

UNC Workgroup 0842 Minutes
Gas Entry onto the Total system via an Independent Gas Transporter
10:00 Thursday 27 April 2023
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Rebecca Hailes	(RH)	Joint Office
Helen Bennett	(HB)	Joint Office
Ben Mulcahy	(BM)	Joint Office
Vera Li	(VL)	Joint Office
Andy Clasper	(AC)	Cadent Gas
Charlotte Gilbert	(CG)	BU-UK
Clare Manning	(CM)	E.On Next
David Mitchell	(DM)	SGN
Ellie Rogers	(ER)	Xoserve
Gurvinder Dosanjh	(GD)	Cadent Gas
Jenny Rawlinson	(JR)	BU-UK
Kathryn Adeseye	(KA)	Xoserve
Kevin Clark	(KC)	Utilita
Louise Hellyer	(LH)	TotalEnergies
Matthew Pitts	(MP)	Cadent Gas
Nick King	(NK)	CNG Services
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Gas Transmission
Steve Pownall	(SP)	Xoserve
Tom Stuart	(TS)	WWU

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 17 August 2023

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1.0 Outline of Modification

David Mitchell (DM) introduced the Modification and explained that this Modification will facilitate gas flow into the Total System via an Independent Gas Transporter's (IGT) pipeline. DM explained that the Uniform Network Code (UNC) is currently silent on a situation where gas can flow into the Total System via an IGT pipeline and from an IGT pipeline onward into a Distribution Network Operator (DNO) system. This Modification has been raised to address this void and establish the arrangements between the IGT, the DNO and the Delivery Facility Operator to allow this flow.

Rebecca Hailes (RH) noted that this Modification will impact the IGT-UNC. She has communicated with IGT-UNC Code Administrator to investigate the potential to discuss Modification jointly with their Workstream Meeting to enable more exposure. Future Workgroup meetings might coincide with the IGT Workstream meeting dates as a standalone Workgroup. RH will communicate the outcome with Proposer.

DM confirmed he is joining the IGT Workstream meeting on 11 May 2023 to provide an overview.

DM provided an overview of the Business Rules and key points were noted as follows:

BR1

The Chair asked why it is “notionally located on a DNO Network” and DM explained the gas will flow onto the Total System from the IGT network. For example, it could come from a Biomethane plant from the DFO (delivery facility operator).

BR2

Comments have been received from Wales and West Utilities as an Initial Representation regarding the tri-partite agreement. DM advised they would consider the comment and review BR2 to accommodate the comments received.

Gurvinder Dosanjh (GD) from Cadent Gas supported WWU’s comment.

BR3

DM explained that no change to the CSEP definition is proposed.

A discussion about the UNC terms including ISEP and CSEP followed.

Nick King (NK) said that ‘ISEP’ is confusing as it can refer to either Individual System Exit Point or Individual System Entry Point and that for exit, ‘CSEP’ is a better term to use as it is specific to exit and avoids confusion.

DM confirmed he would tidy this BR to make it clearer.

Post Meeting Note: NK suggested circulating an extract of UNC TPD Section A prior to the next meeting.

Joint Office: UNC TPD Section A document can be found here at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncwordtpd>

BR4

Discussion took place about Interconnectors.

NK commented on the precedent of the interconnector, whilst interconnector physical flow can only be in a single direction at any moment, commercial flow in both directions can be possible where contract terms allow it and systems deal with this through having Gemini entry meters and Gemini exit meters, with each shipper’s UDQOs and UDQIs determined through netting off commercial quantities against physical through allocation arrangements.

Workgroup further discussed how nomination and allocation will be taken care of in Gemini, and how accounting and balancing will be affected. The example of storage was given with flows in and out. Workgroup agreed that the interaction of this new two-way flow and the operation of the CSEP must be thought through by the Proposer. For example, the Proposer needs to set out in detail how commercial gas entry and gas exit volumes will be accounted for, for energy balancing purposes.

Workgroup discussion also took place around the LDZ CV calculation and agreed this needed to be considered.

Post-meeting comments received:

Phil Lucas noted, accepting that IGT entry volumes may be expected to be small, do the arrangements need to recognise that the physical connection (which is currently classified as a Connected System Exit Point – CSEP) may also be an Entry Point i.e. if entry volumes exceed exit volumes in that particular IGT.

BR5

No comments were raised.

Post-meeting comments received: NK confirmed IGTAD provisions cater for IGT shrinkage, and that in his opinion, the mechanism is appropriate.

BR6

DM confirmed this will be reviewed due to previous comments raised by the Initial Representation received.

No specific comments have been raised under BR7, BR8 and BR9

BR7:

Post Meeting Note: NK suggested this Business Rule be expanded upon in light of IGTAD Section B.

Joint Office: IGTAD Section B can be found here at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/uncwordigtad>

RH concluded the discussion and set out the following actions:

New Action 0401: Proposer to consider the following:

- to explore the impact on energy balancing
- to consider the initial representation
- to consider the flow out of daily LDZ

New Action 0402: Proposer to clarify how to manage the daily LDZ CV Calculation

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

2.1.1. Are these arrangements consistent with Modification 0808 especially in respect of responsibility for the Entry Point?

Not discussed. To be covered at the next meeting.

2.1.2. Consideration of any consequential impact on balancing and operation of the system.

Not discussed. To be covered at the next meeting.

2.2. Initial Representations

An Initial Representation was received from Wales and West Utilities.

Tom Stuart (TS) mentioned the Initial Representation is also around the principle of DN operation of entry points outside of DN Networks.

RH shared and provided a brief of the Initial Representation.

DM agreed to review this in light of Business Rules 1, 2 & 6 and possibly the others and report back in the next Workgroup meeting.

RH commented it might be useful if this Modification Workgroup meeting was on the same day as Modification 0808 and the date for the next 0808 meeting is 23 May 2023. RH will communicate with DM to confirm this arrangement, and also investigate whether the IGT-UNC would like to join the Workgroup.

PL asked the proposer if there are prospective entry connections into IGT that are driving the raising of this Modification and the timeframe. DM commented he would report back but he did not think there was a pressing requirement.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As panel questions have been set, a specific Terms of Reference has been published alongside the Modification at <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0842>

3.0 Next Steps

RH confirmed the Next Steps

- DM to prepare a draft response to Panel questions to be discussed next month;
- Next meeting either to be accommodated with the Distribution workgroup meeting or with Modification 0808 on 23 May 2023;
- DM to review the BRs.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 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
12:30 Tuesday 23 May 2023 (Potential Workgroup Meeting date to be confirmed)	5 pm Monday 15 May 2023	Microsoft Teams	Standard Agenda

Action Table (as of 27 April 2023)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Reporting Month	Owner	Status Update
0401	27/04/23	1.0	Proposer to consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to explore the impact on energy balancing • to consider the initial representation • to consider the flow out of daily LDZ 	May 2023	Proposer (DM)	Pending
0402	27/04/23	1.0	Proposer to clarify how to manage the daily LDZ CV Calculation	May 2023	Proposer (CM)	Pending