

IGT UNC Modification Workstream Meeting 19-02

Tuesday 5th February 2019

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee		Organisation	
Steve Ladle	(SL)	Gemserv	Chairman
Chris Barker	(CB)	BUUK	
Sebastian Eyre	(SE)*	ES Pipelines	
Kate Mulvany	(KM)	Centrica	
Radhika Kalra	(RK)*	E.ON	
Megan Coventry	(MC)*	SSE	
Mark Jones	(MJ)	SSE	
Paul Orsler	(PO)	Xoserve	
Anne Jackson	(AJ)	Gemserv	Item 6 only
Rachel Clarke	(RC)	Gemserv	Secretariat
Billy Howitt	(BH)	Gemserv	Secretariat

*Attendees joined meeting 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 John Welch (Npower) and Kirsty Dudley (E.ON).

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the items for discussion as outlined in the final agenda. The Workgroup had one additional item for AOB from Chris Barker in relation to Shipper contact information.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Attendees reviewed the minutes from the Modification Workstream meeting held on 8th January 2019 (19-01). The Workgroup had one comment before approving the previous minutes. RK informed the Workgroup that her organisation was stated incorrectly. Consequently, RC stated that she would make this amendment. No additional comments were made therefore the Chair noted that these 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. Cross-Code Modification Implications

The Chair introduced a document prepared by the Code Administrator which is to be used to track UNC modifications which could have an impact on the IGT UNC.

The Workgroup reviewed the document and discussed the possible implications to the IGT UNC, the discussion is detailed below;

Mod Ref		Description	Workgroup determination
677	R	Shipper Supplier Theft Reporting Request	The Workgroup resolved that as this review group is in its infancy there may be issues raised that pertain to IGTs. The Workgroup indicated that a joint Workgroup was being set up between SPAA and UNC to monitor this.
676	R	Review of Gas Transporter Joint Office Arrangements	The Workgroup resolved to monitor the review group as the legal text has not yet been discussed and this may affect the IGT UNC.
674		Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls	Workgroup members noted that it is likely that this modification Workgroup will extend beyond March. Has been added to the known issues register.
672		Incentivise Product Class 4 Read Performance	The Workgroup resolved to monitor this modification as the legal text has not yet been released and this may influence the IGT UNC. Has been added to the known issues register.
668	S	Enabling permissions for the provision of information to Alt Han Company to support smart metering roll-out	IGT116V was sent to the January Panel and will be implemented in the February Schedule release. The Workgroup resolved to remove this from the tracker.
665		Introduction of suitable classification of Ratchetable Supply Points & ensuring accurate Capacity Allocations (SOQ)	The Workgroup are specifically looking at the impacts of this modification on the IGT. The Chair stated that a modification might be required as IGT are not exempt from this if they exceed capacity.
664		Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4	The Workgroup discussed that the modification had been discussed at the UIG meeting in January and will be sent back to Panel in March. John Welch (Npower) will be raising an IGT modification.
661	R	Reconciliation and Imbalance Cash Out Prices	The Workgroup resolved that this Review group would not have an impact on the IGT UNC. The Workgroup resolved to remove this from the Tracker.
652		Obligation to submit reads and data for winter consumption calculation (meters in EUC bands 3 - 8)	Npower advised that no further action was needed in relation to IGT117. The Workgroup was informed that IGT117 would be withdrawn once UNC652 has progressed to consultation.
651		Replacement of the Retrospective Data Update provisions	A decision for this modification is pending.
647		Opening Class 1 reads to Competition	UNC647 Workgroup has asked Xoserve to review the pricing structure for implementation of this modification. At present the future of this modification is uncertain. The proposer of IGT119 noted that depending on the

		decision of whether to progress with UNC647 the IGT equivalent may be withdrawn.
630	R	Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme RC and other IGT members will be dialling in to the Workgroup 0630R on 6 th February 2019. An update would be provided at the next Workgroup meeting. RG005 continues to be developed within the IGT UNC.

PO noted that Ofgem had committed to returning an implementation response in January to the UNC Panel for UNC651, however, at present this has not yet been delivered. Therefore, the IGT UNC may be in a better position to act on an equivalent following this decision.

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6. [RG005 – IGT UNC Review of Consequential Changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements](#)

The Chair provided an update on work carried out on RG005 since the last meeting, noting that a subgroup had been held on 22nd January 2019 to carry out a page turn of the IGT UNC. CB added that the session had been successful and that the group had reviewed the IGT UNC, paying special attention to the UNC Section G drafting that was made available to identify areas of the IGT UNC that would be affected by these changes.

The Chair noted that although the Code Administrator had been provided with a copy of the new UNC legal text drafting for Section G this was predominantly looking at changes around the restructure of the section and had not taken into account the consequential changes of the Faster Switching programme. CB noted that both ESP and BU-UK had each reviewed the Ancillary documents, however, at present there were no concerns around these documents.

ESP had some concerns that need to be considered these are indicated below:

- The shipper no longer mandated to submit a capacity referral
- Sanctions currently differ between IGTs and GTs.
- New system interface and the impact of the amount of “real time” reference that the CSS will have to with UK Link.

The Chair continued that progress had been made at the first RG005 page turn however more progress is required. Consequently, a second RG005 page turn will be held on 12th February 2019. The Chair informed the Workgroup that this meeting was being held after 8th February 2019 due to the delivery date of the UNC legal text by Cadent. Furthermore, once the next RG005 page turn has been completed, high level reflections of changes to the IGT UNC would be discussed at the March Workstream meeting.

