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GAS OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**GOMF_26_0311**
DATE	**11 March 2026, 14:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND SCOPE

The Chair welcomed attendees to the first Gas Operational Metering Forum of 2026 and reminded members that the Forum is an operational discussion forum, not a decision-making body. Any formal decisions will be escalated to the REC Metering Expert Panel (MEP).

2. AUDIT UPDATE

ED provided a detailed overview of 2025 gas audit activity, covering both Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) Rev 2 and Rev 3 audits and technical audits. The majority of audits in 2025 were conducted under CoMCoP Rev 2, with Rev 3 audits commencing from November 2025 following R0152 – Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP). Higher concentrations of non-conformities tended to relate to new applicants or organisational changes, particularly where requirements were not fully understood.

The common issues included competency assurance and review (including EngTech oversight), Portable Appliance Testing (PAT), records relating to statutory reporting requirements. Gas technical audits identified recurring issues such as customer cards not left, ventilation issues, shear bolts not fitted or secured correctly. ED confirmed all identified non-conformances were subsequently resolved and closed. New performance reporting will be available going forward, including first-time pass rates and audit completion trends.

A query was raised regarding the competency requirements (including EngTech), with clarification that these continue to apply and that issues often arise from lack of awareness rather than changes in requirements.

Parties were requested to ensure competency review arrangements (including appropriate technical oversight) are clearly documented and understood, particularly for new applications. As well as review internal audit preparation processes to address recurring issues (e.g. PAT testing, customer cards, ventilation, shear bolts).

3. INTENDED CHANGES TO INSITUTION OF GAS ENGINEERS & MANAGERS (IGEM) UP

AD provided an update on the proposed revisions to Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers IGEM/UP/1B, explaining the technical rationale and background to the changes.

AD reported on how existing permissible pressure drop values which were historically based on assumed installation volumes no longer reflected modern installations. This was based on evidence from historical standards industry feedback, and safety investigations which highlighted potential risks where higher leakage rates are applied to larger volume systems. The revised approach based allowable pressure drop on the actual installation volume, not the meter type. It also retained a clear distinction between leakage attributable to appliances and pipework and introduced clearer testing steps where pressure drops exceeded 0.25 mbar but remained within permitted limits.

AD explained that the purge volumes had been updated to align with IGEM/UP/1 and is now set at 1.5 x total system volume (including the meter). The updated standard is currently progressing through IGEM governance, with publication targeted for the end of March 2026. An implementation period of at least six months was proposed to allow industry adjustments without enforcement issues. Questions regarding the leakage rate values and governance updates were raised but they were clarified during the discussion confirming that the leakage rate value provided was correct.

AD encouraged parties to monitor the publication of the revised IGEM/UP/1B and review the internal procedures in preparation for implementation. Parties were also advised to plan for the training and operational changes during the anticipated six-month transition period.

4. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKERR

BA provided an update on I0274 – Gas Pressure and Capacity Information Transparency.

BA informed members that the Change Panel had approved an extension to the I0274 plan following industry feedback. Further engagement with the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) provider was also planned. BA highlighted that a requirements workshop was likely to be organised ahead of a formal impact assessment.

BA encouraged further feedback and offered to follow up with interested Parties.

5. REC METERING HUB AND BULLETINS UPDATE

The Chair confirmed no new gas-specific metering bulletins had been issued since the last meeting. Ongoing discussions with Gas Transporters (GTs) and Energy Networks Association (ENA) had significantly reduced outdated or non-relevant bulletins that were previously located on the Metering Hub. Feedback related to the relevance of some non-Distribution Network Operator (non-DNO) bulletins on the Hub was being waited on. The Chair reminded members to also submit any gas-related metering bulletins for publication via the REC.

6. NATIONAL ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR (NESO) – FEBRUARY INSIGHTS

The Chair summarised the National Energy System Operator (NESO's) February 2026 gas insights. The Chair noted that the majority of gas supply originates from the UK and Norwegian sources, with Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) imports also contributing. It was confirmed that gas usage remained primarily within the distribution networks and power generation and remains secondary to wind in overall energy generation, with figures remaining broadly stable month-on-month.

7. IGEM UPDATE

DH confirmed no Gas Measurement Committee (GMC) meetings had taken place since the last GOMF meeting on 10 December 2025. DH informed members that the IGEM governance documentation had been updated to allow committees to formally recommend implementation periods for new standards.

DH drew members attention to BS EN 331 ball valves, particularly the importance of selecting the correct valve class, A, B or C, where high-temperature resilience is required. Members were asked to review the procurement specifications for BS EN 331 valves to ensure appropriate class selection were required. Potential future updates to IGEM G5, GM6 and GM8 may follow.

DH also offered to share a tracking spreadsheet covering the status of relevant IGEM standards via the committee's mailbox.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked members if they wished to raise AOB.

PD requested to include a future agenda item on the challenges associated with C&D medium-pressure configurations, including supplier and network engagement.

The Chair agreed to add this to a future agenda, subject to confirmation of scope and attendees. PD was asked to email the Chair with details of the proposed agenda item and suggested stakeholders.

The Chair thanked presenters and attendees for their contributions and confirmed that the next G-OMF on 10 June 2026 will include a presentation on proposed changes to the Accredited Certification Scheme (ACS).

Attendee	Initials	Company
Steve Brand (Chair)	SB	REC Code Manager
Presenters		
Eric Dodd	ED	Wilcock
Andy Durber	AD	Blue Flame Associates Ltd.
David Harper	DH	Gastech Engineering Ltd.
Bela Ashworth	BA	REC Code Manager
Attendees		
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Paul Rocke	PR	REC Code Manager
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Jemma Johnson	JJ	RECCo
Oliver Barnes	OB	RECCo
Perry Duhig	PD	Calisen
Matthew Potter	MP	M Group Ltd
Jon Lomas	JL	British Gas
Nik Wills	NW	Stark
Shaun Stock	SS	Engage Services
Dave Griffin	DG	Cullis Engineering
Debbie Sherlock	DS	TMA
Stephen Thun	ST	Northern Gas
Mark Burrows	MB	Energy Assets
Gill Wiseman	GW	Althanco
Luke Freeman	LF	AES Smart
Meg Wong	MW	Stark
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