

Review Group Terms of Reference

Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) implications for the iGT UNC

Purpose

The Review Group is required to:

1. Identify the framework, the principal obligations and terms under which the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) will operate under the UNC in as far as this will require changes to the iGT UNC.

Background

The Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) Programme was established in May 2014 to define and deliver a blueprint for the future funding and governance of the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) and Central Data Services (CDS), in line with Ofgem's FGO Review conclusions in October 2013. The implementation of these conclusions requires amendment to relevant regulatory and UNC arrangements and the development of a fully cooperative model for the CDSP, which retains the integrated CDS systems and services which Xoserve presently delivers in its role as the Transporter Agency. Work so far carried out by the UNC as a result of the raising of UNC Modification 565 (Central Data Service Provider – General framework and obligations) has suggested that there will be a need to introduce a definition of CDSP Agreement being the Data Services Contract (DSC). This will constitute a code referenced document.

Under the design of Single Service Operation via the implementation of iGT039, Xoserve will undertake the role of Pipeline Operator Agency. Under FGO however, the CDSP once established, will provide services to both Pipeline Operators and Pipeline Users. Changes will be required to the IGT UNC as the contractual framework between the Pipeline Operators and Users to reflect the central role and where relevant, obligations that will be placed on the CDSP for the delivery of services. The Large Transporters understand that iGTs will be required to become signatories to the DSC following Project Nexus implementation. To reflect this arrangement, changes will be required to the iGT UNC.

At the iGT UNC Modification Panel held on the 16th March 2016 the Panel determined that this proposed change should be subject to the Review Proposal Procedures, pending the raising of an iGT UNC Modification Proposal.

Scope and Deliverables

The Review Group is asked to deliver:

1. A final report outlining the findings of the Group, including recommendations for any changes to the iGT UNC.
2. A draft Modification Proposal to set out any required changes that will need to be made to the iGT UNC as identified by the Review Group

Reports of progress will be provided to the iGT UNC Modification Panel at each meeting held throughout the period of the Review.

Limits

The Review Group will consider:

1. What changes, if any, should be made to the iGT UNC to address the matter that is subject to Review.
2. What changes, if any, should be made to other documents to address the matter that is subject to Review.
3. [include details of any other items that the group should consider]
4. The DSC is being developed under UNC0565. It is recommended that Parties feed into the UNC0565 discussions to input into the drafting of the DSC itself.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve the objective
- Assessment of the ability of the “pointing to “ approach that has been adopted under iGT039 to capture the CDSP drafting changes within the UNC
- Assessment of the Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
- Assessment of the implementation costs
- Assessment of the legal text
- Impacts of proposed Licence changes
- Impacts on iGT UNC governance
- Status and governance of Code Referenced documents related to the CDSP
- Impacts on iGT UNC parties
- Scope of iGT UNC obligations and processes
- Coordination with the FGO programme
- Accession to and compliance with Data Services Contract (DSC)

Composition

Any iGT UNC Operator, Pipeline User, Affected Person, the Authority Representative, the Consumer Representative, the Suppliers Representative or the Large Transporters Representative may attend any meeting of the Review Group.

The Review Group may invite specialists to attend as necessary

Information Sources

1. Outputs from the UNC 0565 workgroup

Timetable

1. Length of Review – Subject to the conclusion of UNC0565, the Review should be completed within [6] months of the Panel’s determination to submit a matter for Review.
2. Frequency of meetings – meetings shall be held at least [monthly].
3. Meetings will be administered by the iGT UNC Code Administrator and conducted in accordance with the Chairman’s Guidelines. Meetings will be held as part of the iGT UNC Modification Workstream meetings unless the Review Group identifies a need for additional meetings outside of this.

Approval

These terms of reference are subject to approval by the Panel. However, the Review Group may recommend changes to the Terms of Reference if required.