

Review group iGT RP009 Removal of metering from iGT UNC

Notes of the teleconference held 21 July 2011

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The group examined the original terms of reference for the group and it was agreed that there was no value in considering any amendments.

A summary was given of past discussions of the review group. Topics that have over time been discussed are:

- iGT RGMA compliance
- PEMS arrangements
- Separation of MAM and GT activities
- Commercial contracts for metering
- Metering related licence conditions

iGTs noted that at the present time they would not lend support to changing the way iGT UNC treats meters. They are still developing their commercial strategies for smart metering and whilst no iGT expressed disinterest in developing a set of robust commercial arrangements, there are still a number of elements beyond their control, and questions that remain unanswered which would dissuade them from moving away from network code for all or some meters. Once ongoing discussions (with Ofgem and others) have been satisfactorily concluded, this position may change.

The group acknowledged this position and accepted that such a clear lack of support for change meant that there was little that the review group could take forwards at this point in time. Shippers expressed disappointment at this situation but equally did not want to continue circular discussions on this subject.

There was general agreement that since the group cannot achieve what it set out to do under the Terms of Reference, the only sensible conclusion is that the group should terminate, and this is the recommendation that will be put to the panel.

Other related work being carried out elsewhere should be continued, however. The group noted a number of related areas that were now being progressed, such as GT to shipper metering communications; understanding of iGT PEMS processes; MAM manual (supplier to [iGT]MAM communications).

In particular, it was felt that the existing 'shelved' draft MAM manual should now be resurrected for further discussion on the practicalities of its implementation. The group agreed that it would be useful to re-circulate the most recent draft and schedule a subsequent discussion at the iGT workgroup in September.

A brief discussion of the ongoing GT comms work also took place. It was suggested that the GT comms group could consider whether there needs to be any additional

wording in code to support the installation of meters by shippers (or their agents). This will be taken forward by the chair of that group (Jenny Rawlinson).

No further meetings of review group 009 were scheduled.

Actions

1. iGTs to circulate latest version of MAM manual with note that it will be discussed at next workgroup
2. JR to take suggestion forwards in GT comms group
3. DS to request MAM manual agenda item for next IGT workgroup (5th September)
4. DS to produce a draft panel report which includes the recommendation that the group be shut down, with an explanation of the reasons. Draft to be circulated to group members for comment.
5. DS to send final report to representative before 11 August.