

iGT UNC Modification Workstream Meeting 16-07

Tuesday 5th July 2016

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Chairman
Nicky Rozier (NR)	Brookfield Utilities	
Simon Power (SP)*	EDF Energy	
Kirsty Dudley (KD)	E.ON UK	
Kishan Nundloll (KN)	ES Pipelines	
Ehi Obaye (EO)* ¹	Ofgem	
Maria Hesketh (MH)*	Scottish Power	
Laura Cahill (LH)	SSE Energy Supply	
Mark Jones (MJ)	SSE Energy Supply	
Trevor Peacock (TP)*	Fulcrum Pipelines	
Paul Orsler (PO)	Xoserve	
David Moore (DM)	Gemserv	Secretariat

**Attended via teleconference*

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the iGT UNC Modification Workstream. Apologies were received from Jenny Rawlinson (Brookfield Utilities), Katy Binch (ESP) and Gethyn Howard (Brookfield Utilities).

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the items for discussion as outlined in the final agenda. The Chair suggested that in addition the Work Group should also discuss the recently published communication from Ofgem relating to the delay in the implementation of Project Nexus and the resultant impact on the iGT UNC, specifically the issue of non-effective days and Modifications iGT078 and iGT079. The Work Group agreed that this topic should be included in the agenda for discussion.

¹ Agenda Item 8 only

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

The Work Group reviewed the minutes from the Workstream meeting held 7th June 2016 (16-06). There were no comments received, and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding Actions

Please refer to the table in Appendix 1 at the end of the minutes for updates on actions arising.

5. iGT071 - Amendment to iGT AQ Review Procedures Ancillary Document

The Chair outlined that iGT071 had been discussed at length at the last Work Group meeting held on the 7th June 2016, and presented the ancillary document to the Work Group. The Chair considered that an agreement had been reached at the last meeting, with the exception of the revised timing of the review process.

The Chair further outlined that the process is currently carried out in November, but questioned whether this was still applicable given the alternative source of data. The Chair further noted that one iGT had suggested they would be storing all AQ data going forward, but other iGTs were not planning to store the data.

PO considered that if the data was not stored by all parties, the first time that iGTs would be able to view the data would be April 2017. The Chair further considered that if the industry stuck to the current November timeline the data would effectively be out of date by the time of publication.

KN presented a table that had been compiled from responses received from parties relating to questions that had been raised to each iGT regarding the AQ review process. The discussion relating to each question is outlined below:

(1) What house types do iGT's receive from UIPs/Developers that do not appear in the current CSEP NExA table.

The Work Group discussed the variety of responses that had been received from iGTs and agreed that there was obviously a varying degree of bands noted by different parties. The Chair questioned whether some bands needed to be included in the NEXA table, noting that some bands clearly overlap and therefore there is very little difference between some bands.

The Chair considered that this issue should not be included in the scope of the Modification, and notes that a new Modification may need to be raised. This view was generally supported by the Work Group.

Action MWS 16/07-01 – Gemserv to add the “banding range in the CSEP NExA Table” to the iGT UNC Known Issues Register.

(2) What impact would the realignment of the gas year from the current 01/10 to match the UNC 01/04 have on iGTs?

The Work Group agreed to align with the UNC timelines.

(3) What impact to iGT business processes would a move in publication from the current June to Q4 have on iGTs?

The iGTs present at the meeting agreed that, as long as any revised process continued to give sufficient notice there was no impact.

(4) How do iGT's see the current timescales for NeXA data collation working from PNID?

The Chair questioned how long parties would require in order to collate the data if Xoserve provided the raw data by the end of March 2017.

Action MWS 16/07-02 – iGTs to review impact of proposed date change for AQ review publication and feedback views on their preferred date for data provision.

Action MWS 16/07-03 – Gemserv to circulate proposed revised timetable for AQ review table publication following feedback from Action MWS 16/07-02.

PO commented that there was a potential for the AQ review to be postponed in 2017, given the issues caused by the delay in the implementation of Project Nexus, and agreed to investigate whether this decision had already been taken.

Action MWS 16/07-04 – Paul Orsler (Xoserve) to confirm whether a decision had been made regarding the AQ review process for 2017 (given delay in Project Nexus).

(5) iGT075 - iGTs to express preference as to where they would like the postcode/pressure tier list published.

The Chair outlined that this issue was being discussed as a separate agenda item

6. iGT075 - Identification of Supply Meter Point Pressure Tier

The Chair outlined that a revised Modification had been received from the proposer (EON). KD commented that the UNC change was due to be implemented, and that Gas Transporters are providing the data. KD outlined that the main intention of the Modification was to reduce the volume of abortive consumer property visits within the industry.

