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1 Introduction

1.1 About this Manual

This manual is intended as a detailed guide for iCE³ installation, configuration and operation. It may be read in conjunction with the standard manuals for the Wavecom® M1206/M1306 GSM/GPRS modems for further information, especially for the standard AT commands that are not described in this document.

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2 Overview

2.1 General Characteristics

The iCE³ (iQuest **C**ircuit **E**xtender) has been designed as a cost effective, low power, self-contained circuit extender to enable communication with equipment over a wireless (GPRS) network connection. Typical devices that the iCE³ can be used to interface with include dataloggers, PLCs etc.

The unit is based on the Wavecom® M1206/M1306 "Fastrack" GSM/GPRS modem. iQuest have taken the standard issue modem, modified it internally and developed a comprehensive software application that resides within the device. This application provides the GPRS network link management, data transfer and configuration view/edit functionality.

The iCE³ unit comes standard with a d.c power lead and a host device (RS232) cable pre-wired for one of three different host device types (see Section 7). The SMA antenna connector allows the use of a small stubby antenna (optional accessory) or alternatively, a coaxial cable to a higher gain external antenna for use in areas where signal strength is lower.

2.2 Typical Applications

The iCE³ can be used in a number of applications, including:

- GPRS circuit extension to third party devices
- GPRS telemetry
- GPRS / RS232 serial gateway to multi-drop networks

The iCE³ provides a very effective means for migration of legacy dialup telemetry networks to more cost-effective wireless IP communications over GPRS. By simply replacing existing dialup modems with an iCE³, you can have virtually any logger type telemetered over GPRS. If you are using a HydroTel telemetry system, the iCE³ can be configured to call-in and be downloaded using a dynamic IP address which further simplifies the deployment. See Section 2.4.3 for more details.

2.3 Technical Specifications

<i>Dimensions:</i>	98mm x 55mm x 25mm (WxHxD)	(M1206 Case)
	88mm x 55mm x 25mm (WxHxD)	(M1306 Case)
<i>Mass:</i>	120g (M1206 case), 105g (M1306 case)	
<i>Power Supply:</i>	External 5-32Vdc supply. In-line fuse protection.	
<i>Power Consumption:</i>	Less than 5mA @ 12V in idle mode. Actual current is dependent on the GPRS modem state. Maximum peak current 1.7A	
<i>Comms Interfaces:</i>	1x RS232 high density DB15, variable speed and framing, DCE configuration. 1x Integral dual-band (900/1800MHz) GSM/GPRS modem.	
<i>Mounting:</i>	Two slide-in mounting plates secured by M3 or similar size metal/wood screws.	
<i>Environmental:</i>	Temperature: -20°C - +55°C. Humidity: Maximum 95% non-condensing.	

2.4 Key Features

2.4.1 Terminal Configuration

All configuration and set-up parameters are modified via a standard ASCII terminal connected to the RS232 serial interface. This means that the user can configure the device without needing to have specialised configuration software installed on their computer specifically for this purpose.

2.4.2 Wireless Internet Connectivity (GPRS)

Wireless Internet connectivity is provided via the on-board dual-band GPRS modem. Through this interface, data packets can be transferred to and from the host (RS232) port. To facilitate GPRS connectivity, a suitably activated SIM card must be installed in the device. It is also necessary to program the unit with appropriate settings via a terminal connected to the host (RS232) serial interface.

The iCE³ communicates over a GPRS network using UDP protocol via a single data port. The device supports ASCII and binary communication to a wide range of iQuest and third party equipment.

2.4.3 Static and Dynamic IP addressing

The iCE³ supports both static (fixed) and dynamic IP address modes. Whether the mode is static or dynamic is set by the service provider and the SIM card supplied by them.

Static IP addressing allows the iCE³ to work with any mix of software or device, as each end of the GPRS link knows the IP address of the other end. However, this mode usually requires a dedicated APN or else an additional ongoing cost for a static IP on a wider area network.

Dynamic IP addressing requires that HydroTel™ is installed at the remote (base) location. In this mode, the iCE³ initiates the connection, typically via the Internet and sends a special call-in packet to the base. HydroTel™ then captures the IP address and port that have been allocated to the iCE³ for that session and uses them for all ongoing communication with the host device attached to the iCE³. Using this mode is described in detail in Section 5.

The advantage of dynamic IP addressing is the ability to have low cost IP connectivity to any device supported by HydroTel™. This can be achieved by a simple Internet connection via a local service provider. The intelligence of the iCE³ manages the GPRS session establishment and maintenance, meaning that the host device does not need any special intelligence of its own. However, the host device might be programmed to force a GPRS connection by issuing a simple command (AT^IGOL), perhaps in responses to an alarm condition. This feature assumes the device supports the issuing of serial strings on demand.

2.4.4 Gateway Communication

Provision has been made for support for System DO® gateway functionality between the GPRS network and the RS232 serial interface. This enables the unit to be used as a bridge between the wide area GSM network and a localised network of iQuest devices. By connecting a data radio to the iCE³'s serial port, it is possible to communicate with several devices in a multi-drop radio network from the GPRS network.

The gateway transparently redirects System DO® packets received via GPRS from address 0 back out the serial port if they are not destined for the iCE³. Conversely, packets received on the serial port from any address and directed to address zero (0) will be transparently redirected onto the GPRS network.

3 Installation

3.1 Removing / fitting the SIM card

Important! Ensure the iCE³ is depowered before attempting to remove or fit the SIM card.

Using a narrow pointed object, depress the small yellow button to the right of the SIM card carrier. The carrier will then be ejected. Fit the SIM card into the carrier and gently refit it to the device, pushing it home.

3.2 External Power Supply

The iCE³ does not have an internal battery and so requires an external power supply. It will accept any external regulated dc power source ranging from 5 to 32Vdc. Although the average current consumption is very low, it is important that the power supply is capable of delivering the high current peaks that GSM/GPRS modems are capable of drawing. To this end, iQuest recommend that a gel-cell type battery be used to power the unit, with appropriate trickle charging from a suitable source. In normal operation, the host device is likely to have a suitable power supply available.

3.3 Antenna Connection

The iCE³ has a standard SMA antenna connector. For installations with a good GSM signal level, a small right-angle ground plane independent stubby antenna will provide good results. Such antennae are available from iQuest or other suppliers. This attaches directly to the SMA connector on the front of the unit. In areas of marginal coverage, iQuest recommend using an external higher gain antenna.

3.4 Setting the Real Time Clock

If the iCE³ will be used in scheduled connection mode (by using the AT^IACE=2 command), the internal clock will need to be set correctly after installation on site and all other configuration has been completed.

