Summary of IGT UNC Workgroups – 10th December 2020

Purpose:

This paper provides Panel members with a summary of IGT UNC Workgroup discussions where applicable each month.

Please note that the Modifications which will be subjected to a decision at this meeting are not reflected in this document due to them already being discussed in the Panel meeting.

IGT148 – IGT UNC Modification Proposal-Class 1 Meter Reads

The Workgroup discussed the Modifications aims and solution and debated where the hook would be in the IGT UNC for IGTs to supply meter reads for Class 1 sites. The Workgroup also discussed why the IGTs are required to obtain meter reads as this is not for their own settlement purposes. There was a lot of debate around this and the references in the IGTAD which still place the obligation to obtain meter reads, where the obligation has gone for DNs. The Proposer resolved to speak with the Code Administrator on this further with the view of presenting an amended Modification and legal text at the January Workstream meeting.

For a full extract of the discussion please refer to the Draft minutes here.

IGT138 – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls

The Chair noted that the updated version of the UNC674 Modification has yet to be published on the Joint Office website, and therefore, the Code Administrator has been unable to update the IGT UNC Modification to reflect these latest changes. The Chair noted that the final Workgroup meeting for UNC674 has been scheduled for 7th January 2021, a week before the IGT UNC Workstream meeting and the external paper day for the final agenda and papers for that meeting. The Chair noted that as a result of the UNC674 Workgroup, it is likely that the Code Administrator will be publishing any subsequent IGT138 papers late, however, that the Workgroup report is in a good position and caught up with the UNC equivalent due to the additional meeting held in November.

Next steps: The Workgroup Report is due to be finalised at the January Workstream meeting (14th January 2021).[1]

For a full extract of the discussion please refer to the Draft minutes here.

[1] It should be noted that if UNC674 is held up in the change process, IGT138 will be delayed ensuring both are aligned.

Party Engagement – Digitisation

The Workgroup heard that further work would be needed in the new year to define what Digitisation means for the IGT UNC, as well as for the Code Administrator to approach the Joint Office to discuss their current plans for Digitisation. The Code Administrator suggested that this be revisited in January 2021, which would also give sufficient time to ensure talks can be held with the relevant parties on an enduring approach to Digitisation.

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Cross-Code Modification Implications Tracker

The Workgroup discussed the below cross-code Modifications.

UNC746 - Clarificatory change to the AQ amendment process within TPD G2.3 (formally UNC736A)

It is still forecasted that UNC746 will have no legal text changes for the IGT UNC. This will still be monitored as this change progresses. This Modification is extremely close to UNC736 solution, however, includes the retrospective elements.

UNC747 - Amendment of reference from AIGT to INA within the UNC

There may be a need for a FT Modification in the IGT UNC as there is currently one reference to AiGT in the Code. It is currently in the scope of IGT140 (Changes to Panel rules) which is still with the Authority for decision. This has been added to the Known Issues Register as a precaution if IGT140 is not to be implemented by Ofgem.

UNC734 - Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems

It was discussed that there may be a potential gap in governance whereby there will be system changes because of this Modification which will cover all Supply Points. The solution would mandate confirmed thefts to be reported regardless of site and therefore, there will be a need to include an area for theft in the IGT UNC. However, the IGT UNC impacts have not been assessed by the group. Workgroup members resolved to raise this at the next Distribution Workgroup meeting. The Code Administrator also resolved to speak with SPAA to close the gaps.

UNC730 - COVID-19 Capacity Retention Process

This Modification has recently been varied and includes new business rules which may have an impact on IGT Supply Points. This was discussed by the group as previous conversations with the Proposer of the Modification had resolved in there being no impacts. The Code Administrator resolved to take away an action to review the revised Modification and legal text to draw out any impacts on the code.

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