KD further noted that the option for choosing medium pressure (MP) is not currently available in the amended Modification, and suggested that if it was known that a supply point was MP, then it should be identified, and in the event that it was not known a GT1 should be sent, or alternatively recorded

as “unknown”. KD considered that the GT1 traffic would therefore reduce where MP was definitively recorded.

TP questioned whether the pressure tier was still relevant, given that once a supply point had been recorded as MP, the range would not be relevant given the appropriately qualified engineer would be dispatched in all instances.

KN outlined that ESP were still keen to retain the existing ranges and considered that additional data and maintenance was unnecessary, and that if the process was not mandated in the UNC, then there may be potential for parties to either not populate the data, or for there to be inconsistency across the industry. KN further considered that the cost versus benefits case had not been made for the iGTs to host and maintain the data going forward.

PO considered that GTs are currently able to identify where a MP supply point existed and therefore questioned whether the recording of the range of pressure tiers would necessarily reduce the impact of abortive calls.

KN questioned in the event that GT1 flows were not triggered, whether there was an alternative solution available. The Chair responded by stating that the iGT UNC did not currently have an equivalent process that would mitigate the lack of GT1 flows.

The Chair confirmed that version 4 of the Modification had not been published (Version 3 had been published in error), and therefore acknowledged that it was difficult for parties to comment fully on the revised Modification, given that the legal text outlined in version 4 was different to that laid out in version 3.

Action MWS 16/07-05 – Gemserv to circulate revised Modification iGT075 (version 4) to the iGT UNC CA.

KD confirmed that the Modification should still be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification, and the Chair outlined that the Work Group report will be drafted following the August 2016 Work Group meeting.

Action MWS 16/07-06 – Work Group to review revised version (4) of iGT075 and feedback comments to the August 2016 Work Group meeting.

7. Review Group 001: Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) implications for the iGT UNC

The Chair suggested that, as there had been no further update received on this issue, there would be little benefit in discussing this topic. The Work Group agreed to defer discussions on RG001 until the August Work Group meeting.

8. RG002: Code Governance Review 3 (CGR3)

8.1 Significant Code Review Modification Proposals

The Chair presented version 2 of the RG002 paper on [Significant Code Review Modification Proposals](#) (SCR), including comments that had been received from Ofgem. The Chair further outlined that the SCR Modification process was already set out in the iGT UNC although, acknowledged that, licence changes would require further development to align with the approach taken with SCRs. The Chair outlined that one of the changes related to the ability of Ofgem to own and develop a Modification outside of the normal change management process. For instance, where a Modification report could potentially be introduced by Ofgem at the iGT UNC Panel meeting, with Ofgem presenting and recommending to Panel the implementation of a Modification. The Chair commented that the changes do not cover the process for the drafting of a final Modification report, and that this new process aligned with how European Union (EU) codes are maintained.

The Chair outlined some suggested changes to the Modification rules, including the addition to the Licence Condition (under 12CB) of an additional Clause (32) that would allow the iGT UNC Modification Panel to respond to Modification Proposals or reports issued to the Modification Panel by Ofgem, as outlined above.

EO questioned a change made to 32.1d, and asked where the wording had been extracted from, SL responded by stating that he believed the wording had been lifted from the licence drafting and confirmed he would send EO the relevant extract.

Action MWS 16/07-07 – Gemserv to send Ofgem the extract that the revised wording for 32.1D originated from (Version 2 of the RG002 paper).

EO further commented that Clause 32.2 of the Modification rules would require further legal review, and confirmed that, other than the points noted above, Ofgem were in agreement with the proposed amendments. The Chair confirmed that a new iGT UNC Modification would be required in order to enact the changes.

Action MWS 16/07-08 – Gemserv to draft a Modification Proposal to allow changes to be made to the Code Governance Review 3 (CGR3) proposals.

Action MWS 16/07-09 – Kish Nundloll (ES Pipelines) to submit a new iGT UNC Modification relating to Significant Code Review (SCR) proposals.

8.2 Self-Governance Modification Proposals

The Chair presented a paper entitled "[*Possible Modification rule changes for Self-Governance Modifications*](#)". The Chair considered that the main changes related to in which scenarios Self-Governance Modifications could be triggered, outlining that Ofgem had suggested that in future the default for all Modifications should be Self-Governance, with the industry challenging on a case by case basis, in the event that they did not agree that the Modification was not Self-Governance.