This step is required because the internal clock is reset to a random time when the iCE³ has been depowered for any reason. Note that the scheduled connections will still work, they will just not be synchronised to the correct time of day. Please refer to Section 5 for more details on using the Scheduled Connection Mode.

Use the clock command in this format:

AT^ICLK="yy/mm/dd, hh:mm:ss"
E.g. AT^ICLK="07/06/15,08:55:00"

NOTE: The clock can also be read at any time by using the standard AT command **AT+CCLK?**

The reason for providing a special AT^ICLK command to set the clock is that it automatically synchronises the scheduler in the iCE³ software rather than just setting the hardware clock as using the AT+CCLK command does.

3.5 Recommended Deployment Procedure

- Obtain and install the SIM card from your preferred service provider.
- Connect an antenna and power supply to the iCE³
- Using a standard cable (see Section 7.1 for details); connect a computer with a suitable terminal program such as HyperTerminal®.
- Configure the iCE³ completely before taking it into the field for installation. Use the typical configuration examples below as a guide.
- If used in conjunction with HydroTel™, configure the station and site in HydroTel for the installation, including the chosen communication address. This must match the address in the iCE³ if it is to be used in scheduled (call-in) mode. (AT^IACE=2)
- Test it on-line. If necessary use the AT^IGOL command to force a connection if the auto-connection mode is not set to continuous (AT^IACE=1)
- Take the iCE³ to site and install it. Take a suitable computer (laptop) and standard cable to allow testing and further configuration on-site if needed. If required, check the signal strength by either issuing the command AT+CSQ which is a standard Hayes command to read the received signal strength indication. (RSSI). For repeated automatic measurements, use the command AT^INFO=1. See Section 6.3.11 for more details on this command.
- If the iCE³ will be used in scheduled connection mode (by using the AT^IACE=2 command), the final step is to set the internal clock. Use the standard cable and terminal program on the computer to set this. See Section 3.4 above for information on using the clock command, AT^CLK.
- Finally, make sure the correct cable is securely connected to the host device.
- If possible check that the system works end to end.

3.6 Typical Configuration Examples

The examples show the configuration listing that would be obtained by using the AT^IDAS? command.

3.6.1 DS-4483 Datalogger via iQuest APN to HydroTel™

This example shows the use of a permanent link using static IP addressing to enable an iQuest DS-4483 datalogger in New Zealand to be accessed by a local HydroTel™ base station on the iQuest APN.

```

^IACE: 1
^IACS: 0,0,0,0,0
^IAPN: "iquest.co.nz"
^IDFC: 0
^IDTO: 20
^IHDT: 0 (Normal)
^IHPS: 9600,"8N1"
^IIPA: 1,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 2,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 3,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 4,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 5,"192.168.1.10","255.255.255.255"
^ILIP: "10.236.0.12"
^IPTI: 120
^IPWD: ""
^IRIP: "10.236.0.1",7777
^IRTS: 1
^ISDA: 1
^ISNO: AE0-0212
^IUID: ""
^IVER: 1.30

```

3.6.2 CSI Datalogger via Telstra Australia to iQuest Global Data Network

This example shows the use of dynamic IP addressing via the Internet to enable a CSI datalogger in Australia to be accessed by the iQuest Global Data Network. It connects on each hour for 5 minutes.

```
^IACE: 2
^IACS: 0,2359,300,60,0
^IAPN: "telstra.internet"
^IDFC: 0
^IDTO: 20
^IHDT: 1 (CSI Logger)
^IHPS: 9600,"8N1"
^IIPA: 1,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 2,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 3,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 4,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 5,"192.168.1.10","255.255.255.255"
^ILIP: "58.171.75.19"
^IPTI: 0
^IPWD: ""
^IRIP: "203.190.210.84",7780
^IRTS: 1
^ISDA: 10212
^ISNO: AE0-0212
^IUID: ""
^IVER: 1.30
```

3.6.3 DS-4483 via Cingular USA to iQuest Global Data Network

This example shows the use of dynamic IP addressing via the Internet to enable a DS-4483 datalogger in the USA to be accessed by the iQuest Global Data Network. It connects every three hours starting at 9:30am and ending at 5pm for 5 minutes.

```
^IACE: 2
^IACS: 930,2359,300,60,0
^IAPN: "ISP@CINGULARGPRS.COM"
^IDFC: 0
^IDTO: 20
^IHDT: 0 (Normal)
^IHPS: 9600,"8N1"
^IIPA: 1,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 2,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 3,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 4,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255"
^IIPA: 5,"192.168.1.10","255.255.255.255"
^ILIP: "166.82.56.22"
^IPTI: 0
^IPWD: "CINGULAR1"
^IRIP: "203.190.210.84",7780
^IRTS: 1
^ISDA: 10212
^ISNO: AE0-0212
^IUID: "ISP.CINGULAR"
^IVER: 1.30
```

4 Operation

4.1 LED Indicator

The iCE³ has a single blue LED mounted on the front panel. This indicates the current device status and can be useful for diagnostic purposes. The various LED indicator states are as follows:

- | | |
|--|---|
| • Single 100ms flash every 2 seconds. | Idle (command) mode. |
| • Two 100ms flashes every 2 seconds. | GSM network acquired, connecting. |
| • Three 100ms flashes every 2 seconds. | GPRS connection in final phases. |
| • One 100ms and one 400ms flash every 2 seconds. | On-line in data mode (normal operation). |
| • Rapid continuous flashing. | Waiting for host device wakeup.
(CSI and Unidata loggers only) |

4.2 Host Device Type settings and operation

4.2.1 Normal (AT^IHDT=0)

Typical Settings	AT^IDFC=0	Forwarding on character disabled.
	AT^IDTO=20	Forwarding after 200ms of no more characters from host.

Host Port Communication and Handshaking

On receipt of a GPRS data packet, the iCE³ will immediately forward it to the host via the RS232 port. The handshaking lines are completely ignored. Conversely, characters that are received from the host are stored until either a matching character is detected (if forwarding character not zero) or else no more characters received for the forwarding timeout period. The packet is then sent to the remote IP address via GPRS.

4.2.2 Campbell Scientific (AT^IHDT=1)

Typical Settings	AT^IDFC=0	Forwarding on character disabled.
	AT^IDTO=20	Forwarding after 200ms of no further characters from host.

