

Summary of IGT UNC Workgroup – 12th May 2022

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 subject to review at this Panel meeting are not reflected in this document due to them already being on the Panel agenda.

For a full extract of the discussion please refer to the draft minutes [here](#).

Modification Work Groups

IGT159 - Amendments to the Must Read Process

The Workgroup were reminded of the recent history and purpose of the Modification with it being noted that the purpose of the Modification is to update the Must Read process to:

- include timescales for a site to enter the process;
- introduce time frames for procuring and returning a read to update reporting requirements; and
- to ensure the most accurate information would be available to all industry parties.

It was added that the Modification sought to introduce or address five separate areas within the solution and all those areas would be looking to make changes to Part E of the IGT UNC.

It was noted that the Modification had been raised for several factors, one of which was the implementation of [UNC692s - Automatic Updates to Meter Read Frequency](#) that was implemented in January 2022. The Modification stated that it was expected that an additional 60,000 sites across the industry would enter the Must Read process because of UNC692.

The Proposer took the workgroup through a presentation they provided ahead of the meeting which included a summary of proposed amendments to the Modification and the draft proposed business rules.

The Workgroup discussed the following areas:

- Rules for IGTs to provide reads within an agreed window which allows the Shipper sufficient time to enter the read into Settlement;
- Reporting requirements to ensure that data is regularly refreshed and the most accurate and up to date information is available and used by all industry Parties;
- A process for any faults or visible concerns with a meter, or issues obtaining a read, to be recorded and reported;

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- A specific process for Smart and AMR meters with an active DCC flag;
- A specific process for sites gained via the SoLR process to allow the new Shipper the opportunity to obtain a read; and
- Extension to the current Must Read pause for IGT sites (AOB item considered during the IGT159 discussions).

Next Steps or IGT159

Information regarding the five business rules is to be sent to Xoserve to be ratified with the view of having an Amended Modification and Draft Modification Report ready for June 2022.

It was noted that, with a four-day bank holiday in June 2022, the paper day for the next Workgroup meeting would be 1st June 2022 and the Workgroup would need to see the Amended Modification before the legal text could be drafted.

It was also added that following implementation of the IGT UNC Modification an XRN would need to be raised for the system changes and this would need to be considered when expecting this Modification to be operational.

IGT159 related AOB item - Extension to the current Must Read pause for IGT sites

Shippers enquired whether IGTs would consider a further two month extension to the current IGT Must Read pause which was due to expire at the end of May 2022. It was noted that the extension was needed as the Modification timescales had slipped and there was potential for a large number of must reads to enter the process due to UNC692S following the end of the May 2022 pause.

The Chair suggested that a member of the Workgroup attend the next meeting of the Independent Network Association (INA) Regulatory Sub-committee to continue the discussion. IGTs queried whether this would be the last request of this nature of due to the unknown implementation timescales of the Modification and the system change, whether this would be caveated with a possible future request. It was noted that this may be a possibility, however, the current request was for two months.

The Chair asked IGTs if their position was that they were still happy with the timescale of two months with the caveat that there may be a further request in future. Two members agreed and stated they did not want the pause to go on any longer than necessary. It was recognised that the longer the reads are static, the greater the risk. It was suggested that if a resolution could not be reached then there should be a caveat that the site would automatically fall back.

The Code Administrator will inform the Authority when the Modification is submitted for decision that there are time sensitivities associated with it.