

iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 16-12

Wednesday 21st December 2016

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Andrew Margan (AM)*	British Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR)*	Brookfield Utilities	Pipeline Operators	
Kirsty Dudley (KD)*	E.ON UK	Pipeline Users	
Kristian Pilling (KP)*	SSE Energy Supply	Pipeline Users	
Kish Nundloll (KN)*	ESPUG	Pipeline Operator	
Roberta Fernie (RF)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Jemma Baker (JB)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Rachel Bird (RB)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

**Attended via teleconference*

1. Alternates, observers and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the iGT UNC Modification Panel meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Paul Rocke (Gemserv).

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair asked the Panel if they had any additional items to add to the agenda for this meeting. The Panel were happy with the agenda and did not have any additional items to add.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

RB informed the Panel that only one comment had been received regarding the last minutes. This was a comment from JR to correct a name recorded for an Xoserve representative in section 16. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (16th November 2016) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

16/11-01	Code Administrator to notify all parties that the January Workstream meeting has been changed to Thursday 5 th January 2017.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-02	Code Administrator to write to iGTs requesting an implementation date for iGT071S noting that the Panel's recommendation is for an Implementation date of PNID.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-03	Code Administrator to write to iGTs requesting a revised implementation date for iGT080S noting that the Panel's recommendation is for an Implementation date of the 2 nd November 2017 (November release date)	Completed. Closed.
16/11-04	Code Administrator to produce the Draft Modification Report and send out iGT091 to Consultation.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-05	Code Administrator to add iGT092 to the agenda for the December Workstream meeting.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-06	Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT087 is to be implemented and to request the iGTs to set the implementation date.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-07	Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT088 is to be implemented and to request the iGTs to set the implementation date.	Completed. Closed.
16/11-08	Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT089 is to be implemented and to request the iGTs to set the implementation date.	Completed. Closed.

The Chair added that PR is due to send out the document on materiality guidance which has been developed and produced through the Code Administrator Workgroup. This relates to the work being carried out in RG002 (CGR3).

Action 16/12-01: Code Administrator to circulate the document on materiality guidance produced by the Code Administrators Workgroup.

RB concluded that all action points from the last meeting are now closed.

5. Short notice business

RB informed the group that January's Workstream meeting will be moving from a 10.00am start to a 10.30am start to mitigate any post-Christmas travel delays there may be. AM suggested that the change in time may be beneficial throughout the year. The Chair added that the January Workstream meeting will run from 10.30am as a test, the question of timings posed to the Workgroup and then comments to be brought back to the January Panel for a decision on whether to make the start time change permanent.

6. Panel decisions

None.

7. Authority updates – Industry Code Governance Presentation

Ofgem have now published their initial views on the implementation of the CMAs remedies for Code Governance. JB noted that Ofgem are happy with the package recommended by the CMA and they think that the package they recommend will greatly improve the outcomes that consumers experience from the codes Ofgem hope to set their strategic objectives by Spring 2017, although they acknowledge that this will take a few years to implement the full package proposed e.g. licensing.

JB informed the Panel that there is currently a consultation open on this and that it closes out on 1st February 2017. Those consultation results will then be taken to a working group on 12th January, which all parties are encouraged to attend. JB noted that this Workgroup is filling up and any requests to attend must be submitted before the Festive period.

JB welcomed any questions regarding the presentation.

JR inquired what would be discussed at the Workgroup. JB explained that Ofgem hoped to get a clearer picture on the role and responsibilities of parties, as this has not yet been evolved.

The Chair enquired how the Consultative Board will be made up, and whether this could pose areas of conflict. JB explained that this is an area which is evolving and that there are discussions to be had about the role of the Board, therefore determining who will sit on this board. However, Ofgem would like to see this as a more independent mix.

The Chair went on to discuss the role of the Code Administrator and whether Ofgem wants them to take on more of a 'Policing' role within the industry. JB noted that Ofgem wishes Code Administrators to be more forward thinking in anticipating change within their individual code, as well as looking across all codes to anticipate change. This will in itself make the role of the Code Administrator larger and it would be in their interest to be stricter on change deadlines etc.

AM voiced concern over the competitive tender process and how this would translate throughout the varying size of codes. JB expanded on this by informing the Panel that Ofgem are looking at various models for this area and do not believe that a 'one size fits all' approach is the best one. Although she

acknowledged that this thinking is in its infancy and much more work will be required on competitive tenders.