Host Port Communication and Handshaking

On receipt of a GPRS data packet, the iCE³ will assert its CTS line (which is connected to the logger's RING line). The iCE³ then waits until the logger responds by raising its ME line. The iCE³ will then output a series of carriage return characters until the logger detects the baud rate and returns a * prompt. Only then will the iCE³ send the received data packet to the logger. In reply, characters that are received from the datalogger are stored until no more characters received for the forwarding timeout period. The packet is then sent back to the remote IP address via GPRS.

4.2.3 Unidata (AT^IHDT=2)

Typical Settings	AT^IDFC=13	Forwarding on character enabled on carriage return (13)
	AT^IDTO=0	Forwarding on time disabled.

Host Port Communication and Handshaking

On receipt of a GPRS data packet, the iCE³ will assert its CTS line (which is connected to the logger's RTS line). The iCE³ then waits until the logger scans and returns a * prompt. The iCE³ then sends the received data packet to the logger. In reply, characters that are received from the datalogger are stored until a forwarding character (normally a carriage return) is received. The packet is then sent back to the remote IP address via GPRS.

5 Scheduled Connection Mode

This section describes the use of the scheduled connection mode. This is enabled when the auto-connect mode is set to 2 by issuing the command `AT^IACE=2`. Note that whenever a GPRS session is established by the scheduler, a call-in packet will be sent to the destination IP address (normally a HydroTel™ system).

NOTE: The real time clock must be set by using the `AT^ICLK` command after installation and if the unit has been depowered for any reason. See Section 3.4 for details on setting the clock.

NOTE: If a manual connection is required at any time, use the `AT^IGOL` command to initiate it. The host device (e.g. datalogger) can be programmed to trigger a call-in by using this command.

The scheduler settings are configured by using the `AT^IACS` command. Five parameters are needed and these are as follows:

Start time in day	(HHMM)	e.g.	600	(6am)
End time in day	(HHMM)	e.g.	1800	(6pm)
Duration on-line	(in seconds)	e.g.	120	(2 minutes on-line)
Interval when inside time window	(in minutes)	e.g.	60	(every hour)
Interval when outside time window	(in minutes)	e.g.	0	(never)

Start Time

This represents the time at which the iCE³ will start establishing GPRS sessions.

End Time

This represents the time after which the iCE³ will stop establishing GPRS sessions.

Duration

The minimum length of time (in seconds) that the iCE³ will keep each GPRS session active. Note that this time will be extended if there is ongoing traffic with the device. The session will end when there has been no activity for the preset duration time.

Interval when inside time window

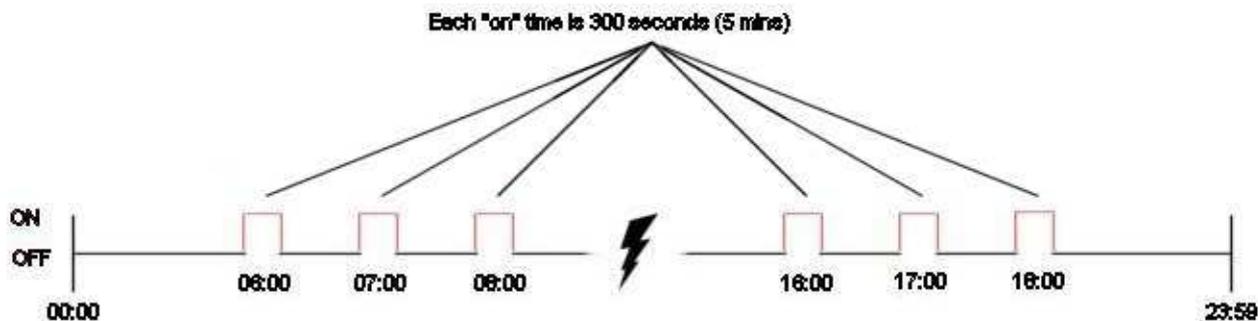
The length of time in minutes between each successive GPRS sessions being established when the time is between the start and end times.

Interval when outside time window

The length of time in minutes between each successive GPRS sessions being established when the time is before the start or after the end time. Set this to zero if no activity should occur outside the normal time window.

The full command to configure the schedule example below is `AT^IACS=600,1800,300,60,0`

In this example, the GPRS link is established once per hour (interval = 60 minutes), for a time of 5 minutes (duration = 300 seconds) starting at 6:00am and ceasing after the 6pm session. Set the start time to 00:00 (0000) and end time to 23:59 (2359) for the on/off cycle to apply regularly throughout the complete day.



6 Terminal Configuration

The iCE³ set up and configuration is achieved through the connection of a terminal to the host (RS232) serial port. As the iCE³ is very similar to (and in fact based on) a standard GSM/GPRS modem, the design uses the industry standard Hayes AT command method of configuring and viewing the device's settings. The following sections describe how to set up a terminal connection and the menu options that are available while connected.

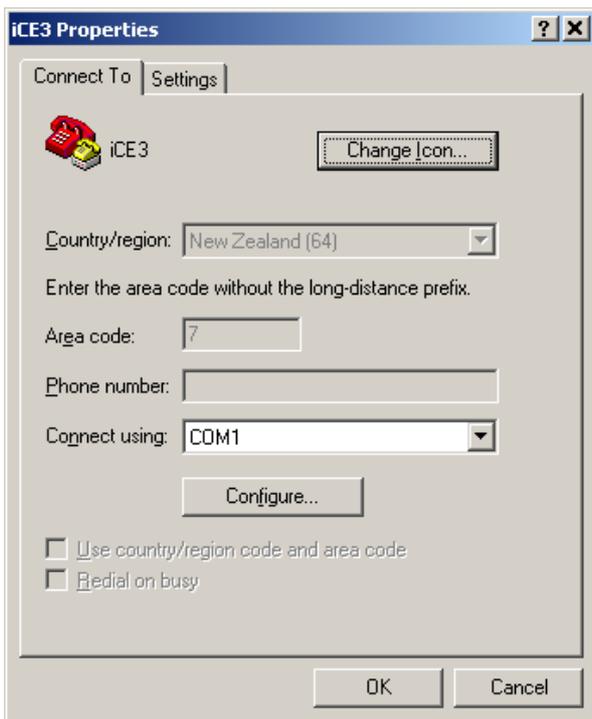
This description assumes a computer running a version of the Microsoft® Windows® operating system is being used and the descriptions below relate to the standard Windows® terminal emulator application, HyperTerminal™. Other types of computer and terminal emulators may also be used, but details on the set-up required are outside the scope of this document.

NOTE: A suitable cable to connect the iCE³ host (RS232) port to the computer is required. This should be wired as shown in Section 7.1 (Standard Devices).

