

Gas Network Code Collaboration

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**Joint Office of Gas
Transporters**
Operated by **Encodar** Limited

XOSERVE

TALAN
Positive innovation

Supported by Licensed Gas Transporters



Purpose

1

To explain the Code Manager process

2

Share how we are co-developing our Licensing Assessment

3

Outline the programme, focus areas and how we will involve stakeholders

4

Discuss next steps and future engagement

Introducing our Presenters



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Agenda

Topic	Presenter
Opening & Context	Paul McKie
Process Timeline	James Higgins
Our Collaboration Progress	Clive Nicholas
Code Manager Programme & Key Focus Areas	Ruth Nicol
Engagement & Next Steps	Paul McKie
Q&A	Mike Clarke

Code Manager – An Overview

The licensed code regime

- The Gas Code Manager is a new, unified, licensed entity overseeing gas industry rules.
- Created under Ofgem's Energy Code Reform, it is being introduced to:
 - streamline governance
 - support Net Zero transitions
 - enhance impartiality
 - delivering better long-term service, efficiency and value



Process Timeline

James Higgins

Our Collaborative Journey

Winter 2025

Joint industry letter to Ofgem recommending a unified approach to code

January 2026

Encodar, Xoserve and Talan all individually invited to submit an Expression of Interest

June 2026

Ofgem announces joint Eol has progressed to Licensing Assessment Stage

September 2026

Complete Licensing Assessment form to submit to Ofgem

Our Collaborative Journey

An indicative future timeframe

September 2026

Ofgem reviews the joint Licensing Assessment Form

November 2026

We anticipate a formal Ofgem response to the Licensing Assessment