The Workgroup discussed the Standards of Service Ancillary Document that was last updated in November 2017. CB indicated some changes may need to be considered to the Ancillary document,

one of these included changes to the Address Query Service. The Chair asked the Workgroup if the Address Query Service was still relevant if the decision under the REC was between the Supplier and the Central Switching Service. AJ stated that Transporters and Suppliers are involved in REC governance. PO stated that the current Address Query Service should be left as it is and asked the Workgroup whether this process aligned with that under the UNC. AJ highlighted that there can be differences in a meter point address and a delivery address. AJ further stated that it is important to keep Address Query Service due to the location of gas shut off points. The Chair concluded that the service cannot be advised to be redundant and therefore it should be left in place and no changes should be made for the interim. AJ reiterated the importance of the timescales in relation to the delivery date of the 25th March 2019 for consequential changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements.

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7. [IGT117 - Introduction of winter read/consumption reports and associated obligations](#)

The Chair noted that the legal text for UNC652 has now been finalised. The draft legal text would not result in any IGT UNC changes.

The Chair stated that Npower had informed him that no further action was required in relation to this modification. The Chair indicated that Npower are waiting until the UNC652 modification had progressed to consultation before IGT117 would be withdrawn.

8. [IGT118V – Amendments to the IGT UNC Password Protection Protocols](#)

RK presented an amended modification to the Workgroup, noting that there have been further amendments made due to the scope of the change becoming too wide, therefore, it had been changed back to what was originally being proposed. RK continued that E.ON would be raising a Review group request to discuss wider communication issues. The Workgroup agreed the amended changes. The Chair indicated that the work carried out by a newly formed Review group may benefit to work alongside the MRA Secure Communications Working Group (SCWG).

Ancillary document

The Workgroup explored version 4.2 of the Ancillary document. The Workgroup discussed how the document requires passwords to be changed several times a year (in line with standard Code releases) as well as on an ad hoc basis and if a user does not change their password then this would be done for them by the Pipeline Operator to maintain secure communications. RK highlighted that the current provision of IGT118V only includes the Invoice Supporting Data and Portfolio Extracts but could be widened to all for information in the future. MJ queried why the removal of 'CD/DVD' was made to the legal text, whereby the Chair and CB indicated that this detail has been removed from the Ancillary Document as it was felt that this was too restricting in the current technology climate.

The Workgroup completed the Workgroup report and Workgroup recommended this modification to go to the Panel scheduled for 22nd February 2019.

Action MWS19/02-01: CA to complete the Workgroup report for IGT118V and add this to the February Panel Agenda for discussion.

9. [IGT119 – Opening Class 1 read services on IGT Meter Supply Points to Competition](#)

SE noted that discussions in the Distribution Workgroup highlighted Transporter concerns around cost implications of UNC647S. SE informed the Workgroup that the modification had been sent back to Xoserve to review these costs. SE highlighted that if UNC647S was to be withdrawn by the proposer due to these costs, the IGT UNC equivalent would also be withdrawn as the implementation of this modification is reliant on the implementation of the UNC solution. PO stated that the costs highlighted were correct and questioned the three-month transitional period to see whether this could be shortened as this may help to reduce the costs. The Chair indicated that IGT119 would be kept on the agenda and this would be reported back to the Panel.

10. IGT UNC Known Issues Register

The Workgroup reviewed the current items recorded on the known issues register. The Workgroup agreed the following changes and comments;

- Discussion surrounding Confirming shipper vs Elected Shipper should be reviewed at the next Workgroup meeting following an update from PO; and.
- Self-Governance Alternate process to be removed from the register.

Action MWS19/02-02: CA to add the new issues raised to the Known issues register.

11. AOB

Communication between Pipeline Operators and Pipeline Users within the data sharing processes:

CB raised concerns about the need for a list of escalation contacts for Shippers. RC and KM indicated that a list of contacts needed to be kept up to date and can become out of date quickly. The Workgroup stated that without a Shipper Contact List being defined in the Code it would be difficult to implement and maintain. KM indicated that parties who are difficult to engage with are still likely to be an issue even if an escalation contact list for Shippers is created. RK stated that it is an area that could be discussed under the new Review Group following IGT118V. CB resolved to take the Workgroup's comments back for more internal discussions on a way forward.

The next IGT UNC Modification Workstream Meeting is on 5th March 2019

Appendix 1

MWS19/01-01	8 th January 2019	CA to schedule two extra meetings for the RG005 Code page review.	CA	Closed.
MWS19/01-02	8 th January 2019	CA to add communication issues between PU and PO to the known issues register.	CA	Closed.
MWS19/01-03	8 th January 2019	RK to amend Ancillary document for IGT118V and submit for review at the February Workstream meeting.	RK	Closed.
MWS19/01-04	8th January 2019	PO to confirm where in the IGT UNC and UNC Ratchet charges and different connect types are covered.	PO	Carried Forward.
MWS19/01-05	8 th January 2019	PO to write to IGTs to confirm Formula AQ processes within UK Link to answer concerns in the IGT process.	PO	Closed.
MWS19/01-06	8 th January 2019	CA to add the new issues raised to the Known issues register.	CA	Closed.
MWS19/02-01	5th February 2019	CA to complete the Workgroup report for IGT118V and add this to the February Panel Agenda for discussion.	CA	New
MWS19/02-02	5th February 2019	CA to add the new issues raised to the Known issues register.	CA	New