The Chair noted some changes to the drafting:

- Clause 18: first decision for Panel should be to decide if the Mod is required to be developed at a Work Group; and
- Clause 23.3: final Modification report consultation.
- Clause 25(c) EO noted an amendment was required to this clause with the inclusion of an additional paragraph and confirmed she would submit the revised wording to Gemserv.
- Clause 27; The Chair noted that this change is to correct an error in existing drafting

EO raised a question in relation to Clause 23.3.8(c) and the Chair confirmed that at present, this clause only applies to Authority Modifications, seeks to align both Self-Governance and Authority Modifications. The Chair further commented that for both Self-Governance and Authority (Ofgem) Modifications, the iGT UNC Panel should still be responsible for agreeing and determining the Modification's implementation date.

Action MWS 16/07-10 – Gemserv to draft a Modification relating to Self-Governance changes, in relation to the Code Governance Review 3 (CGR3) changes being introduced by Ofgem.

Action MWS 16/07-11 – Kish Nundloll (ES Pipelines) to submit a new iGT UNC Modification relating to Significant Code Review (SCR) proposals.

Action MWS 16/07-12 – Ofgem to send Gemserv revised text relating to 25(c) of the Self-Governance changes.

9. iGT UNC Known Issues Register

The Work Group reviewed the Known Issue Register, and noted that the issue relating to "transportation set up rates" was closed, and agreed to move this issue relating to the archived tab.

Action MWS 16/07-13 – Gemserv to move the issue on the known issues register relating to "transportation set up rates" to the archived tab.

10. AOB

The Chair outlined that Ofgem had recently published a letter confirming that the Project Nexus Implementation Date had been deferred again, and in this letter Ofgem laid out three options for alternative implementation dates, with option C being progressed (1st February 2017 - 1st April 2017).

PO further outlined that a full cut over would be implemented as opposed to a “staggered” implementation, and that a revised project plan would be published in August 2016.

The Chair confirmed that, as a result of the delay of the Project Nexus implementation date, [iGT082 - iGT Single Service Provision, noneffective Days for cutover in 2016](#), which relates to the non-effective days in the lead up to Project Nexus’s implementation, would be rejected, and that a new Modification would need to be raised with a revised date range.

Action MWS 16/07-14 – Paul Orsler (Xoserve) to update the next Work Group on the Gas Transporter approach in relation to the non-effective days in the lead up to Project Nexus’s implementation, which will form the basis of the respective iGT UNC Modification.

The Chair also confirmed that a new page on the iGT UNC website will be created where all material relating to iGT 039 will be published. Following the implementation of UNC Modification [0586FT - Resolution of minor legal text drafting conflicts arising from UNC Modification 0432](#), the Code Administrator and the iGTs will determine whether any changes are required to the iGT039² text, due to the corresponding iGT UNC legal text in the UNC having been changed within the UNC legal text.

Action MWS 16/07-15 – Gemserv to determine where there are any discrepancies between the UNC and iGT UNC codes following the deferral of Project Nexus’s Implementation Date and consequential changes to the iGT039 Modification and legal text.

The Chair outlined that the implementation date for iGT UNC 078³ and 079⁴ is currently scheduled for 23rd February 2017, and as a result of the postponed implementation of Project Nexus, both iGT078 and iGT079 will need to be implemented with the pre-Project Nexus version of the iGT UNC legal text. The Chair questioned whether this was still appropriate given the delays in Project Nexus and industry parties’ workload around this time. The Work Group agreed that the implementation date, of 23rd February 2017, should remain.

The Chair outlined that British Gas had raised a query regarding Energy Assets Pipelines (Limited), and the fact that they had been issued with an MPRN range, when Energy Assets Pipelines, yet to issue their own Network Code, and yet to sign up to the Joint Governance Arrangements. The Work Group agreed that Energy Assets Pipelines are a valid iGT and would be signing up to the relevant agreements in due course.

MJ outlined that SSE have drafted a set of questions relating to iGT 078 and the project summary report. The questions were discussed by the Work Group and provisional answers were submitted

² [iGT039 - Use of a Single Gas Transporter Agency for the common services and systems and processes required by the iGT UNC](#)

³ [iGT078 - Ancillary Document for the New Connections Process](#)

⁴ [iGT079 - Adding Non-domestic New Connections Framework Ancillary Document](#)

however, the Work Group agreed that, as they had only seen the questions for the first time during the meeting, they should be circulated for parties to allow them to produce a more detailed response.

Action MWS 16/07-16 – SSE Energy Supply to circulate questions relating to the project summary report for [iGT078 - Ancillary Document for the New Connections Process](#) and for Work Group members to provide their feedback at the August 2016 Work Group meeting.

There were no further items for discussion and the Chair closed the meeting.

The next iGT UNC Modification Workstream Meeting is on the 2nd August 2016.

