

IGT UNC 26-02 Modification Workstream Meeting

Draft Minutes

Thursday 12th February 2026 via Teleconference

Attendee	Initial	Organisation	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Talan	Chair
Aleksis Butler	AB	BUUK	Proposer for RG008
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	
Ellie Rutherford	ERu	Energy Assets	
Harry Davis	HD	CSL (CNG Services Ltd)	Proposer Rep. for CSL01
Helen Gilbert	HG	National Energy System Operator	
Kathryn Adeseye	KA	Xoserve	
Lee Greenwood	LG	Centrica	Items 6 - 12
Matthew Smith	MS	Xoserve	Items 1 – 5
Richard Welsby	RW	Last Mile Gas	
Stuart Monk	SM	Xoserve	Item 5 only
Talia Lattimore	TL	Talan	Code Administrator
Paul Rocke	PR	Talan	Secretariat

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Ellie Osobina (Ofgem) and Harry Firth (Talan).

The Chair explained that LG had advised they were unable to attend from the start of the meeting and noted that, consequently, there would be no Shipper representative present for discussions until they arrived. The Chair explained that there were no quoracy rules which would prevent the meeting from proceeding without a Shipper present; however, the Chair offered an opportunity for attendees to raise a challenge if they considered this to cause significant issue. Attendees unanimously agreed that the meeting could proceed in the absence of a Shipper representative, providing that the circumstances were noted in the meeting minutes.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the items for discussion outlined in the Final Agenda and asked for any additional items of business to be raised. No further items of business were raised by attendees.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes 26-01

PR noted that no comments on the minutes of the previous meeting had been raised in advance. The Workgroup had no further comments to add to the minutes at the meeting, which were consequently approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Chair noted that there were no outstanding actions for consideration.

MODIFICATIONS

5. CSL01 – Exclusion of Standalone Networks from IGT UNC

On behalf of the Proposer for CSL01, HD provided an overview of the Modification Proposal. HD noted that CSL01 had been raised to propose an amendment to the CNG Services Ltd. (CSL) Network Code (i.e. their own IGT Network Code (INC)) to exclude the provisions of the IGT UNC from applying to standalone networks (defined as pipelines with no connection to the main gas grid). HD provided [a presentation](#) detailing scenarios that the proposed amendment was expected to facilitate, noting that standalone networks, such as those supplying industrial users directly from anaerobic digestion (AD) plants, face unique challenges like the need to flare excess gas and the inability to offer firm supply, which the current IGT UNC does not address, necessitating location-specific rules.

KA questioned whether the proposed solution may require a Licence change rather than a Modification, as it would effectively remove Licence Obligations for parties involved with a standalone network to be compliant with the IGT UNC. KA noted that the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) had reviewed the proposal and have considered four scenarios which may occur because of CSL01. KA confirmed that this review was not a formal impact assessment and was based on assumptions from the details provided in CSL01 Version 1. KA concluded that most scenarios would not impact central systems but that bi-directional flows (scenario 4) would require further investigation. HG asked further about the potential impacts of this standalone network not being compliant with the IGT UNC. KA responded that while these were not directly proposed as a scenario by the Proposer, it had been considered by the CDSP that CSL01 could set precedent and introduce a framework for more materially impacting changes.

AB asked HD whether CSL had engaged with Ofgem on CSL01. HD confirmed that Ofgem had indicated broad support for the proposal. KA asked if potential Licensing changes had been discussed. HD was uncertain whether specific discussions had taken place with Ofgem regarding potential Licence changes.

KA and HG provided their support for CSL's work in trying to establish a network using greener gas. HG agreed with KA's previous point that this standalone network could set a significant precedent in the industry and stressed the importance of establishing the correct framework for the potential network.