Late 2026-2027

Implementation and Assurance Stage

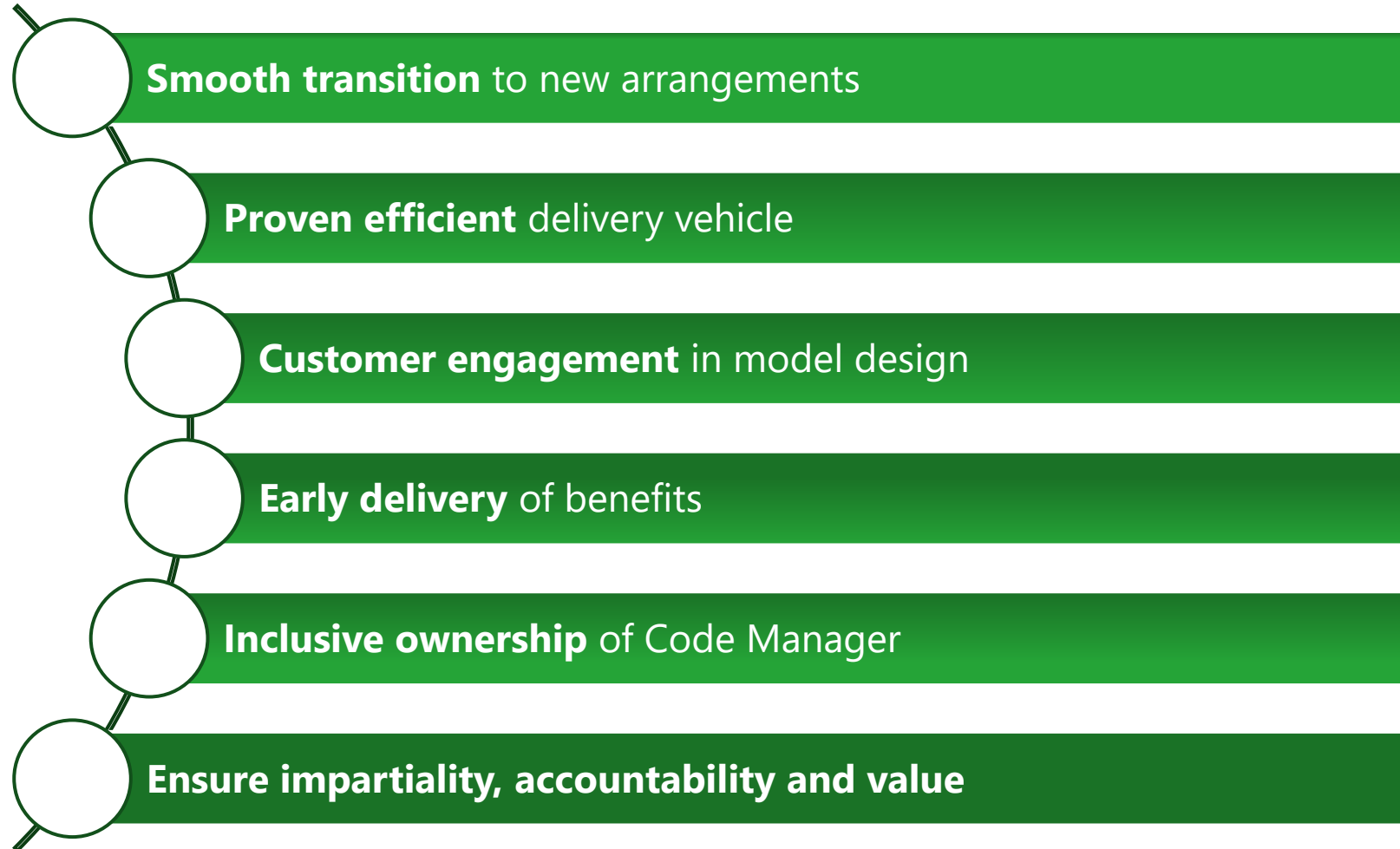
End 2027

- Award decision
- Mobilisation and go live

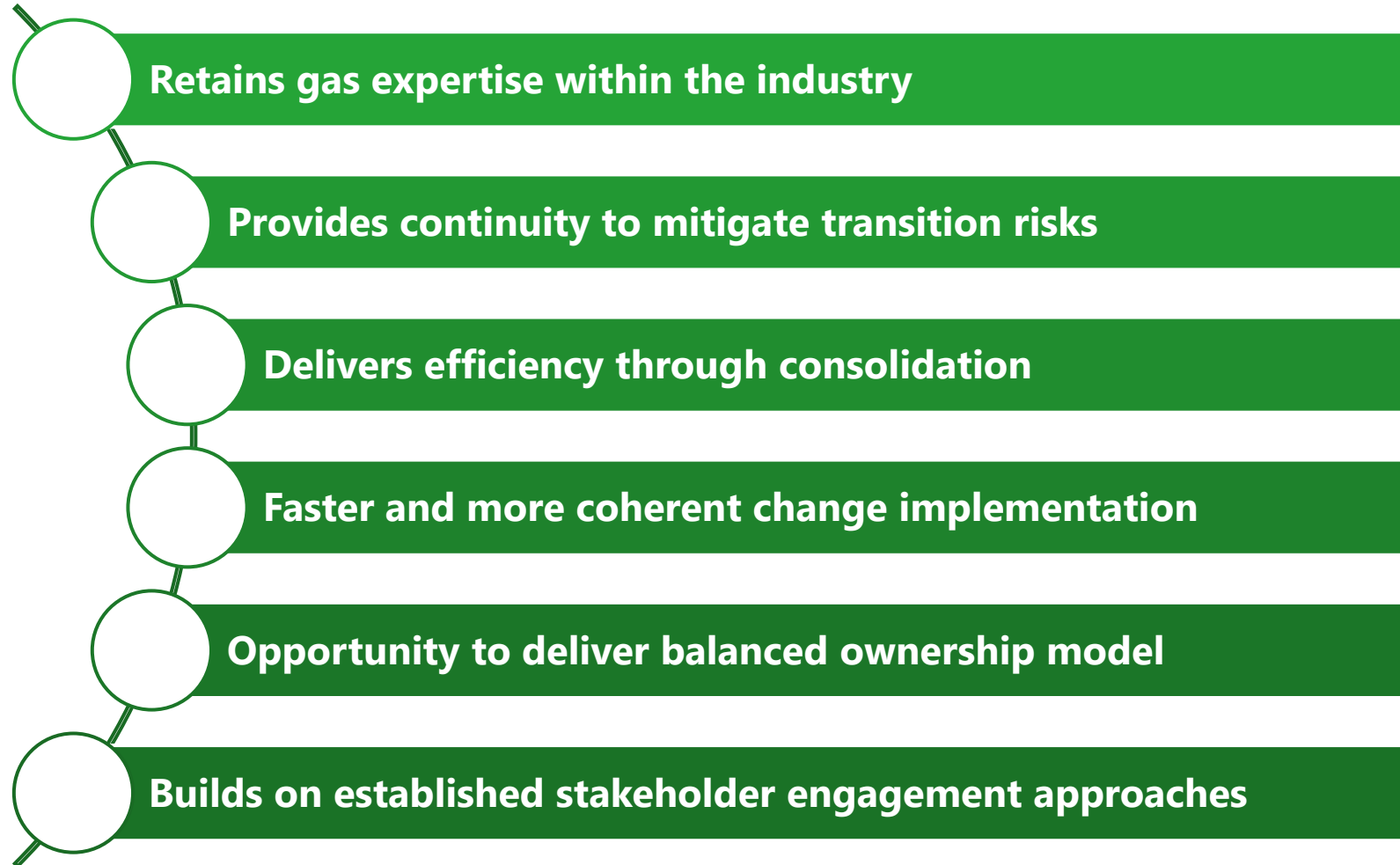
Code Manager Collaboration Progress

Clive Nicholas

Code Manager – Stakeholder Objectives



Benefits of our collaborative approach



Programme engagement & funding

- The programme will be delivered via robust, transparent governance to steer the Implementation and Assurance Stage
- Our intention is for engagement to follow Xoserve's Project Trident model, including Customer Advisors
- We plan to advance our implementation plans so that Draft 1 of BP27 (published in September) can include funding information



Code Manager – Licensing Assessment

Submission Deadline: 1 September 2026

We're currently focusing on completing the licensing assessment questions:

- Conflict of Interest Assessment
- Modifications to Standard Conditions
- Capability and expertise
- Strategic approach



Draft Strategic Approach

ENGAGEMENT

Industry Stakeholder
Management

Cross Code Relationship Management

Gov & Reg Relationship Management

Customer Engagement

STRATEGY & PLANNING

Strategic Planning

Design Authority

Research & Knowledge Management

Code Development (inc digitalisation)

REGULATORY DELIVERY

Code Change Management

Modification and Change

Legal Drafting & Advice

Impact Assessment

Manage Risk

Market Insight

Performance Assurance

Enforcement Actions

Code Party Lifecycle

Technical Support

Registration/Entry/Exit

Education & Training

Committees & Working Groups

DIGITAL DATA SERVICES

Digitalised delivery of a future ready gas system

Transportation Invoicing

Supply Point Registration &
Standing Data

