

Summary of IGT UNC Workgroup – 9th November 2023

Purpose:

This paper provides Panel members with a summary of IGT UNC Workgroup discussions 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.

IGT UNC Modifications:

IGT165 - Independent Shrinkage Expert and Independent Shrinkage Charge

The Workgroup agreed to cover IGT165 at the next Workstream meeting, as the Proposer was absent.

IGT172 - Optional service for physical gas entry into an IGT Pipeline and into the UNC Total System marrying to UNC mod 0842

The Proposer introduced the modification and presented their slides to the Workgroup to indicate how the modification marries to UNC 0842 - Gas Entry onto the Total system via an Independent Gas Transporter.

The Workgroup asked about the HSE's involvement when TPD Section I was introduced to the UNC, and whether the HSE would need to participate in this new Modification development. This could not be confirmed at this time. It was noted that the HSE would potentially be interested in ensuring that the Governance is in place for the entire process laid out in UNC0842 and IGT172.

It was confirmed that a Tripartite Agreement will be written by the Large Transporter, for themselves the IGT and the Producer, under UNC0842. It was noted that both the IGT UNC and the UNC would be pointing to the Tripartite Agreement.

It was noted that if approved, UNC0842 will allow all IGTs to contract with a gas delivery system and that one issue outstanding is that of Title and Risk, which is missing from the IGT UNC and this would need to be added to the IGT UNC to marry with UNC0842 and support the solution in that modification.

The Proposer indicated that Network Entry provisions in the IGT UNC were essential for IGT172 to be effective.

A DN representative indicated that it was being assumed that an IGT would come to a Network Operator for help in monitoring the Producer and that this would be through private agreements.





Transportation charges were discussed, whether it would happen under the UNC, IGT UNC or private commercial arrangements.

The introduction of the gas to systems would continue to be specified through the Gemini System by Shippers as currently happens for other biomethane Producers.

Clarity was sought on the use of the words "Optional Service" in the Modification title. The Proposer confirmed that the service would be optional for IGTs, but not optional for a GDN.

Next steps will be to review the UNC Network Entry Provisions in the context of the IGT UNC.