6.1 Terminal Set-up

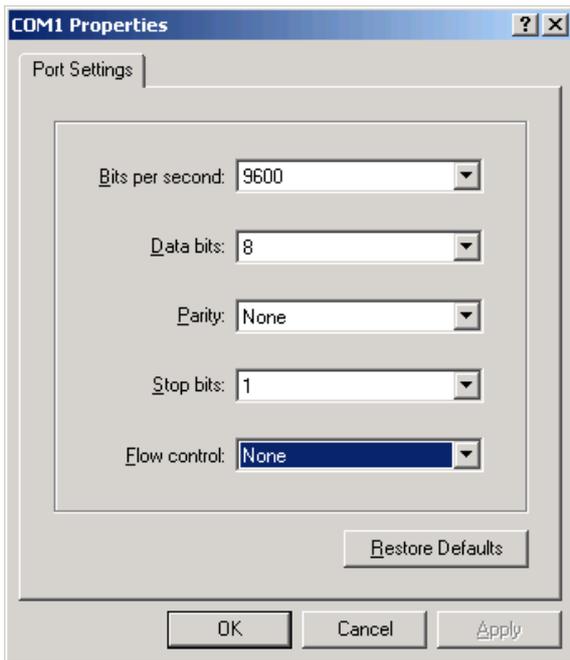
Start Windows® HyperTerminal™ and create a new connection called "iCE3". Set your terminal properties as shown in the dialog boxes below.

6.1.1 Port Selection



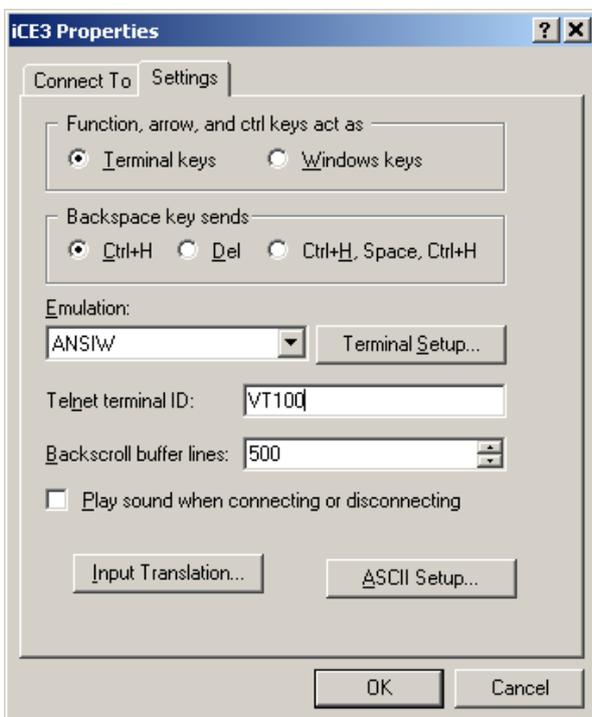
If you have connected the iCE³ to a communication port other than COM1, make the appropriate selection from the drop-down combo box.

6.1.2 Data Framing Configuration

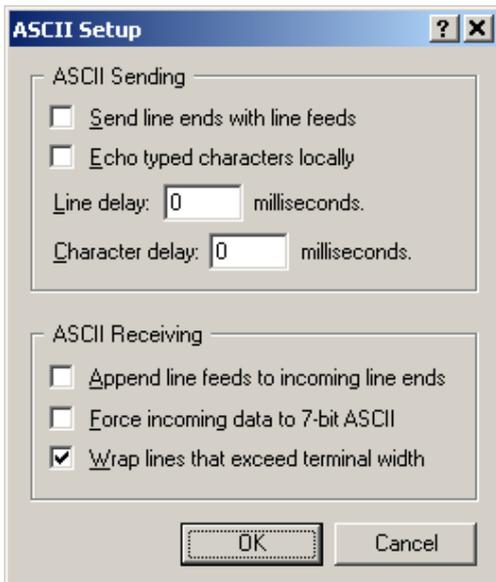


The iCE³ RS232 serial port is set by default to a speed of 9600 bps with framing of 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit. Flow control is not required.

6.1.3 Terminal Emulation



6.1.4 Terminal ASCII Setup



As the iCE³ echoes any received characters once it is in command mode, you will need to disable the “Echo typed characters locally” mode, otherwise the characters you type in at the terminal doubled up.

6.2 Switching between Data and Command Modes

To view or change the configuration of the iCE³ from the RS232 host port, it is first necessary to switch it to command mode if the device is in data (on-line transparent) mode. Conversely, the unit can be reconnected to the network and put back into data mode following a configuration session by issuing an AT^IGOL (Go On Line) command. (See Section 6.3.7).

To go from data mode to command mode: Type in three + characters in rapid succession. The iCE³ will respond with an OK followed by a disconnection message.

To go from command mode back to on-line data mode: Type in AT^IGOL, then [Enter]. The unit will go through its connection sequence and switch to data mode.

NOTE: If auto-connect is not enabled (AT^IACE=0 or 2), the unit will remain in command mode after being powered up. If the iCE³ has been configured to automatically connect to the GPRS network (AT^IACE=1), it will connect and go straight to data mode following a power up. If configured for scheduled mode, (AT^IACE=2), then the connection will be initiated based on the settings entered via the AT^IACS command.

6.3 Special AT Commands

When in command mode, the iCE³ supports the entire standard AT command set accepted by the basic Wavecom® M1206/M1306 GSM/GPRS modem. To provide a means of viewing and configuring the customised features of the iCE³, an additional set of special AT commands has been built into the iCE³ application software. In order to avoid the common AT prefixes such as AT+ and AT&, all the special commands begin with ^I, followed by three additional characters which describe the command.

NOTE: Whenever a change to a parameter is made, the new setting is stored in non-volatile memory and takes effect immediately. This may cause an apparent loss of communication if the host (RS232) port speed is changed using the AT^IHPS setting. In this case, the terminal program will need to be reconfigured to resume the session.

The following sub-sections describe the special AT commands and these are listed in alphabetical order.

6.3.1 AT^IACE Auto-Connect Enable

Description: Disables, enables or sets scheduled mode for the auto-connection feature.

Default: 0 (Disabled)

Notes: If this parameter is set to zero, the GPRS connection must be initiated manually via the AT^IGOL command. If set to one, the iCE³ will maintain a permanent GPRS link automatically and if set to two, the scheduled settings as defined by the AT^IACS command are used to regularly connect and disconnect from the network.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IACE?	^IACE: 0 OK
Write	AT^IACE=0	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IACE=?	^IACE: (0-2) OK

6.3.2 AT^IACS Auto-Connect Settings

Description: Configures the auto-connection scheduled mode. See Section 5 for details on using this feature.