Switching Execution (CoS /
Shipper Transfers)

Energy Balancing

Industry Data Flows &
Validation

Settlement Data Provision &
Reconciliation

Demand Estimation

Meter Read & Consumption
Processing

Market Data Publication &
Reporting

CENTRALISED FUNCTIONS

Industry &
Regulatory
Reporting

Financial Management

Procurement &
Contract Management

Human Resources
Management

Board Secretariat

Information Security &
Data Protection

Collaboration to ensure focus on the existing core services

- Business As Usual delivery remains a priority.
- We are ensuring this with a continued focus on the delivery of CDSP services and UNC and IGT UNC co-ordination.
- This approach allows us to maintain stability and performance while progressing our future model without disruption to existing services.

**Ensuring
continuity,
transparency,
and resilience**

Code Manager Programme & Key Focus Areas

Ruth Nicol

Code Manager Programme & Key Areas of Focus

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Workstream Led:

- Licence Assessment Stage
- Implementation & Assurance Stage

PROGRAMME GOVERNANCE

- Early setup
- Workstream alignment
- Clear collaboration
- 3rd party assurance

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Code Manager setup
- Licence Condition impact
- Stakeholder Strategy development

Engagement & Next Steps

Paul McKie

Code Manager – Next Steps

- We will keep you updated on progress via UNC Panel, IGT UNC Panel and CoMC
- Should we reach the 'Implementation and Assurance' stage, we'll look to set up further dedicated webinars with you.

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Thank you and contact details



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