The Chair asked if the Panel had any other questions and thanked both JB & RF for their time.

Action 16/12-02: Code Administrator to send an email to all iGT parties reminding them to register for the Ofgem Workgroup before Christmas.

8. Update on Modification Workgroups

iGT092- Implementation of Non-Effective days for Project Nexus Implementation (Project Nexus transitional modification)

The Chair updated the Panel on the status of iGT092 and the amendments that have been made to this Modification in light of the decision from PNSG on the 9+3 model. The final Modification Proposal has now been submitted and two versions will be circulated to industry to show both the tracked changes and a clean version. The Chair invited the Panel to comment on how we can proceed with the timetable for this Modification to bring it to a Panel decision in the February Panel meeting.

The Chair noted that RB would be dialling into the UNC Distribution Workgroup on Thursday 22nd December in order to monitor and bring back any issues that arise in that group on the discussion around UNC0604 which is being discussed at that meeting.

The Chair offered that iGT092 should still proceed to the January Workstream meeting where the intention would be to finalise the Work Group Report and sent it out. An additional Panel meeting on 12th January would then be held to consider the Report and, if agreed, send the Draft Modification Report out for a full 15 days consultation. A number of meetings clashes were identified on 12th of January and the Panel decided that the additional Panel meeting should be moved to the 10th January at 9.30am.

JR noted that checkpoint 3 is scheduled for 27th January and that this will produce a more informed view for the Industry.

Action 16/12-03: Code Administrator to circulate both tracked changes and clean versions of the amended iGT092 to the iGT UNC distribution list.

Action 16/12-04: Code Administrator set up an additional -Panel meeting on 10th January at 9.30am to discuss the Workgroup report from 5th January and to consider sending this out to Consultation.

9. Update on Review groups

RG001 - Funding, Governance and Ownership (FGO) implications for the iGT UNC

SL informed the Panel that there will be a UNC Workgroup in January to form the legal text for their Modification regarding FGO. This will allow the iGT UNC Modification to move forward.

SL suggested that there will be nothing to discuss at the January Workgroup, however, we should have something substantial to discuss at the February Workstream meeting.

JR noted that she would confirm with Gethyn Howard that he will be attending the January UNC Workgroup.

Panel noted the update.

RG002 – Code Governance Review Phase 3 (CGR3)

No current update was made on this review group.

SL enquired whether the Panel would like the Review group to stay on the agenda until resolutions can be found for both groups. The Panel agreed that this agenda item should stay until further notice.

10. Withdrawn Modifications

None.

11. Urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

12. Non-urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

13. Fast-Track Modification Proposals received

iGT090F- Changes to the iGT039 legal text following a review of UNC legal text

SL introduced the Modification to the Panel, explaining that this Modification was instigated upon the UNC's review of their legal text. The UNC review of Modifications (both Live & Closed) was carried out to ensure that all Modifications were using a consistent legal text, recognising that when they were being developed there was a potential for a different version of the legal text to be used as the basis for a specific modification. Once the UNC had quantified the changes it needed to make, the iGT UNC carried out a similar exercise on the legal text of iGT039 and concluded that there was only one small area that needed to be amended along with some housekeeping issues. The Chair noted that this Fast Track Modification's Consultation period closed on 30th November 2016 and no responses were received.

The Chair opened up discussions to the Panel on whether there were any comments regarding the Pre-Panel FMR for iGT090F.

AM commented that the iGT UNC iGT039 legal text has proved to be extremely robust and has stood in place well.

The Panel voted on iGT090F with all present Panel members voting unanimously to implement this Modification.

The Chair noted that this Modification will be passed for implementation and that the changes to the legal text are to be implemented on PNID.

Action 16/12-05: Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT090F is to be implemented and the changes to the legal text incorporated to iGT039 upon PNID.

14. Workgroup Reports

None.

15. Final Modification Reports

AM requested that the iGT UNC 2017 meeting dates be shared with the Joint Office so these can be put on the Gas Governance website.

Action 16/12-06: Code Administrator to send all iGT UNC meeting dates to the Joint Office so these can be published on the Gas Governance Website.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 18th January 2016.

Summary of Actions

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