Default: 0,0,0,0,0 (Disabled)

Notes: This command sets up the parameters for the auto-connect scheduled mode (only applicable when AT^IACE=2). The parameters are:

Start time in day	(HHMM)	e.g.	600	(6am)
End time in day	(HHMM)	e.g.	1800	(6pm)
Duration on-line	(in seconds)	e.g.	120	(2 minutes on-line)
Interval when inside time window	(in minutes)	e.g.	60	(every hour)
Interval when outside time window	(in minutes)	e.g.	0	(never)

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IACS?	^IACE: 0 OK
Write	AT^IACS=600,1800,120,60,0	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IACS=?	^IACS: (0,2359,300,60,0) OK

6.3.3 AT^IAPN Access Point Name

Description: Defines the access point name to use for the connection to the GPRS network.

Default: ""

Notes: This parameter has a maximum length limit of 100 characters. For a selection of common APNs, please refer to Section 3 (Installation).

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IAPN?	^IAPN: "iquest.co.nz" OK
Write	AT^IAPN="iquest.co.nz"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IAPN=?	^IAPN: "APN" OK

6.3.4 AT^ICLK Read / Set Clock

Description: Provides access to the real time clock in the iCE³ to either read or set the date and time.

Default: ""

Notes: This parameter must be enclosed in quotes (") and be formatted as a series of two digit values in this format "yy/mm/dd, hh:nn:ss", where n = minutes.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^ICLK?	^ICLK: "08/06/15,12:34:56" OK
Write	AT^ICLK="08/06/15,12:34:56"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^ICLK=?	^ICLK: "yy/mm/dd, hh:nn:ss" OK

6.3.5 AT^IDAS Display All Settings

Description: Displays a listing of all the iCE³ device parameters and their current values.

Default: N/A

Notes: This command is read only.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IDAS?	[Alphabetic listing of parameters] OK

6.3.6 AT^IDFC Data Forwarding Character

Description: Defines the ASCII character, that if received will initiate the forwarding of the data packet.

Default: 13 (Carriage Return)

Notes: Range is 0-255. Setting this parameter to zero will disable the forwarding on character mode. In this situation, use the forwarding after data timeout function (AT^IDTO command).

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IDFC?	^IDFC: 13 OK
Write	AT^IDFC=13	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IDFC=?	^IDFC: (0-255) OK

AT^IDTO Data Forwarding Time Out

Description: Defines the data gap time (in milliseconds x10) after which the iCE³ will forward the data packet to the remote destination. This mode should be used for binary data packets as used by iQuest products and Campbell Scientific dataloggers.

Default: 20 (200ms)

Notes: Range is 0-255 (0 -> 2.55 seconds). If this parameter is set to zero, then data will not be forwarded unless a forwarding character is defined using the AT^IDFC command.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IDTO?	^IDTO: 0 OK
Write	AT^IDTO=20	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IDTO=?	^IDTO: (0-255) OK

6.3.7 AT^IGOL Go On-Line

Description: Manually initiates connection to the GPRS network. Normally used after a command mode session where parameters have been viewed or edited and reconnection is required.

Default: N/A

Notes: This command is write only.

Mode	Command	Response
Write	AT^IGOL	Connecting... OK

6.3.8 AT^IHDT Host Device Type

Description: Defines the type of device that is connected to the host (RS232) port. Refer to Section 4.2 for details on how each of these device types work and Section 7 for cable information for each.

Default: 0 (Normal)

Notes: Range is 0-2 (0=Standard, 1=CSI datalogger, 2=Unidata datalogger)

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IHDT?	^IHDT: 0 OK
Write	AT^IHDT=0	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IHDT=?	^IHDT: (0-2) OK

AT^IHPS Host (RS232) Port Settings

Description: Defines the speed (in bits per second) and the data character framing for the host port. This includes number of data bits, parity and number of stop bits.

Default: 9600,"8N1"

Notes: This command takes effect immediately, so may require a corresponding change to the terminal program settings to continue the configuration session.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IHPS?	^IHPS: 9600,"8N1" OK
Write	AT^IHPS=9600,"8N1"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IHPS=?	^IHPS: (2400,4800,9600,19200, 38400,57600,115200,"8N1") OK

6.3.9 AT^IIPA IP Acceptance

Description: Defines a set of up to five fixed IP addresses and sub-net masks that are used to determine whether a sender is permitted to access the iCE³ (and therefore, the host device) through the GPRS network. The iCE³ will always process and forward data packets originating from its remote IP address (defined by the AT^IRIP command).

Default: x,"0.0.0.0","255.255.255.255" (where x can be 1-5)

Notes: The first parameter defines which of the five entries in the IP acceptance table will be updated with the settings contained in the second and third parameters.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IIPA?	^IIPA: [lists the table entries] OK
Write	AT^IIPA=1,"123.123.123.123","255.255.255.255"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IIPA=?	^IIPA: 1, "123.123.123.123", "255.255.255.255" OK

6.3.10 AT^ILIP Local IP

Description: Defines the local IP address to use for connection to the GPRS network.

Default: 0.0.0.0

Notes: This parameter is normally left at 0.0.0.0 as it is not usually defined by the user. Normally, the local IP address is either linked to the SIM card (static IP address) or dynamically allocated by the network in the case of an Internet or similar connection.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^ILIP?	^ILIP: "0.0.0.0" OK
Write	AT^ILIP="0.0.0.0"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^ILIP=?	^ILIP: "0.0.0.0" OK

6.3.11 AT^INFO Network INformation

Description: Disables or enables regular network information messages when the unit is not on-line.

Default: 0 (Disabled)

Notes: If this parameter is set to 1, the iCE³ will start by listing the units IMEI and IMSI numbers, then begin to regularly issue a signal strength reading. This is useful when diagnosing site coverage issues. When the unit goes on-line, the regular information reporting is automatically disabled again. Note that to use this command, automatic connection will have to be disabled first if it has been enabled using the command AT^IACE=1.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^INFO?	^IACE: 0 OK
Write	AT^INFO=0	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^INFO=?	^INFO: (0,1) OK

6.3.12 AT^IPTI Ping Test Interval

Description: Defines the interval at which the iCE³ will ping the remote IP address as defined by the AT^IRIP parameter. If no reply is received, it will retry the ping request a further three times before disconnecting from the network and attempting to reconnect.

