeing to amend its modification, AP presented an ESP alternate, iGT054AA. He stated that it was being raised as ESP felt that the vast majority of the work carried out by iGTs, shippers and Ofgem as a result of the iGT054/A solution focused around the 300-400 smart meters operating in Prepayment mode, rather than the 30,000+ prepayment meters on iGT networks. iGT054AA place an obligation on iGTs to provide only a report of Prepayment Meters to Xoserve on a monthly basis, on timescales that aligned with iGT054/A.

Shippers raised concerns that iGT054AA's drafting contained a reference to Funding. They were concerned that ESP were implying that iGTs could recover the costs of implementing this solution through a mechanism that currently didn't exist. AP clarified that the statement was included for clarification purposes only and did not seek to place an obligation on shippers to pay iGTs for the services provided under iGT054AA. He confirmed that iGTs would not be seeking to introduce a new funding mechanism (in code or otherwise) as part of iGT054, but this did not prevent an iGT from seeking to recover the costs (on the basis that UNC451A was determined as 'User Pays'), should they choose to, through a contractually binding funding mechanism (i.e. through an iGT's Transportation Charging Statement, which would be subject to a 28 day shipper consultation and a 28 day Ofgem veto period).

6. Funding update

AP confirmed that iGTs held a teleconference to discuss funding and decided that they would not be seeking to place a mechanism in code for iGTs to recover the costs they incur as a result of iGT054/A/AA. iGTs agreed that individual parties may use an alternative mechanism to recover the costs, should they feel they were material enough to warrant doing so.

7. Legal text

The group reviewed the proposed legal text, suggesting the following amendments:

- Add 451AV obligation to report to authority
- Change data range to 16th to 21st
- Validation of previous month's reports.

AP agreed to amend the legal text and provide it to the secretariat along with the Development Group Report.

8. Development Group Report

The group carried out a review of the Development Group Report, suggesting various minor amendments. AP Agreed to make the amendments and circulate to DG members for final sign off, prior to sending the DG Report to panel.

9. Getting iGT054/A/AA back to panel

Members agreed that:

- The aspiration was to send iGT054, iGT054A, iGT054AA, the Development Group Report and the suggested Legal Text back to the March 2014 iGT-UNC Panel meeting.
- That the associated UNC modification will be sent to the respective March 2014 UNC Panel.
- That they panel will be asked to consider whether it is possible to align the modification processes of iGT054/A/AA with the associated UNC modification to ensure that Ofgem consider the two modifications in conjunction with one another.
- The Development Group had concluded its work and that it was now closed.

10. AOB

N/A

11. Actions

	Action	Owner	Status
1.1	HC to share Utilita's analysis.	HC	Closed
1.2	All shipper parties to produce analysis of misallocation of gas to PPM and smart PPM customers.	All parties	Closed
1.3	HC to contact Xoserve to determine the data items Xoserve would require in the monthly report provided by iGTs.	HC	Closed
1.4	HC to contact Xoserve to establish Xoserve's view on how parties could obligate Xoserve to use the data from	HC	Closed

	monthly report provided by iGTs in the allocation of gas calculations.		
1.5	HC to contact Xoserve to establish what data Xoserve would require to allow them to calculate the payments/charges to parties who have been misallocated gas.	HC	Closed
2.1	DA to speak to Chris Warner (National Grid) and Joanna Ferguson (NGN) around where an Xoserve obligation should sit.	DA	Closed
2.2	HC to speak to Ofgem for a view of how the retrospective element could work & to provide a set of business rules for the iGT054DG to review on 29/11/13 meeting.	HC	Closed
3.1	DA to clarify what the Xoserve sense check looks like.	DA	Closed
3.2	iGTs to confirm whether producing a retrospective report would be possible.	iGTs	Closed
3.3	Shippers to confirm whether producing a retrospective monthly report of smart meters operating in pre-payment mode would be possible.	Shippers	Closed
3.4	DA to confirm what data iGT054's retrospective report would need to contain.	DA	Closed
3.5	TC to compare iGT054/A with UNC451/A and propose new changes based on any disparities found.	TC	Closed
3.6	iGTs to provide an estimate of costs for producing both the monthly and retrospective reports (JR to circulate email to iGTs not present and to speak to Gemserv about the possibility of collating the figures).	iGTS (JR)	Closed
3.7	DA to provide a view of the potential iGT to Xoserve file format and the method of file transfer.	DA	Closed
3.8	All parties to consider potential funding arrangements for iGT054 and iGT054A	All parties	Closed
3.9	AP to produce a skeleton Development Group Report and present this at the next Development Group meeting.	AP	Closed
4.1	DG members were asked to feed final comments on the modification back to HC, TC and AP ahead of the next DG meeting.	All parties	Closed
4.2	AP to produce legal text for the group to consider.	AP	Closed
4.3	HC to clarify whether the retrospective report is to be a snapshot of a point in time, monthly snapshots since October 2012, or a report showing the entire history (with EFDs) of each relevant supply point since October 2012.	HC	Closed
4.4	TC and HC to confirm whether their respective modifications' implementation aligns with the beginning of the Gas Year or otherwise.	TC & HC	Closed
4.5	iGTs to meet offline to devise a mechanism for cost recovery for the services they are being proposed to provide under iGT054/054A.	iGTs	Closed
4.6	iGTs to produce draft shipper to iGT file format, including a proposed response file.	iGTs	Closed

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