



IGT UNC 22-09 Modification Workstream Meeting

Final Minutes

Thursday 11th August 2022 via Teleconference

| Attendee | Initial | Organisation | Notes |
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| Anne Jackson | AJ | Gemserv | Chair |
| Kundai Matiringe | KM | BUUK | |
| Michelle Brown | MB | Energy Assets | |
| Cher Harris | CH | Indigo Pipelines | |
| Claire Roberts | CR | Scottish Power | |
| Ellie Rogers | ER | Xoserve | |
| Talia Lattimore | TL | Gemserv | |

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and accepted apologies received from Clare Manning (CM).

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the items for discussion as outlined in the Final Agenda and asked attendees for 'Any Other Business' (AOB) items, which there were none.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes 22-08

Talia Lattimore (TL) informed the Workgroup that no comments were received for the draft 22-08 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

TL informed the Workgroup that there were no outstanding actions.

5. Cross Code Modification Implications Tracker

TL provided the Workgroup with the following updates:

Watch List

- **UNC0815S – DSC Committee Quoracy:** This Modification was raised on 12 Aug 2022 and seeks to amend the minimum quoracy requirements for Data Services Contract (DSC) Committees for Shippers and Transporters from three to two in line with the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Modification Rules for the Modification Panel and UNC Committee. The first

Workgroup meeting took place on 31st August 2022. The Workgroup Report is due to be presented to Panel on 20th October 2022.

- **UNC0813 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers:** The first Workgroup Meeting was held on 25th August 2022. The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for 6th October 2022.
- **UNC0811S - Shipper Agreed Read (SAR) exceptions process:** The first Workgroup meeting took place on 25th August 2022. The Workgroup Report is expected to be developed during the next Workgroup meeting (22nd September 2022).
- **UNC0809S - Distribution of Last Resort Supplier Payment (LRSP) claims to include IGT sites:** The Panel will consider the Final Modification Report and make final determination on 15th September 2022.
- **UNC0734S - Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems:** The technical solution for DSC Change XRN 5236 is due to be delivered in October. However, a Retail Energy Code (REC) change is required to allow files to be sent to the CDSP to the REC. While the technical solution will be delivered in October 2022, it will not go live until the required REC change is delivered.

IGT UNC Equivalent Modifications

- **UNC0674V – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls:** At their August 2022 meeting the Panel considered changing the November 2022 Release Date from 4th November to 1st November to limit the number of Code releases in the same week. The Panel are currently seeking views on this potential change, which are due by 16th September 2022.
- **UNC0664VVS - Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4 (adopted):** Related Xoserve Change XRN4990 (Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4 (MOD0664)) has been given an implementation date of 23rd February 2023. The Implementation Date for UNC0664VVS, and related IGT UNC Modification for IGT145S - Transfer of Sites with Low Read Submission Performance from Class 2 and 3 into Class 4 (adopted), will also be 23rd February 2023.
- **UNC0800 - Introducing the concept of a derogation framework into Uniform Network Code (UNC) (Authority Direction):** UNC0800 has been given an implementation date of 1st October 2022.

Review Groups

- **UNC754R - Investigate Advanced Analytic Options to improve NDM Demand Modelling:** The next meeting is scheduled for 29th September 2022, where the Workgroup Report is expected to be developed.
- **UNC0763R - Review of Gas Meter By-Pass Arrangements:** The Workgroup Report was presented to Panel in August, where the Panel voted to close the request.

- **UNC0778R - Gas Vacant Sites Process review:** The Workgroup Report was presented to Panel in July, where Panel voted to close the request. [UNC0819 – Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process](#) has since been raised.
- **UNC0783R - Review of AQ Correction Processes:** The Workgroup Report was presented to Panel in August, where the Panel voted to close the request. [UNC0816S – Update to AQ Correction Processes](#) has since been raised.
- **UNC0812R - Review of Alternatives to “Must Read” Arrangements:** The first Workgroup meeting took place on 25th August 2022. An action was taken by the IGT UNC Code Administrator to seek views from IGT's on the use of their Must Read Process. The Code Administrator will report back to the UNC Workgroup at its next meeting and continue to monitor the development in this space. At the moment there is no intention of expanding the discussion from DN to IGT.

6. IGT UNC Known Issues Register

TL advised the Workgroup that there were no new updates to the Known Issues Register.

AOB

7. UNC Distribution Workgroup Action (August 2022 Meeting) related to UNC0812R – Review of Alternatives to “Must Read” Arrangements

TL informed the Workgroup that at the August 2022 UNC Distribution Workgroup meeting (which TL attended), an action was taken by TL with regards to UNC0812R:

IGT (TL) to update Workgroup on what the counterargument is for IGTs expanding the Must-Read service. What explains that preference? How much is the process being used? Why are IGT taking a very different approach?

CH noted that [IGT159 - Amendments to the Must Read Process](#) is a Shipper driven Modification rather than an IGT driven Modification. They added that in terms of IGTs and their use of the Must Read process, all parties have a different approach. Some IGTs are very invested and committed to it and do a lot, some do not do anything at all or only do something if it suits them, with other IGTs somewhere in the middle. Other members of the Workgroup echoed these views and agreed that all IGTs take on a very different commercial approach to must reads.

