

UNC Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document (IGTAD) Committee Minutes

Wednesday 05 December 2018 by Teleconference

Attendees

Bob Fletcher (Chair)	(BF)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Helen Bennett (Secretary)	(HB)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Darren Lond	(DL)	Transporter	Voting Member
John Cooper	(JC)	IGT	Voting Member
Chris Warner	(CW)	Transporter	Voting Member
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Transporter	Voting Member
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Transporter	Voting Member
Victoria Parker	(VP)	IGT	Voting Member

Apologies

Andy Finch		IGT	Voting Member
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1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Confirm quorate status

Bob Fletcher (BF) welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the meeting is quorate.

1.2. Apologies for absence

Andy Finch

1.3. Note of Alternates

1.4. Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2.0 New Independent Gas Transporter

This is a standard agenda item, with nothing to be discussed at this meeting.

BF clarified he has asked Xoserve to provide a report for New and Withdrawn Independent Gas Transporters and confirmed nothing has been received as yet.

3.0 Withdrawal of Independent Gas Transporter

This is a standard agenda item, with nothing to be discussed at this meeting.

4.0 IGTAD Subsidiary Document(s)

This is a standard agenda item, with nothing to be discussed at this meeting.

5.0 Matters for the Committee

5.1. IGT Shrinkage update (IGTAD C)

This update is covered in agenda item 6.0.

6.0 Review of Actions(s) /Outstanding

0701: CH to coordinate with the IGT rep for Shrinkage for an update on IGT Shrinkage in September 2018.

Update: John Cooper (JC) confirmed there has been no further progress made.

Richard Pomroy (RP) confirmed that Wales and West Utilities are going to the next Association of Independent Gas Transporters (AIGT) to go through the Shrinkage Model with the IGT's.

Chris Warner (CW) asked for an update as to what approach is being taken by IGTs concerning Shrinkage:

JC advised there needs to be a better understanding of the model and he is now looking further at how it can be applied to IGT's.

RP advised that some of his colleagues are providing some support and wanted to raise two important issues:

1. Given the wider industry focus on Unidentified Gas (UIG) this is something that transporters need to consider as this is a gap in the process that could be affecting UIG.
2. On the topic of declaring non-zero Shrinkage, the Shrinkage gas can be procured. RP suggests there needs to be some thought into what needs to change for the IGTs to procure Shrinkage Gas.

Victoria Parker (VP) agreed with the comments made and added that there needs to be a better understanding of the model by IGTs, to look at the next steps and how quickly any relevant changes can be made.

BF suggested this action should be closed and added to the next agenda as a standard item.

Closed

7.0 Any Other Business

JC advised that Review group RG004 has produced a report to consider the governance arrangements between UNC and IGT UNC Codes.

There are 4 key areas of outputs from the review which are:

1. The potential to give the IGT UNC Administrator (Gemserv) more power and responsibility in terms of administrative work to maintain alignment with UNC;
2. UNC providing Legal Text earlier in the modification process, so that the IGT UNC is not continually playing catch-up;
3. Implementation dates not aligning between UNC and IGT UNC releases, which causes ad-hoc releases in the IGT UNC;
4. The IGT UNC Panel meeting is before the UNC Panel equivalent. Where there are crossovers between the two Codes, discussions and decisions at the IGT UNC are occurring a month behind UNC discussions, therefore the aim is to hold IGT UNC Panel meetings following UNC Panel meetings.

Drawing attention to IGTAD section D 2.2, JC advised that this reads that the Transporters and the Independent Gas Transporters shall make arrangements to ensure the coordination of modifications of the Code and the IGT Code as respects the matters referred to in paragraph 2.1.1 above

JC said there is a need to highlight this area in the IGTAD, in light of future potential modifications that may be raised as a result of RG004 between both the IGT UNC and UNC

parties. Going forward if any modifications are raised as a result of RG004, they can work together better.

CW commented that Joint Office is engaged with the IGT Code Administrator.

BF added that IGTAD picks up CACoP principles of cooperation between IGT UNC and UNC Code Administrators and that Joint Office are willing to participate cross Code modifications where needed

It was also mentioned that, because the UNC Legal Text is not provided until the end of the UNC process, sometimes there is a delay to the IGT Code alignment.

CW said that Ofgem have recently announced a further Code governance review and added that Cadent are engaging with IGTs in terms of impacts on UNC and making sure there is co-ordination of Code updates.

8.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month>

RP suggested quarterly meetings is appropriated. Friday 29 March is the next suggested meeting.

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09:30 Friday 29 March 2019	Teleconference	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on IGT Shrinkage

Action Table (as at 05 December 2018)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	04/07/2018	3.1	CH to coordinate with the IGT rep for Shrinkage for an update on IGT Shrinkage in September 2018.	Indigo Pipelines (CH)	Closed