



IGT UNC 22-01 Modification Workstream Meeting

Final Minutes

Thursday 13th January 2022 via Teleconference

Attendee	Initial	Organisation	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Chair
Kundai Matiringe	KM	BUUK	
Chris Barker	CB	BUUK	IGT132VV Only
Heather Ward	HW	Energy Assets	
Michelle King	MK	Energy Assets	
Clare Manning	CM	E.ON	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	
Jaimee LeResche	JL	Xoserve	
Dave Addison	DA	Xoserve	To present under IGT158 and RG005
Talia Addy	TA	Gemserv	Code Administrator
Sandra Fawzy	SF	Gemserv	Code Administrator

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and accepted apologies received from Jenny Rawlinson (BUUK). KM notified the Workgroup that Jenny Rawlinson will no longer attend Workgroup meetings and that KM is the BUUK representative. All attendees confirmed permission for the meeting to be recorded.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair advised the Workgroup that the meeting will be ending at 13:30 to allow attendees the opportunity to attend the UNC 784s Workgroup meeting (equivalent Modification to IGT158 – Transition to the Central Switching Service and the Retail Energy Code v2). It was agreed by the Workgroup that the AOB and Standing Items would be carried forward to the February Workgroup if they could not be covered at this meeting.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes 21-12

SF informed the Workgroup that no comments were received for the draft 21-12 Modification Workstream meeting minutes prior to the meeting. The Workgroup had no comments to add to the Minutes at the meeting and they were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding Actions

SF informed the Workgroup that there were four outstanding actions:

21-12/01 JL to forward the 13th December 2021 UNC Distribution Workgroup meeting Minutes to IGT UNC mailbox and the Chair. It was confirmed by the Code Administrator that the 13th December 2021 UNC Distribution Workgroup meeting minutes were sent to the IGT UNC mailbox by JL. The reason for this action point was to highlight if there were any additional impacts due to New Connections and how they are to be managed. It was agreed that this action would be considered closed.

21-12/02 JL agreed to notify the Chair whether there are any additional impacts due to the New Connections and how they are going to be managed. As above.

21-12/03 AJ to submit agreed set of questions to Dave Addison (Xoserve). AJ informed the Workgroup that a list of questions was submitted to Dave Addison in to gain further information to support the development of Modification IGT158 and RG005 - IGT UNC Review of Impacts resulting from the Faster Switching Programme arrangements. They remain in communication and Dave Addison gave a verbal update, see item 6. It was agreed that this action should be considered closed.

21-12/04 CA to propose a legal definition to the Workgroup for LDZ “Ancillary Agreement” and for it to be provided to the Workgroup at its next meeting. The Chair notified the Workgroup that the action point was in line with item 9 on the agenda (IGT UNC Known Issues Register), and it is be carried forward to the February 2022 Workgroup.

Modification Work Groups

5. IGT132VV – Introduction of IGT Code Credit Rules

SF drew the Workgroup’s attention to the [Ofgem send back letter](#) dated 2nd July 2021 for IGT132VV. The Workgroup was reminded of Ofgem’s reasons for sending back the Modification and the further information needed to enable Ofgem to make a decision on the Modification. They were summarised as set out below.

Reasons for send back

- A lack of information on the extent to which consumers would face costs if an iGT is exposed to bad debt as a result of a Shipper failure. The Final Modification Report (FMR) appears contradictory on the impact to consumers as it states that consumers would not face the cost of iGT bad debt exposure, but equally that credit cover would protect consumers from future costs;
- FMR states that on only one occasion, in 2018, where a Shipper failed at the same time as a Supplier;
- FMR suggests that exposure to bad debt could lead to iGT failure, and this could impact consumers’ gas supply. There is insufficient detail in the FMR to consider the risk that bad debt exposure could lead to the failure of an IGT;
- Insufficient evidence that the additional costs of credit cover will not be passed through to consumers by Shippers; and

- No adequate evidence or analysis has been presented to demonstrate that credit cover arrangements will not impact competition between Shippers or Suppliers.

Further analysis needed

- Explain the extent to which IGTs may require credit cover in line with the Modification;
- Explain the impact that credit cover will have on Shippers, including on a range of different types of Shippers;
- Explain the impact that the additional costs borne by Shippers will have on consumers; and
- Consider whether this modification will negatively impact competition between Shippers.

The Workgroup spent a significant amount of time discussing and making observations on the responses received to the Request for Information (RFI). Responses were received from both Shippers and IGTs with the questions having been written with Ofgem's guidance points in mind. A summary of the responses has been captured in the [supplementary document](#) of the Workgroup Report for IGT132VV.

It was agreed that the CA would incorporate the observations made and add them to the body of the Workgroup Report for IGT132VV. These will be looked at and ratified at the February Workgroup meeting, with the aim of sending the Modification to Panel in February.

6. [IGT158 – Transition to the Central Switching Service and the Retail Energy Code v3.0](#)

DA took the Workgroup through the *Xoserve Transition arrangement for REC v3 Go Live* PowerPoint. The PowerPoint with the notes can be found [here](#).

Review Groups

7. [RG005 – IGT UNC Review of Impacts resulting from the Faster Switching Programme arrangements](#)

DA gave the Workgroup an update with regards to the Significant Code Review (SCR) which was as follows:

- The SCR will remove the act of registration out of UNC and into the Retail Energy Code (REC);
- Confirmation activity in the UNC will be led by the Central Switching Service (CSS);
- Settlement elements will remain within the UNC;
- CSS supply points have new terminology added, i.e. "Definitive Registration Nomination";
- Version 2 of the SCR text underwent a lengthy industry presentation process in March 2020, and version 3 was issued in March 2021;
- The current iteration of the text is version 4;

- Parties were invited to comment on version 4 and that the consultation on the text closed on 6th January 2022; and
- Comments were received from Joint Office, mainly with regards to numbering. Comments were also received with regards to the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) to release protected information.

DA informed the Workgroup that there will be further updates with regard to the New Connections Process and that AJ will be kept up to date with that information.

AJ notified the Workgroup that there will be further changes being made to the legal drafting of IGT UNC inline with information gained from Xoserve and the Joint Office. It is anticipated that the Workgroup will work through the changes to the legal drafting in the February Workgroup meeting.

Standing Items

8. [Cross-Code Modification Implications Tracker](#)

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

9. [IGT UNC Known Issues Register](#)

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

AOB

10. New Mod – to amend the IGT Must read process

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to the proposer being unable to join the meeting and to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

11. Definition for MAM or MEM

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

12. IGT UNC Panel and Workstream meetings for 2023

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

13. IGT RGMA Guidance Document V2.0

The Chair advised that this item will be deferred until the next meeting due to time constraints, this was agreed and accepted by the Workgroup.

There was no other business.

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10th February 2022.

Annex A – Action Log

Action reference	Action Description	Owner	Status
WS 21-12/01	JL to forward the 13 th December 2021 UNC Distribution Workgroup meeting Minutes to IGT UNC mailbox and the Chair.	JL	Closed
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