TL relayed comments made by the UNC Distribution Workgroup (UNC0812R) whereby members noted that the provisions under the IGT UNC have expanded. TL advised that they confirmed at the Workgroup that while the provisions in Code have expanded the process itself had become more rigorous and is expected to be used less. CH responded, adding that in terms of what we have landed with for the IGT159 solution, the pot of must reads will technically be smaller following the implementation of IGT159 and there will be less must reads collected despite the additional provisions.

ER noted that parties in the Distribution Workgroup Meeting may not fully understand the intent of the IGT159 solution as they were not involved in the development, focusing on the fact that there were differences between the two approaches. However, the IGT159 solution will actually bring the IGT must read process more in line with the approach taken by Distribution Networks, for example the intent to exclude Smart and AMR meters. They felt that using the word “expanded” was not entirely clear.

TL advised the Workgroup that they will highlight the discussions had at the meeting to the Distribution Workgroup and will offer, as they have done already, to provide an overview of the IGT159 Solution.

8. IGT UNC November 2022 Release Date

TL advised the Workgroup that the November 2022 Release is currently scheduled to take place on 4th November 2022. This release currently only includes the implementation of [IGT160 - Introducing the concept of a derogation into the IGT UNC for innovation projects](#). They added that the Authority has recently designated an implementation date of 1st November 2022 for [IGT138V - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls](#) which means that there are currently two Code Releases scheduled during the same week in November.

TL advised the Workgroup that its August 2022 meeting the Panel considered changing the current November 2022 Release Date from the 4th November to the 1st November. Panel members felt that aligning to a single date would reduce administrative effort and allow for efficiencies as there would only be one version of Code to release. This change would also mitigate against the risk of party confusion, which would be more likely should more than one version of Code be released during the same week.

TL advised that the Panel were minded to make the change but wished to consider views from industry before making its decision. The Code Administrator (CA) issued a request to industry on the same day as the Panel meeting, seeking views from Parties on this change of Release Date and to understand if there are any unknown unintended consequences. TL encouraged members to consider and respond if they had not already done so, noting that the Panel will consider this matter again at its September 2022 meeting, where it will make its final determination.

9. Panel Membership Update & Current Vacancies

The Chair notified the Workgroup that Heather Ward has resigned as a member of the Panel with effect from the end of August 2022. Stuart Monk has been appointed and will sit on the Panel from September 2022.

The Chair reminded the Workgroup that there are currently 2 Shipper vacancies on the IGT UNC Panel, which means that the Panel is currently not quorate. The CA will continue to utilise Code provisions which allow meetings to be opened and closed and then reconvened on the same day. The CA will continue to notify parties quarterly of the vacancies. The Chair encouraged Shippers in

attendance to consider joining the Panel and advised that the CA would be happy to discuss the role in more detail.

10. UNC0822 - Reform of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements

The Chair notified the Workgroup that urgency has been granted for UNC0822, noting that this Modification proposes to modify the UNC to make changes to the Demand Side Response (DSR) arrangements.

The Chair advised that this Modification would have an impact on larger sites but that it is not currently clear if there are any IGT sites that fall within the remit of the Modification. Sites that fall within the remit are those with an Annual Quantity (AQ) of greater than 2 million therms (or 58.6 GWhs). If there are IGT sites with an AQ above the specified levels an IGT UNC Modification may be required.

The Chair added that Shippers will be able to put forward any sites that fall within the remit of the Modification for Demand Side Response purposes. CH advised that there are a small number of DM sized sites on IGT networks but this Modification sounds like its for much larger sites.

ER advised that there is a DSC change being progressed to ensure it can support UNC0822. When drafting the change a similar conversations was had and it was believed that there were no IGT sites that had an AQ large enough to fall within the remit of this Modification. They advised that they have not checked the data yet and that it was National Grid's assumption that this was the case. ER advised that they would see if the CDSP can review IGT sides and confirm if there are any with an AQ greater than 2 million therms (or 58.6 GWhs).

The Chair advised that if there are IGT site that meet that AQ requirement a Modification will need to be raised urgently to back nessessary requirements off in the IGT UNC. If there are not then action is not required urgently and IGTs can assess if this is needed in future and post the Ofgem decision on the UNC modification.

ER advised that there are over 40 business rules as part of this Modification, mostly at DN and National Grid level. The Chair noted that unless there are site specific requirements the UNC provisions will take care of both DN and IGT sites. If there are requirements at site specific level, those need to be backed off in the IGT UNC.

Action 22/09 – 01: ER to confirm whether there are any IGT sites with an AQ greater than 2 million therms (or 58.6 GWh).

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th October 2022.

Annex A – Action Log

| Action reference | Action Description | Owner | Status |
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| 22/09 – 01 | ER to confirm whether there are any IGT sites with an AQ greater than 2 million therms (or 58.6 GWh). | ER | Open |