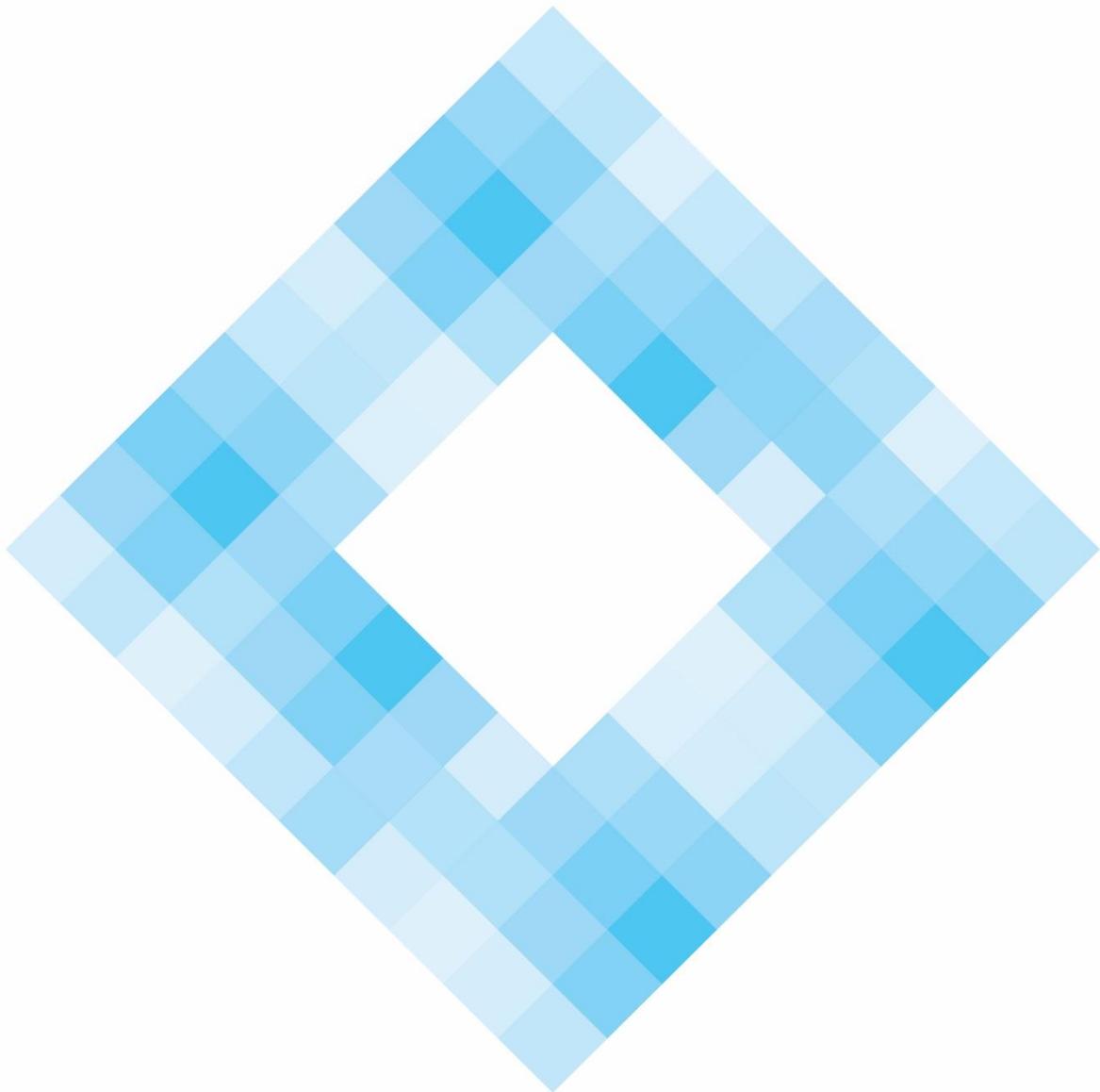


Cross-Code Working – An analysis of the current provisions

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Background

The IGT UNC Modification Panel tasked the IGT UNC Modification Workgroup to discuss the Cross-Code working between the IGT UNC and the UNC, specifically regarding difficulties with the Change processes. This was following recent issues raised during the development of UNC691S (CDSP to convert Class 2, 3 or 4 Supply Meter Points to Class 1 when G1.6.15 criteria are met) which highlighted areas of weakness in the cross-code arrangements and impacted on industry efforts.

UNC676R (Review of Gas Transporter Joint Office Arrangements) is a Review group which has been formed to discuss the current Gas Transporter Joint Office arrangements and the proposer of this Review Group request has asked the IGT UNC Modification Panel to feed into it on this subject. This Review group has not sat for several months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the additional resources required to deal with the volumes of work for this. It is understood that this will, however, resume in early 2021. This report will be provided to the Proposer of UNC676R and incorporated into discussions at those meetings.

IGT UNC Workgroup Discussion – 20-11 (12th Nov 2020)

The IGT UNC Modification Workstream meeting was presented with slides¹ which suggested areas of good working practices across the two Codes and areas identified for improvement. These areas were discussed during the meeting and additional areas identified for further improvements. Questions asked of the Workgroup were;

- What has worked well between the IGT UNC and UNC change processes?
- What still needs to be improved between the IGT UNC and UNC change processes?

AREAS OF IDENTIFIED POSITIVE CROSS CODE WORKING

- Suggested amendments to UNC legal text from the IGT UNC Code Administrator are considered;
- The IGT UNC Panel/Workstream Chair is invited to attend the UNC Panel meetings on a monthly basis;
- UNC Workgroups discuss whether there are IGT UNC implications and identify these in Modification Reports/Workgroup Reports and vice versa;
- Implementation dates are aligned across both Codes to ensure that changes are implemented simultaneously;

¹ <https://www.igt-unc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Cross-Code-Working-presentation-v1.0.pdf>

- Some UNC Modification proposers are approaching the IGT UNC CA proactively to discuss matters prior to raising mods; and
- The UNC Panel/UNCC Chair is considerate of IGT UNC issues and impacts.

The Workgroup discussed these positive areas of cross-code working and noted that it showed that the relationship between the two codes had come a long way over recent years to overcome some of the challenges post Nexus implementation.

AREAS OF IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENT IN CROSS CODE WORKING

- Earlier flagging of potential impacts to the IGT UNC from UNC Modifications;
- No GT representative at the IGT UNC Panel, although there is a non-voting seat available;
- Legal text needs to be made available to the IGT UNC Code Administrator earlier to identify potential impacts (even where there are no identified impacts by the Workgroup in terms of the change and its solution);
- Aligned implementation dates usually fall outside of the IGT UNC (and most energy codes') release schedule (February, June and November);
- More official cross-code working groups are needed in order to progress Modifications at the same time for greater consistency and efficiency;
- More proactivity rather than reactivity to ensure cross-code harmony; and
- Ability for Proposal forms/templates to show explicit early indicators of cross-code impacts.

The Workgroup talked at length about the benefits of actively ensuring that proposers think about the impact of their change on other Codes. The Workgroup acknowledged that the current templates go some way to detailing these impacts, however, do not currently have enough emphasis put on them. One Workgroup member showed another Code body's proposal form which includes a tick box whereby proposers are asked to actively consider a list of all other codes in the impacts section of the report. The Workgroup discussed the benefits to both Administrators and the industry in considering these links earlier, thereby ensuring that these considerations are incorporated in the solution of the change.

Conclusion

[To be defined by Panel]