Default: 120

Notes: The feature is used as part of the iCE3 link validation. Selecting a suitable value is a balance between an acceptable link down time and increased data traffic (ping packets). Set this to zero if the scheduled connection mode (AT^IACE=2) is used.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IPTI?	^IPTI: 120 OK
Write	AT^IPTI=120	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IPTI=?	^IPTI: 120 OK

6.3.13 AT^IPWD PassWorD

Description: Defines the password (if required) that is needed to log-on to the network.

Default: ""

Notes: This password is sometimes required when connecting via an ISP and is usually empty if the connection is via a private APN.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT^IPWD?	^IPWD: "password" OK
Write	AT^IPWD="password"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT^IPWD=?	^IPWD: "password" OK

6.3.14 AT[^]IRFD Reset to Factory Defaults

Description: Resets all the iCE³ parameters to the factory settings.

Default: N/A

Notes: This command is irreversible! In order to ensure that it is not accidentally invoked, an additional parameter of 1234 is required in order for it to be executed. If any other (or no) number is used, an error will be returned and no changes to the configuration will be made.

Mode	Command	Responses
Write	AT [^] IRFD=1234	OK OR ERROR

6.3.15 AT[^]IRIP Remote IP

Description: Defines the IP address and UDP port of the remote server or device that the iCE³ will be communicating with over the GPRS network. This address is also used as the destination in the self-test “ping” mode to determine the GPRS network is still accessible. See the AT[^]IPTI command for more details.

Default: “0.0.0.0”,0

Notes: If this parameter is not set (i.e. remains as 0.0.0.0), then the iCE³ will never attempt to connect to the GPRS network, not matter what any other settings are.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] IRIP?	[^] IRIP: “0.0.0.0”,0 OK
Write	AT [^] IRIP=“0.0.0.0”,0	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT [^] IRIP=?	[^] IRIP: “0.0.0.0”,0 OK

6.3.16 AT[^]IRTS Reply To Sender

Description: Defines whether or not the iCE³ will reply only to the primary IP address in its remote IP parameter (defined by AT[^]IRIP) or else others that pass acceptance testing by the IP acceptance table (defined by AT[^]IIPA).

Default: 1 (enabled)

Notes: If this parameter is set to 0 (disabled), then the iCE³ will not reply to any sender other than its primary remote IP. If this parameter is set to 1 (enabled), the iCE³ will reply to any sender that is validated through the IP acceptance table.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] IRTS?	[^] IRTS: 1 OK
Write	AT [^] IRTS=1	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT [^] IRTS=?	[^] IRTS: (0-1) OK

AT[^]ISDA System DO[®] Address

Description: Defines the iCE³ System DO[®] protocol address that is applicable when being called directly from HydroTel™ 2000 and when operating as a communication gateway device.

Default: 1

Notes: This parameter can range between 1 and 32767. It must be set correctly when the scheduled connection mode is used in conjunction with a HydroTel™ base station as this address is used to identify the incoming call when it is originated from a dynamic IP address.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] ISDA?	[^] ISDA: 1 OK
Write	AT [^] ISDA=1	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT [^] ISDA=?	[^] ISDA: 1 OK

6.3.17 AT[^]ISNO Serial NO.

Description: Displays the iCE³ serial number.

Default: N/A

Notes: This command is read only.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] ISNO?	[^] ISNO: AE0-0001 OK

6.3.18 AT[^]UID User ID

Description: Defines the User ID (user name) to use for connecting to the GPRS network.

Default: ""

Notes: This user id is sometimes required when connecting via an ISP, but usually left empty when connecting via a private APN.

Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] UID?	[^] UID: "userid" OK
Write	AT [^] UID="userid"	OK OR ERROR
Help	AT [^] UID=?	[^] UID: "userid" OK

AT[^]IVER Displays Software VERsion

Description: Displays the iCE³ software version.

Default: N/A

Notes: This command is read only.

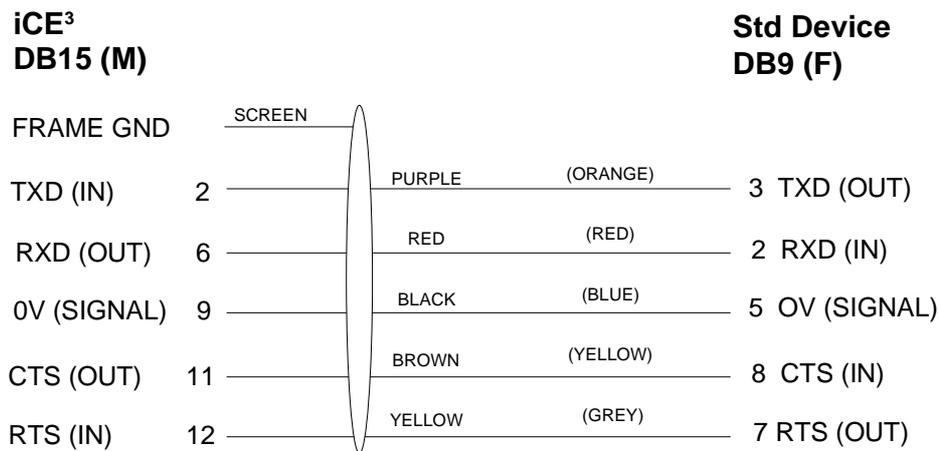
Mode	Command	Responses
Read	AT [^] IVER?	iCE3 Version: 1.30 Copyright © 2008

7 Host (RS232) Port - Cable Connections

7.1 Standard (Non-handshake) Device. (No cable label)

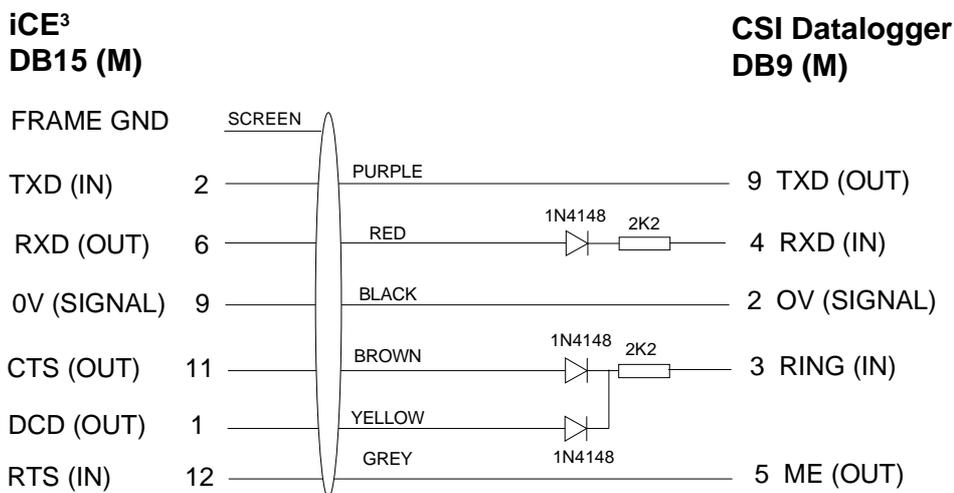
This cable is for devices that do not require any special handshaking or prompt character recognition and are fitted with a DTE configured DB9 female connector. Such devices include the iQuest DS-4483 datalogger and IBM compatible PCs. See Section 4.2.1 for typical settings for this host type.

