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CROSS CODE STEERING GROUP MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**CCSG_26_1102**
DATE	**02 November 2026, 11:00**
LOCATION	**On Teams**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Talia Lattimore	Independent Gas Transporters Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC)	TL	Committee Chair
Ben Mulcahy	Uniform Network Code (UNC)	BM	Committee Member
Jenny Sarsfield	Balancing Settlement Code (BSC)	JS	Committee Member
Richard Colwill	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)	RC	Committee Member
Stephanie Catwell	Data Transfer Services Agreement (DTSA)	SC	Committee Member
Tim Newton	Smart Energy Code (SEC)	TN	Committee Member
Bela Ashworth	Retail Energy Code (REC)	BA	Alternate Committee Member
Jamie Wise	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)	JW	Observer
Nayar Hussain	Ofgem	NH	Observer
Paul Rocke	REC Code Manager	PR	Observer
Himanshu Barot	REC Code Manager	HB	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Talia Lattimore (TL), welcomed attendees to the CCSG meeting. It was confirmed that TL would Chair the meeting. Edma Hyskaj (EH) and Caroline Freimuller (CF) were noted as absent and Himanshu Barot (HB), supported the meeting as Secretariat. Bela Ashworth (BA) attended as the alternate REC representative.

2 REVIEW OF THE CROSS-CODE CHANGE TRACKER

The Chair invited Members to provide updates on the Cross Code Change Tracker, the tracker was updated on screen at the meeting, and the latest version is available on the Portal.

JS provided the following updates on BSC Changes:

- P441 - Creation of Complex Site Classes – Ofgem had sent the Modification back. An updated report would be presented to the BSC Panel the following week and then returned to Ofgem. The associated REC report was already with Ofgem, and the DCUSA change was intended to progress in December 2026. JS clarified that the principal solution was unchanged; the revised BSC documentation would include an Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) update and new scenario variants to support the DCUSA change. BA agreed to review the update.
- CP1650 - Extending the lapse period for Smart to Advanced Change of Market Segment JS confirmed that a further BSC consultation would be required due to additional changes to the redlining. The timetable had not yet been finalised, and the BSC Change Lead would follow up with REC during the week. BA noted that the REC consultation had closed on 26 October 2026 and considered that a further consultation might be required to align implementation dates. JS advised that no changes to the REC solution had been identified following consultation responses and therefore did not consider that a further REC consultation would be required.
- JS advised that further BSC Change Proposals were due to be raised at the relevant committees on 03 November 2026. These were for information and did not present immediate cross-code concerns. JS would add them to the tracker after the meeting.

RC provided the following updates on DCUSA Changes:

- DCP483 - REP-901 Ownership – Out for a vote. RC advised JS one scenario variant required a related BSC change. JS confirmed that the BSC element was in progress and agreed to confirm the reference and add it to the tracker.

TL provided the following update on IGT UNC Changes:

- TL advised that two Centrica proposals relating to invoicing were currently under Critical Friend review. One was specific to IGT invoicing and was not expected to impact the UNC. The second concerns the Government's decision to introduce electronic invoice (e-invoice) requirements for invoices containing Value Added Tax (VAT). TL informed the UNC that they were in early discussions about potential impacts and related system changes with the Proposer and the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP). Both proposals were at an early stage, and TL advised the UNC to discuss e-invoicing with the CDSP to

determine if they will also be impacted. BM noted that the matter had not been raised with the UNC and that the development of the proposals would be monitored. TL also encouraged other Codes to review the Government's decision to introduce e-invoicing in case they were impacted.

- IGT185 - Correction of Large Transporter CDSP Licence Condition References – Raised as a Fast Track Modification to correct the corresponding CDSP License Condition reference. Expected to be presented to the IGT UNC Panel at the end of November 2026.

BA provided the following updates on REC Changes:

- I0200 - Review of the REC's Address Management Service – The fifth working group was scheduled for 17 November 2026 and would focus on clarifications to the D0381 process and new connections.
- I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Metering Party – The sixth working group was scheduled to be held on 09 November 2026, it would focus on reporting and documentation, safety and interference, audit and training for standalone SIPs.
- I0285 – Organizations with multiple role types with Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) and SDEP access – BA confirmed that the issue had been resolved and the closure report was published on the REC Portal. BA noted that the linked REC Change R0162 – Access to SDES for Gas Networks would come off hold. TL noted that IGT UNC parties would need to be updated.
- R0324 - Use of REL Data to Support Key Regulations – The proposal had been approved by the Technical Expert Panel (TEP), and the appeal window had opened.
- I0331 – Regulatory Alliance Creation Rejections – BA advised that an update to plan had been approved by the Change Panel on 20 October 2026. The Lead Analyst was updating the legal drafting before progressing towards consultation.
- I0337 - Change to Location (A0059) data item within the ONAGE APPT file to MAMs, from 'Optional' to 'Mandatory' – An information request (IR) had been published and would remain open for three weeks.
- I0344 – Explore use of CHECK as a Meter Type option on J0483 / DI-059 – BA advised that the Proposal Plan would be presented to the Change Panel on 17 November 2026.
- I0346 – Gas Enquiry Service Evolution – BA explained that I0346 was the overarching change for the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) evolution project. I0301 - Updates to Enquiry Service API endpoints to support migration to RECCo's API Gateway would update references to Application Programming Interface (API) endpoints and I0302 - Provision of data to the GES Provider would address transfer of data from the current GES provider

to the new provider. Technical workshops with Xoserve were at an early stage with focus on identifying where legal-text changes might be needed. BA agreed to keep TL informed so that potential gas cross-code impacts could be checked as the work developed.

