

UNC Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document (IGTAD) Committee Minutes

Monday 11 November 2019

by Teleconference

Attendees

Alan Raper (Chair)	(AR)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Kully Jones (Secretary)	(KJ)	Joint Office	Non-Voting
Brandon Rodrigues	(BR)	IGT	Voting Member
Cher Harris	(CH)	IGT	Voting Member
Darren Lond	(DL)	Transporter	Voting Member
Guv Dosanjh	(GD)	Transporter	Voting Member
Hilary Chapman	(HC)	Transporter	Voting Member
John Cooper	(JC)	IGT	Voting Member
Richard Pomroy	(RP)	Transporter	Voting Member
Stuart Monk	(SM)	IGT	Voting Member
Tracey Saunders	(TS)	Transporter	Voting Member

Copies of all papers are available at: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/igtadCom/111119>

1.0 Introduction and Status Review

1.1. Confirm quorate status

Alan Raper (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

1.2. Apologies for absence

None

1.3. Note of Alternates

Brandon Rodrigues confirmed that he had replaced Victoria Parker as the IGT Sub-Committee member.

1.4. Minutes (08 August 2019)

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2.0 New Independent Gas Transporter

AR sought confirmation on the progress of the application for Leep Gas Networks Ltd. Stuart Monk (SM) indicated that he has a meeting with Leep soon and he would check on progress of the application and provide an update at the next meeting.

New Action 1101: Murphy Gas Networks (SM) to provide an update at the next meeting on the progress of the application of Leep Gas Networks Ltd as a new IGT.

AR sought clarification of the process and asked if there are any governance procedures that need to be adhered to. Richard Pomroy (RP) reminded the Committee that the new IGT needs to sign-up to the Transporters Framework Agreement. Darren Lond (DL) added that where National Grid is satisfied that a new DNO or a new IGT has complied in substance with all the relevant Accession Requirements, the new IGT is added as an additional party to this agreement. He added that this process is now administered by Xoserve.

SM indicated that there is an IGT lifecycle meeting on Wednesday 13 November 2019 and he will seek confirmation that all the necessary checks have been completed for Leep Gas Networks.

No further new Independent Gas Transporters were notified at the meeting.

SM notified the Sub-Committee that *Energetics Gas* has changed its name to *Last Mile Gas Limited*. He confirmed that this was the only change that has been made and that the company registration number remains the same. He agreed to share the relevant communication with Tracey Saunders (TS).

3.0 Withdrawal of Independent Gas Transporter

This is a standard agenda item; there were no withdrawal notifications.

4.0 IGTAD Subsidiary Document(s)

This is a standard agenda item, there was no discussion on the IGTAD subsidiary documents.

Transporter members shared details of 2 new UNC Modifications that are to be presented to the 21 November UNC Modification Panel which might impact on IGTs.

Modification 0710 – CDSP provision of Class 1 read service

RP stated that Wales & West Utilities have proposed a new Modification that the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) provides the Class 1 Supply Meter Point read service. It will remove the Transporter obligation to provide a Daily Read service to Shippers for non-telemetered Class 1 Supply Meter Points. This does not affect arrangements for directly connected telemetered Supply Meter Points on Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) or National Transmission System networks.

Details of the Modification are available here: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0710>.

RP suggested that there will be an impact on IGTS as under the terms of Independent Gas Transporters Arrangements Document Section E, DNOs provide a daily read service for IGT Daily Metered (DM) Connected System Exit Points (CSEPs). He explained that the change would give Shippers more control over the service as well as providing a centrally procured service. The CDSP in future would charge Shippers for the service provided.

As a result, the arrangements in the IGT UNC would also need to be changed. RP added that the proposal is to novate existing contracts to the CDSP in the short-term before being re-procured in the longer term.

RP suggested that IGT will want to make a similar change as that being proposed for the UNC. SM confirmed that there is scope in the IGT UNC for a similar IGT Modification to be raised. Brandon Rodrigues confirmed that ESP will be the sponsor for the IGT Modification. He added that currently DNs provide this service through IGTAD Section E. RP clarified that the new Modification would remove this obligation from IGTAD and, consequently, IGT and Shippers may want to amend the IGT UNC to align with the proposed provisions in Modification 0710.

Modification 0708 – Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching

TS stated that Northern Gas Networks have proposed a Modification which seeks to realign the UNC to match the re-ordering that is in the proposed Legal Text developed for the Switching Programme and discussed at the Workgroup for Request 0630R - Review of the consequential changes required in UNC as a result of the Ofgem Switching Programme.

This will ensure that the Uniform Network Code (UNC) structure and ordering matches in both the current UNC and the proposed Legal Text produced for the Faster Switching programme, so that it is easier to:

- i) maintain both versions, and
- ii) identify the specific changes that are in the Central Switching Service (CSS) version that is due to be introduced as part of Faster Switching, and
- iii) Identify potential impacts on the legal text developed for Faster Switching.

Details of the Modification are available here: <http://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0708>.

TS added that she had held initial conversations with Anne Jackson, Gemserv in relation to the impact on IGTs. She added that it was likely that changes would be needed for the IGT UNC and a sponsor was being sought for a new IGT Modification.

John Cooper (JC) stated that whilst the UNC review group for Modification 0630R is now closed, the IGT Modification is still open and there has been a lot of work done to date on cross code impacts. He suggested that this group could also be used to consider the implications of Modification 0708.

AR concluded the discussion on this agenda item, by stating that it had been helpful to consider cross code impacts between the UNC and IGT UNC and suggested that this becomes a standard discussion topic within this agenda item. There was general agreement for this.

5.0 Matters for the Committee

5.1. IGT Shrinkage update (IGTAD C)

Stuart Williams, ESP provided an update to the Shrinkage forum meeting in August 2019 confirming that the AIGT has been in discussion with Suzanne Bradbury at DNV-GL regarding an investigation into IGT Shrinkage rates.

JC provided an update stating that Stuart Williams has moved role and Mark Chapman (MC) at ESP is now taking forward this action.

AR sought clarification on whether the outputs of this study will be reported at the Shrinkage Forum reminded members that the next Shrinkage Forum meeting is being held on 29 November 2019.

RP reiterated that the IGTAD Sub-Committee has a specific interest in IGT shrinkage rates not only because of the UIG issue where Transporters need to demonstrate that they are working to reduce the impact of UIG, but also because there is a small risk of potential Licence breach as Transporters can only procure shrinkage gas associated with their own networks.

BR agreed to check progress with Mark Chapman and also whether he is planning to attend the Shrinkage Forum meeting.

6.0 Review of Actions(s) /Outstanding

There were no outstanding actions.

7.0 Any Other Business

None

8.0 Diary Planning

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

AR asked Sub-Committee members on the preferred frequency for 2020 meetings. The general view is that the meetings should continue to be held quarterly and where possible to hold meetings in a 5-week month to avoid meeting clashes.

Members agreed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 02 March 2020. Joint Office will propose dates for the remainder of 2020.

Future Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Venue	Workgroup Programme
Monday 02 March 2020	Teleconference	Standard agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on IGT Shrinkage
Monday 08 June 2020	Teleconference	Standard agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on IGT Shrinkage
Monday 21 September 2020	Teleconference	Standard agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on IGT Shrinkage
Monday 25 January 2021	Teleconference	Standard agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on IGT Shrinkage

Action Table (as at 11 November 2019)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
1101	11/11/19	2.0	Murphy Gas Networks (SM) to provide an update at the next meeting on the progress of the application of Leep Gas Networks Ltd as a new IGT.	Murphy Gas Networks (SM)	Pending