A cable of this type is required when configuring the unit from a PC using HyperTerminal® or other terminal program. See Section 6.1 for more details on using the terminal mode for configuring the device.



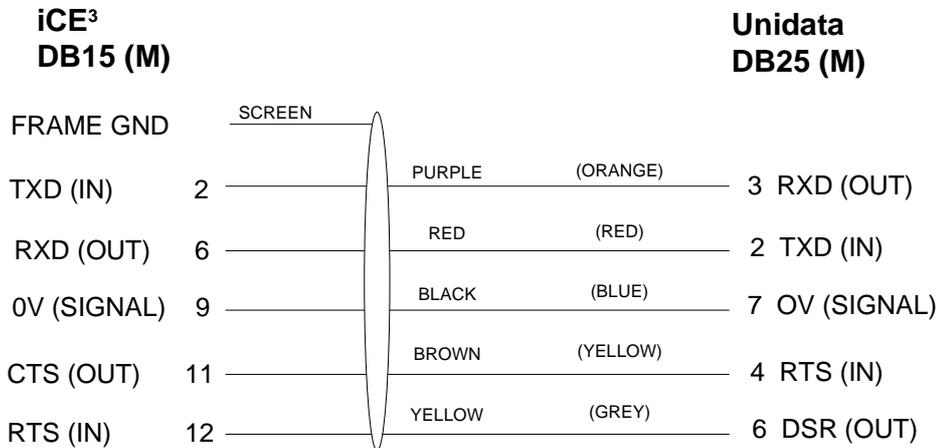
7.2 Campbell Scientific Inc Datalogger. (Cable label – “CSIU”)

This cable is used for Campbell Scientific dataloggers such as the CR10x, CR500 etc. The cable includes the necessary components to match the differing voltage levels between the iCE³ RS232 port and the CSI datalogger’s serial port. It also handles both IP and CSD (dial-up) connections. See Section 4.2.2 for typical settings for this host type.



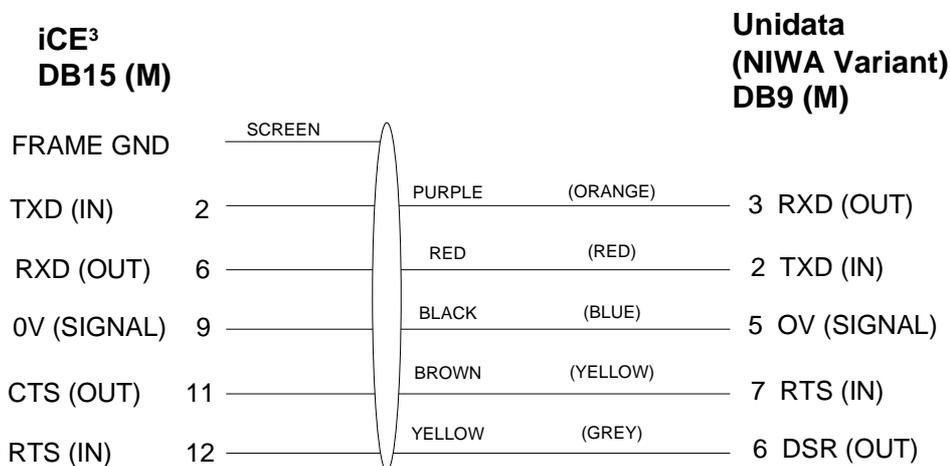
7.3 Unidata Logger – Standard. (Cable label – “UNI1”)

This cable connects directly from the iCE³ to a standard Unidata Star logger fitted with a DB25 female computer connector. This diagram assumes the DTE speed is set to 9600 baud as none of the baud rate setting links on the DB25 are connected. See Section 4.2.3 for typical settings for this host type.



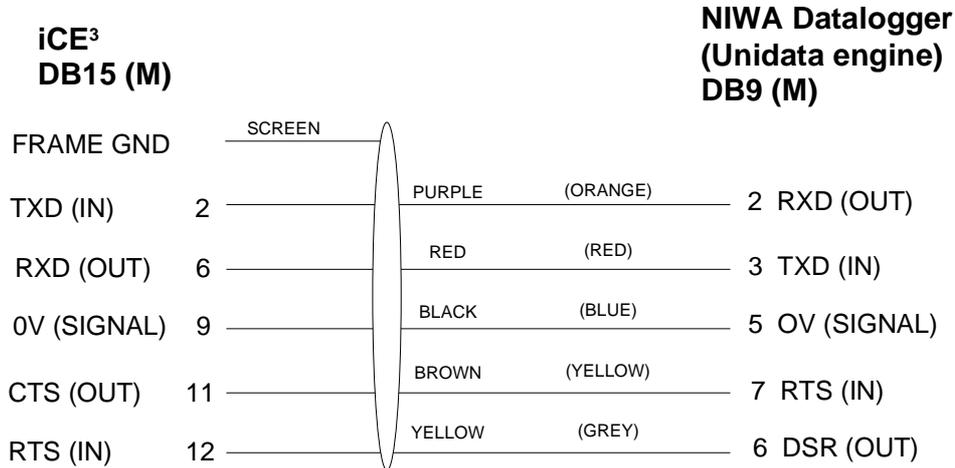
7.4 Unidata Logger – In NIWA enclosure. (Cable label – “UNI2”)

This cable is used for Unidata dataloggers that have been installed in a NIWA pre-wired plastic enclosure and fitted with a DB9 female connector. Note that these enclosures have pins 2 and 3 of the DB9 reversed when compared to a NIWA Unidata engine based datalogger such as the HydroLogger. See Section 4.2.3 for typical settings for this host type.



7.5 NIWA Datalogger (with Unidata engine). (Cable label – “UNI3”)

This cable variant is required to connect to the NIWA range of dataloggers such as the “HydroLogger”. These devices are equipped with the Unidata logging engine and connection is via a DB9 female connector. See Section 4.2.3 for typical settings for this host type.



