

THE INSTITUTION OF GAS ENGINEERS AND MANAGERS

Gas Quality Standard Working Group

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The 6th Meeting of the Gas Quality Standard Working Group of the Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers was held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at IGEM, IGEM House, Kegworth, Derbyshire, DE74 2DA.

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ATTENDANCE

There were present:

Angus McIntosh (AM)	(Dialled in) SGN (Chairman)
Mark Crowther (MC)	Kiwa Gastec
Robyn Jenkins (RJ)	National Grid Transmission
Kevin Bradley (KB)	Isle of Grain, LNG National Grid
Ian McCluskey (IM)	IGEM Head of Technical Services, Secretary.
Dave Lander (DL)	Dave Lander Consulting
Tom Bancroft (TB)	IGEM Technical Officer
Jamie McAinsh (JM)	SGN
Julie Cox (JC)	Energy UK
John Harris (JH)	National Grid
Stewart McEwen (SM)	HSE
Damien Heylen (DH)	Isle of Grain, LNG National Grid
Sarah Kimpton (SK)	DNV GL
Ross Anderson (RA)	ICOM

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GUEST PRESENTERS

Andrew Laughton (AL)	DNV GL
Toby Miles (TM)	DNV GL

Apologies for absence were received from:

Ian Marshall, WWU; Neil McDonald, HHIC; Graham McKay, BSI; Steve Sutton, HHIC;;; Jim Stancliffe, HSE; Phil Hobbins, National Grid; Phil Bradwell, SGN

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and the facilities information was given.

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PAPERS CIRCULATED BEFORE THE MEETING

IGEM-TSP-17-063 – Stakeholder Contact Report

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Minutes of the last meeting

(a) The minutes of the last meeting were signed off as an accurate reflection of the meeting with the only comment requesting 'U and C' to be changed to 'UNC'.

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WORKING GROUP FUNDING UPDATE

A draft bespoke contract has been circulated. Confirmation has been received from National Grid Transmission but still awaiting confirmation from the other networks. The target deadline for responses is at the end of March. There are numerous projects that IGEM would like to use the funding for.

ACTION: Network leads

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I AND C RESEARCH PROJECT

There were three bids shortlisted for selection and it was decided that the project would be given to DNV GL. It was explained to the group that the standard of the tender was very good and it was a difficult decision. IM will circulate the scope of the project to the group but a discussion needs to be had with DNV GL before the full proposal can be circulated.

ACTION: Ian McCluskey

RJ is hoping to get the Project Evaluation Assessment sanctioned in April at the investment committee.

In terms of timescales for the project there are uncertainties on what is going to come out of the first stage but roughly this should take 8 months.

Colin Thompson to table the project at the Gas Futures Group.

ACTION: Angus McIntosh

JC made the comment that it needs to be made sure that the project captures diversity and noting is missed. AM informed the group that there is a workshop being planned that will be hosted with IGEM to update key stakeholders and discuss any concerns they might have. Invitations for this should be sent out to all organisations that are interested.

ACTION: Angus McIntosh, Ian McCuskey

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

REF PAPER: IGEM-TSP-17-063 – Stakeholder Contact Report

RJ presented the above paper to the group and gave an overview of the impact of the standard on stakeholders, the breadth of people it effects and the stakeholder strategy. The point was also made that the independent networks have not been approached yet and there needs to be some more work done with engagement. The conference and workshops are only one way of achieving this. ICOM also need adding to the table.

ACTION: Robyn Jenkins

SM made the point that in regards to the GSMR review it is essential that key stakeholders are contacted to ensure there are no surprises if the wider review of GSMR goes ahead.

JC felt uncomfortable that she is the only representative of users and customers and this issue needs addressing. A list of proposed attendees has been given to IM and this needs looking into further.

ACTION: Ian McCluskey

Feedback forms to be sent to IM and mapping document to be circulated before the next meeting.

ACTION: Robyn Jenkins

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GAS QUALITY CONFERENCE 4TH July London

IM to map out and circulate the topics of importance and it was suggested that SK could present the findings from stage 1 of the I and C project.

ACTION: Ian McCluskey

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NATIONAL GRID TRANSMISSION RESEARCH PROJECT TRANSMISSION ASSETS

A presentation was given by AL and TM on the National Grid research project on transmission assets.

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NATIONAL GRID GAS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT FUTURE BILLING METHODOLOGY

SK gave a future billing presentation to the group.

Project overview:

- A gas network innovation competition project
- Project is subject to OFGEM 'stage gate' approval summer 2017
- Decarbonisation
- All gas must be safe to transport
- 13 distribution zones mostly supplied by NTS

Project timeline

- Industry engagement
- Oxygen sensors
- Smart metering
- Another stakeholder consultation

The consultation document is on the project website www.futurebillingmethodology.com circulate paper with minutes and collate and send in response from the group.

ACTION: Ian McCluskey

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GSMR REVIEW

Consultation closed at the end of Jan - 50/55 responses around legislative and technical (gas quality). Some responses were keen to leave schedule 3 in and some wanted to take it out. The majority of comments were on work that is going on in this group.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Project plan – originally April 2018 – IM to update

ACTION: Ian McCluskey

AM thanked everyone for their presentations and said this was the perfect way to make use of the working group. Following the Oban project committed to writing additional report within the next month. This will be published and shared with the group.

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DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017

Tuesday 16th May

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