Appendix 1

MWS 16/06-01	7 th June 2016	Katy Binch (ES Pipelines) to contact iGTs seeking their view on the appropriate implementation date of the draft CSEP NExA table asking them to confirm when they will have the required data available.	ES Pipelines	Closed. Discussed under item 5.
MWS 16/06-02	7 th June 2016	Paul Orsler (Xoserve) to investigate how Xoserve will be processing data where Annual Quantities have changed, based on the change from the old to new weather correction data under Project Nexus.	Xoserve	Closed. Action Complete – PO to send Gemserv document for publication on iGT UNC website.
MWS 16/06-03	7 th June 2016	Paul Orsler (Xoserve) to confirm with iGT UNC parties whether the pressure tier information in relation to iGT075 will be downloadable from Xoserve in .csv or .xls.	Xoserve	Closed. Discussed under item 6.
MWS 16/06-04	7 th June 2016	Kirsty Dudley (E.ON) to review the Self-governance position of iGT075, discuss the Modification with the Proposer, and if necessary, update the Modification for further consideration by the Work Group.	E.ON	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-05	7 th June 2016	Katy Binch (ES Pipelines) to discuss with iGTs their preference on where information in relation to iGT075 should be hosted; centrally on Xoserve's website or on the iGT UNC website.	ES Pipelines	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-06	7 th June 2016	Ehi Obaye (Ofgem) to confirm whether there is any specific funding/costing information in relation to iGT075, which would need to be cited in the Modification in order for Ofgem to make a decision on the Modification.	Ofgem	Closed. Discussed under item 6.
MWS 16/06-07	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to publish summary of responses on the information request of iGT075 on the iGT UNC website.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-08	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to publish Formula Year Annual Quantity (AQ) legal drafting document written by Steve Ladle (Workstream Chair) and Gethyn Howard (Brookfield Utilities) and circulate this to the iGT UNC parties.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.

MWS 16/06-09	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to produce a Work Group report for iGT085 for consideration by Panel at their meeting on 15 th June 2016.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-10	7 th June 2016	Kish Nundloll (ES Pipelines) to amend the Modification Proposal in line with the discussion and to send this to the Code Administrator in time for consideration by Panel at their meeting on 15 th June 2016.	ES Pipelines	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-11	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to include the development of UNC Modification 0565 and potential delay to the development and implementation of the iGT UNC equivalent Modification on the Known Issues Log.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-12	7 th June 2016	Gethyn Howard (Brookfield Utilities) to provide an email update on current progress of Review Group 001: Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) implications for the iGT UNC to the Code Administrator (Gemserv) for wider circulation to the iGT UNC.	Brookfield Utilities	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-13	7 th June 2016	Ofgem to review the Significant Code Review (SCR) Modification Proposals paper drafted by Steve Ladle (iGT UNC Chair) and to send any comments to the Code Administrator in advance of the next Review Group meeting in 5 th July 2016.	Ofgem	Closed. Action Complete. Updated version published on iGT UNC website.
MWS 16/06-14	7 th June 2016	iGT UNC to review the Self-governance processes under the Review Group (RG) 002, in respect to the Code Governance Review 3 (CGR3) findings.	iGT UNC Workstream	Closed. Discussed under item 8.
MWS 16/06-15	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to create an archive tab on the Known Issues Register and move all closed or resolved issues into this section.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.
MWS 16/06-16	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to add the issue of Transportation Set-up rates to the Known Issues Register.	Gemserv	Closed. Action Complete.

MWS 16/06-17	7 th June 2016	Code Administrator (Gemserv) to include Project Nexus Implementation Date and Modification review on the Agenda for the Modification Workstream on 5 th July 2016.	Gemserv	Closed. Discussed under item 5.
MWS 16/07-01	5 th July 2016	Gemserv to add the “banding range in the CSEP NExA Table” to the iGT UNC Known Issues Register.	Gemserv	New.
MWS 16/07-02	5 th July 2016	iGTs to review impact of proposed date change for AQ review publication and feedback views on their preferred date for data provision.	iGTs	New.
MWS 16/07-03	5 th July 2016	Gemserv to circulate proposed revised timetable for AQ review table publication following feedback from Action MWS 16/07-02.	Gemserv	New.
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MWS 16/07-06	5 th July 2016	Work Group to review revised version (4) of iGT075 and feedback comments to the August 2016 Work Group meeting.	All	New.
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<p>MWS 16/07-16</p>	<p>5th July 2016</p>	<p>SSE Energy Supply to circulate questions relating to the project summary report for iGT078 - Ancillary Document for the New Connections Process and for Work Group members to provide their feedback at the August 2016 Work Group meeting.</p>	<p>SSE Energy Supply</p>	<p>New.</p>
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