TN provided the following updates on SEC Changes:

- MP315 – Dual running of DCC Smart Meter Communication Licence and MP325 – SMLC2 Code Changes – Implemented following the new Data Communications Company (DCC) licence arrangements coming into effect on 02 November 2026.
- MP301 - Review of Additional Registration Data (Gas Transporters) – Linked to REC Change I0262 - Additional Registration Data (Gas) under Smart Energy Code. Discussions remained ongoing on whether the relevant obligations were better placed under the REC rather than the SEC.

BM provided the following updates on UNC Changes:

- BM advised that several UNC entries had been moved to the archive following withdrawal or implementation. Most remaining changes were not expected to have cross-code impacts.
- 0894/A – Facilitating Biomethane entry into the GDN by exporting methane from the GDN into the NTS via Compression – BM advised that a direction to implement had been received and no cross-code impact had been identified.
- 0922 – CDSP Obligations required for the introduction of the Gas Shipper Obligation – BM advised that the Modification had been withdrawn following notification that the Gas Shipper Obligation would not be introduced. TL confirmed that the related IGT UNC Modification (IGT180) had also been withdrawn.
- 0928S – Enabling Amendment of Hydrogen Sulphide Limits in Network Entry Agreements – Scheduled for implementation on 06 November 2026.
- 0920 – PARCA Security Amount – Scheduled for implementation on 01 December 2026.
- 0946S – Consequential amendments to UNC Transportation Principal Document (TPD) Section Y arising from RIIO-3 Licence changes – TL confirmed that the IGT UNC did not reference Section Y and no IGT UNC impact was expected.
- 0944S – Proposal to remove obsolete clauses from TPD Section V 5.10 and Annex V-2, and V 5.11 and Annex V-3 – BM advised that a decision was expected at the November 2026 UNC Panel. TL noted that the IGT UNC would require corresponding housekeeping changes because of the annex renumbering.

- 0947S - Amendment to the rules for the application of charging bands for Daily Metered Supply Points – TL highlighted as a potential IGT UNC impact because of Annual Quantity (AQ) related cross-references and agreed to review the change.

No updates were raised by the committee members for DIP and DTSA.

3 AUTHORITY UPDATE

NH provided the following Authority Update.

- **Phase 1** - Ofgem advised that Phase 1 remained on track with its key milestones, including the intended REC Code Manager appointment in December 2026 and the BSC Code Manager appointment in either February 2027 or March 2027. The upcoming publication of the BSC EA23 notice and statutory consultation was noted as a key step in delivering these milestones. Ofgem would continue to engage with RECCo and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to ensure that the necessary arrangements were in place for RECCo.
- **Phase 2 - Minded–to-grant code manager licence decision** - Ofgem had published its minded-to-grant decisions on 27 October 2026 for the codes covered by Phase 2 of Energy Code Reform, namely the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) and the Gas Network Code (GNC). NH noted that this represented a major milestone in the Energy Code Reform pathway and would enable Ofgem to progress its work with the proposed Code Managers towards their full assessment for licensing. The proposed Code Managers had been selected following a licensing assessment against the conflict of interest, capability and expertise, and strategy criteria required under the standard licence conditions for the Code Manager role. NH advised that, over the coming months, Ofgem would continue to work with RECCo and Xoserve to progress Code Manager selection for the Phase 2 codes and to gather information from the Code Manager candidates and Code Manager parties to inform forthcoming policy proposals for the Phase 2 pathway. NH confirmed that notices had been published on Ofgem's website and that representations on the proposed licence grants could be made within four weeks of the publication date.
- **GA86 / EA89 Decision** - NH advised that Ofgem expected to publish its statutory decision on the proposed special conditions and amendments to the Code Manager licences for the BSC and REC in December 2026. NH explained that the decision would confirm Ofgem's final position, considering responses received to the statutory consultation.
- **REC EA23 Decision and Phase 1 REC Licence Grant** - NH stated that Ofgem expected to publish its statutory decision on amendments to the REC in December 2026, following the statutory consultation on modifications to the REC and affected licences. NH informed Members that the decision would confirm Ofgem's final position, taking into account

responses received to the statutory consultation. Alongside the decision, Ofgem would publish the amended REC Code text, licences and a Code Manager licence grant decision notice.

- **SDS-2 Conversion following REC Designation** - NH advised that, as set out in the Strategic Direction Statement 2 (SDS-2) decision, Ofgem expected to publish a conversion letter following designation of the REC. SDS-2 would subsequently operate as a hybrid document, serving as the formal SDS for the REC while remaining a preliminary SDS for codes that had not yet been designated. Following designation, the REC Code Manager would refer to SDS-2 when fulfilling its obligations relating to the SDS, including the Code Manager licence obligation to prepare and publish a plan setting out how it would facilitate delivery of the SDS requirements and an annual budget relating to its activities.

No questions were raised by Members.

4 AOB

4.1 NEW REC PORTAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

PR explained that the new outward-facing REC Portal would go live on 18 November 2026 and replace the existing domains. Existing user accounts would be mapped to the new portal, and communications would be issued before go-live. Members were asked to review any links from their code websites to the existing REC Portal because URLs might need to be updated. PR asked Members to flag relevant references through the REC Committees or Communications mailboxes so replacement URLs could be provided when finalised.

PR advised that, as part of RECCo brand unification, REC Manager email addresses would migrate to 'retailenergycode.co.uk' addresses. Existing REC Manager addresses would remain accessible for a period, and further communications would be issued. TL added that the update should also be shared at the next meeting because the website included links and contact details for other code bodies. PR agreed this should be flagged to the relevant REC representative.