HG noted a question raised in the January IGT UNC Panel meeting asking why CSL had decided to raise an IGT UNC Modification rather than a derogation. HD responded that CSL had seen a derogation as a short term solution, whereas a Modification could be able to establish a longer term framework. They added that CSL did not pursue a Licence derogation as they did not have the power to do so. The Chair asked whether CSL have considered a sandbox solution with Ofgem. HD responded that they could not answer that question at this moment.

The Chair and KA expressed their disappointment that an Ofgem representative was not in attendance at the meeting, noting that an Ofgem representative had been expected. The Chair added that the Code Administrator would be happy to speak to Ofgem offline regarding the questions on CSL01 and any potentially required License changes.

The Chair asked HD about any Shippers looking to sign an agreement with CSL on a standalone network. HD responded that the plan is for the standalone network to be supplied by one AD plant and commercial Shippers had not been considered. The Chair noted that an INC is a contract between an IGT and a Shipper, so if no Shipper will be involved on the network, why are changes to the INC required. HD responded that they could not answer that question at this moment.

The Chair noted HD's previous comment on normal competition on this standalone network, implying that switching could occur, and customers could potentially change Supplier. HD agreed that this was correct but added that at the moment there was no definitive proposal for how switching would occur on this network.

HD agreed to provide further detail with respect to the points raised ahead of the next Workstream meeting. The Chair added that Ofgem would be consulted offline regarding CSL01, and an Authority representative will be requested for the March Workstream meeting.

Action 26/02 – 01: Harry Davis (CSL) to provide further clarity with respect to the following questions raised regarding the detail of the solution for CSL01, ahead of the next meeting of the Modification Workstream scheduled for 12th March 2026:

- **If no commercial Shippers will be involved on the standalone network, why does the INC require changes as it is a contract between the IGT and a Shipper?**
- **Why was a sandbox solution was not considered?**
- **How would switching and competition work on the standalone network?**

Action 26/02 – 02: Code Administrator to engage with Ofgem with respect to its position regarding CSL01, ahead of the next meeting of the Modification Workstream scheduled for 12th March 2026.

6. RG008 – IGT UNC Code Review in preparation for Code Manager and Code Consolidation

As the Proposer for the Review Group, AB provided an overview of the intent of the exercise, explaining that RG008 proposes a proactive, collaborative tidy-up of the IGT UNC so documentation handed to a future Code Manager of the Gas Network Code (GNC) is “consolidation-ready”. TL proposed a methodology in support of the review, presenting a spreadsheet template intended to capture identified changes that may be required.

TL noted that a two-phase approach had been proposed at the January Workgroup meeting:

- **Phase one** would involve high-level identification of IGT UNC-specific provisions and differences (nuances) to the UNC; and
- **Phase two** would address detailed housekeeping changes, cross-referencing errors, and legal text alignment.

Following discussion – and in line with phase one activities – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Review Group would focus on the collaborative review of Part CI (Supply Points), with the aim of identifying IGT-specific provisions in advance of that meeting, and the Code Administrator to maintain a shared tracker spreadsheet to log findings and facilitate the ongoing review. Part CI had been identified as the preferred starting point as:

- an initial review had already been carried out by the Proposer.
- it was an area of the Code that contained differences that were already known to exist; and
- it was a familiar and widely used area of the Code that would allow the Review Group to validate its approach before moving into more complex areas.

Further meetings of the Review Group would focus on additional Parts of the IGT UNC, and the explicit order of the Parts in scope of examination would be identified during the next meetings.

Action 26/02 – 03: Ahead of the next Modification Workstream meeting on 12th March 2026, RG008 Members to consider Part CI in support of the Phase One identification and logging IGT-specific provisions.

STANDING ITEMS

7. Cross Code Modification Implications Tracker

TL provided the Workgroup with updates on in-flight UNC modifications:

Watch List

- [0922 - CDSP Obligations required for the introduction of the Gas Shipper Obligation.](#)
This Modification had been considered by UNC Panel in January 2026 and allocated to a joint IGT UNC/UNC Workgroup to be developed alongside IGT180. The first meeting for this joint Workgroup was scheduled to be held on 12th March 2026.

