

**UNC Workgroup 0808 Minutes
Reverse Compression
Tuesday 21 March 2023
via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees		
Rebecca Hailes (Chair)	(RHa)	Joint Office
Helen Cuin (Secretary)	(HCu)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent
Charlotte Gilbert	(CG)	BU-UK
David Mitchell	(DMi)	SGN
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Joel Martin	(JM)	SGN
John Baldwin	(JB)	CNG Services
Nick King (Proposer)	(NK)	Barrow Shipping Ltd
Oorlagh Chapman	(OC)	Centrica
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Wales & West Utilities

The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 15 June 2023.

Please note these minutes do not replicate/include detailed content provided within any material published for the meeting, therefore it is recommended that the published material is reviewed in conjunction with these minutes. Copies of all papers are available at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0808/220323>

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

Rebecca Hailes (RHa) welcomed parties to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Minutes (23 February 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

No late papers to consider.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

None outstanding.

2.0 Amended Modification

Nick King (NK) provided an overview of the amendments made to the Modification (Version 4.0). This included:

- Incorporating comments from previous Workgroup meetings
- An update to the Solution and proposed Business Rules
- An update to the governance status for an Authority Decision
- Confirmation that the IGT UNC is aware of the proposal and its content.

Please refer to the change marked version of the Modification published at:

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0808>

NK provided the Workgroup with a definition for the system boundary of the Total System (System Exit Point and System Entry Point), along with an overview of the Network Exit Provisions and Network Entry Provisions in support of the Modification.

The Workgroup considered the new term for 'Entry' within Business Rule 2, concerning an 'IGT unmetered System Entry Point' and a suitable title for this.

The Workgroup also considered the provision of legal text for the UNC IGTAD and agreed that the Business Rules should provide sufficient detail for the legal text provider to consider and provide suitable text.

The Workgroup reviewed the Business Rules for the CSEP Connection Arrangement changes, the impact on Gas Shipping, and the additional provisions which will be required after the Modification is implemented.

It was agreed that the Proposer needed to make further changes to the Modification's Business Rules and that these would be provided in a draft Modification to enable SGN to assess any complexities with providing Legal Text to accommodate the solution before formally processing a Modification Amendment. Please refer to the Next Steps (item 5).

3.0 Review of Legal Text

David Mitchell (DMi) believed some minor updates were still required to the prepared draft legal text including the text for the IGTAD.

The Workgroup considered the Business Rules and the need for a defined term for Reverse Compression. NK explained the concept of Reverse Compression and agreed to provide a Business Rule to avoid ambiguity with IGTAD unmetered CSEPs. The Workgroup agreed there needed to be a definition for Reverse Compression to make the criteria clear and what provisions do not apply. It was suggested that it would be better to have separation and to clarify that a Reverse Compression site can only be as such if it meets a certain criterion. For example, there needs to be an agreement in place for the provision to be utilised.

John Baldwin (JB) explained that the Modification is for a defined purpose, to allow physical gas to be offtaken from a DNO by an IGT, compressed to a higher pressure, and then returned to the same DNO by the IGT. JB clarified that the scope does not include new gas coming into the system, nor does it cover the recirculation of gas coming off an IGT housing estate.

The Workgroup agreed that the definition should clarify what a Reverse Compression site can and cannot do.

SGN confirmed that the Legal Text will be provided once the Modification has stabilised.

The Workgroup believed there would be no central system changes. RHa agreed to clarify this with the CDSP and to ensure the IGT UNC are aware of the potential impacts.

New Action 0301: Joint Office (RHa) to clarify with Xoserve the impact on central systems and any requirement for a ROM.

New Action 0302: Joint Office (RHa) to ensure IGT UNC are aware of the potential IGT UNC impacts.
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4.0 Development of Workgroup Report

The Workgroup agreed to commence drafting the Workgroup Report at the April meeting, once the final Modification updates had been formally processed.

5.0 Next Steps

RHa clarified the next steps to be:

- Proposer to update the Modification's Business Rules and provide a draft Modification to SGN.
- SGN to assess the ability to provide draft Legal Text for Workgroup review in April 2023.
- Formal Modification Amendment Version 5.0 is to be processed by 14 April 2023.
- Formal legal text request to be made at the 20 April 2023 UNC Modification Panel.
- Workgroup to review draft Legal Text at the 25 April meeting.

- Final Review of Legal Text and Completion of the Workgroup Report on 23 May 2023.

6.0 Any Other Business

None.

7.0 Diary Planning

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

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Workgroup Programme
09:30 – 12:30 Tuesday 25 April 2023	5pm 14 April 2023	Microsoft Teams	Reverse Compression definition review Review of Business Rules Review of draft Legal Text Development of Workgroup Report
13:15 – 16:15 Tuesday 23 May 2023	5pm 12 May 2023	Microsoft Teams	Review of Legal Text Completion of Workgroup Report

0808 Action Table

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Reporting Month	Status Update
0301	21/03/22	3.0	Joint Office (RHa) to clarify with Xoserve the impact on central systems and any requirement for a ROM.	Joint Office (RHa)	April 2023	Pending
0302	21/03/22	3.0	Joint Office (RHa) to ensure IGT UNC are aware of the potential IGT UNC impacts.	Joint Office (RHa)	April 2023	Pending