8 Settings for iQuest APN or Data Network

8.1 iQuest APN

APN:	iquest.co.nz
iQuest Host IP Address:	192.168.1.10
Default Binary Port	7777
Default ASCII Port	7778

8.2 iQuest Global Data Network

Network Static Host IP:	203.190.210.84
Primary Listening Port:	7780

9 GPRS Service Provider Settings

This list shows the GPRS settings for common service providers along with the relevant commands to set them up.

iQuest APN on Vodafone NZ

APN	iquest.co.nz	AT^IAPN="iquest.co.nz"
User ID	n/a	AT^IUID=""
Password	n/a	AT^IPWD=""

Internet on Vodafone NZ

APN	www.vodafone.net.nz	AT^IAPN="www.vodafone.net.nz"
User ID	guest	AT^IUID="guest"
Password	guest	AT^IPWD="guest"

Internet on Vodafone Australia

APN	vfinternet.au	AT^IAPN="vfinternet.au"
User ID	guest	AT^IUID="guest"
Password	guest	AT^IPWD="guest"

Internet on Telstra Australia

APN	telstra.internet	AT^IAPN="telstra.internet"
User ID	n/a	AT^IUID=""
Password	n/a	AT^IPWD=""

Internet on Cingular USA

APN	ISP@CINGULARGPRS.COM	AT^IAPN="ISP@CINGULARGPRS.COM"
User ID	ISP.CINGULAR	AT^IUID="ISP.CINGULAR"
Password	CINGULAR1	AT^IPWD="CINGULAR1"

Internet on Vodafone UK

APN	internet	AT^IAPN="internet"
User ID	web	AT^IUID="web"
Password	web	AT^IPWD="web"

10 Firmware Upgrade Procedure

IMPORTANT NOTE: There have been different versions of the Wavecom GSM module used during the production of the iCE³. To match the internal operating system in these, iQuest provides multiple iCE³ firmware variants. The major version number defines the internal module used. Therefore it is very important that the version be checked (using the AT[^]IVER command) prior to upgrading the firmware. For example, if the AT[^]IVER command returned a version of 2.01, then the latest version firmware V2.xx would be used.

Firmware upgrades are issued as a single file for downloading and flash upgrading via HyperTerminal®. The file is available from the iQuest web site and is in the format:

iCE3_GPRS_V120.dwl iCE3 GPRS Firmware, Version 1.30 (Major version 1)

In the upgrade example below, we are upgrading an earlier iCE³ that has version V1.14 installed. The latest firmware version for this particular model is V1.30.

NOTE: This procedure assumes familiarity with HyperTerminal®, the default serial terminal program that is supplied with Windows®.

- 1) Connect to the iCE³ with HyperTerminal. Settings should be 9600bps, no parity, eight data bits and one stop bit. (9600 n 8 1).
- 2) Ensure the iCE³ is in command mode by typing AT [Enter]. It should respond with OK. If there is no response, take the iCE³ off line by typing +++ quickly.
- 3) Type AT[^]IVER?[Enter] to display the device version. Check the version to determine if the iCE³ actually requires an update.

```
at^iver?
```

```
iCE3 Version: 1.14  
Copyright(c) 2004  
iQuest (NZ) Ltd  
OK
```

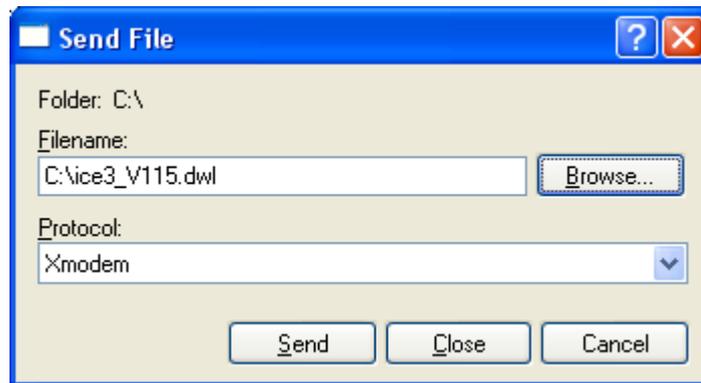
- 4) If so, put the iCE³ into programming mode by entering the command AT+WDWL[Enter]. It will start transmitting a special prompt character at regular intervals.

```
at+wdwl
```

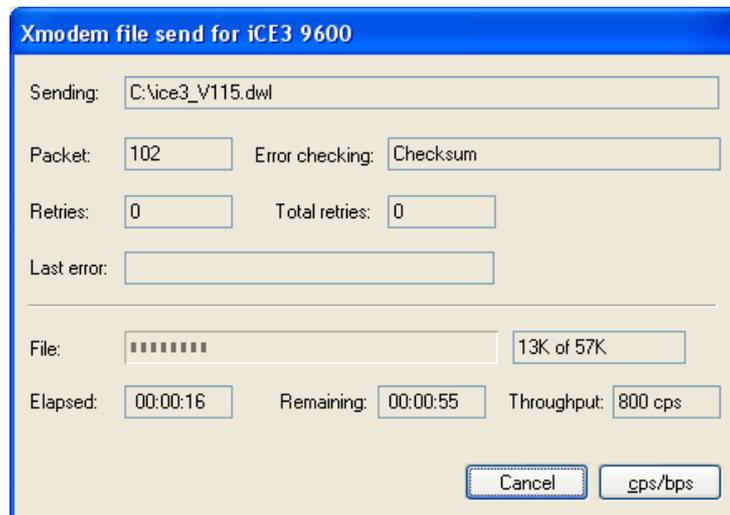
```
+WDWL: 0  
$$$$$
```

- 5) On the HyperTerminal® menu, select Transfer-> Send File.

- 6) Set the protocol to X-Modem and select the iCE³ firmware file that has been obtained from the iQuest website. This file is in the format iCE3_GPRS.V115.dwl.



- 7) Click 'Send' and the file should download to the device. IMPORTANT: DO NOT DISCONNECT OR CANCEL THIS STEP. There is a possibility that interruption of this part of the operation may result in the inability to reprogram the device. If this occurs, the unit will need to be returned to the factory to be restored.



- 8) When download is complete, the iCE³ will resume outputting the prompt character.
 9) Type the command AT+CFUN=1[Enter] to reinitialise it.
 10) When it has rebooted, recheck the version using the AT^IVER? command once again.

```

#####at+cfun=1

OK
+WIND: 3
+CGEV: ME CLASS "B"

at^iver?

iCE3 Version: 1.30
Copyright © 2008
iQuest (NZ) Ltd
OK

```

- 11) Unit upgrade is now complete. Version is showing V1.30 correctly.

11 User Notes