- [0921 - Broadening the definition of the Data Permissions Matrix to align with disclosure of UK Link Gemini data.](#) This Modification was expected to impact the IGT UNC, and a change would be required to align the definition of Data Permissions Matrix in Part N2.5.1(b).
- [0919 - Housekeeping amendments to TPD Sections B, G and M.](#) While no IGT UNC Code changes would be required, changes to Section M5.9 would automatically apply to the IGT UNC due to existing cross-referencing.
- [0914 - Refining the Class 3 EUC1 read submission rules introduced through Modification 0700.](#) An IGT UNC change would be required to amend Part E9.1 to reflect renumbering applied in the UNC.

IGT UNC Equivalent Modifications

- [0843 - Establishing the Independent Shrinkage Charge and the Independent Shrinkage Expert.](#) This Modification is currently with the Authority for a decision, along with IGT165. An expected decision date has been delayed beyond an earlier advised February 2026 date, and a revised decision date was unknown.

Live Review Groups:

KA noted that three Review Groups had been raised since publication of the Implications Tracker. TL noted that she would be reviewing these and adding information to the tracker accordingly.

8. IGT UNC Known Issues Register

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

9. IGT UNC Horizon Scanner

Code Reform: TL noted that, on 26th January 2026, Ofgem had published its invitation for expressions of interest in GNC Code Manager candidates.

Hydrogen: TL noted the inclusion of references to UNC Modification 0922 and linked IGT180, and the intention to progress these jointly.

Both above changes had also been reflected in the Milestone Timeline sheet.

AOB

10. 2027 Meeting Dates

The Chair noted that the Modification Panel had agreed the IGT UNC Modification Panel and Workstream meeting dates for 2027. Meeting would follow the established cadence, with exceptions to the normal pattern highlighted.

11. Missing/Invalid RPC Files

LG raised a recurring issue of some IGTs not adhering to the Relative Price Control (RPC) file delivery process introduced under [IGT173 - Gateway delivery for RPC Data](#). LG proposed that the

issue should be raised onto the Panel agenda to explore the matter further consider appropriate next steps.

Action 26/02 – 04: The Code Administrator to raise Missing/Invalid RPC Files onto the agenda for the next Modification Panel meeting scheduled for 27th February 2026.

12. IGT UNC Release – February 2026

TL confirmed that the IGT UNC Code Release would be implemented on 27th February 2026, incorporating two Modifications:

- [IGT178 – PC4 Read Submission Window Extension](#)
- [IGT179 – NExA Tables Clarification Updated and Related Documents](#)

Changes to CSEP NExA Tables and related Ancillary Documents would also be updated following the conclusion of the 2025 AQ Review process.

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th March 2026.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

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26/02 – 01	<i>Harry Davis (CSL) to provide further clarity with respect to the following questions raised regarding the detail of the solution for CSL01, ahead of the next meeting of the Modification Workstream scheduled for 12th March 2026:</i> <i>If no commercial Shippers will be involved on the standalone network, why does the INC require changes as it is a contract between the IGT and a Shipper?</i> <i>Why a sandbox solution was not considered?</i> <i>How would switching and competition work on the standalone network?</i>	CNG Services	Open
26/02 – 02	<i>Code Administrator to engage with Ofgem with respect to its position regarding CSL01, ahead of the next meeting of the Modification Workstream scheduled for 12th March 2026.</i>	Code Administrator	Open
26/02 – 03	<i>Ahead of the next Modification Workstream meeting on 12th March 2026, RG008 Members to consider Part CI in support of the Phase One identification and logging of differences between IGT UNC and UNC.</i>	All	Open
26/02 – 04	<i>The Code Administrator to raise Missing/Invalid RPC Files onto the agenda for the next Modification Panel meeting scheduled for 27th February 2026.</i>	Code Administrator	Open