

## **iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 17-08**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>As</b>
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Andrew Margan (AM)*	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Kristian Pilling (KP)*	SSE Energy Supply	Pipeline Users	
Kirsty Dudley (KD)*	E.ON	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris (CH)*	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operator	
Rob Johnson (RJ)*	ESPUG	Pipeline Operator	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR)*	BU-UK	Pipeline Operator	
Neil Brinkley (NB)*	BU-UK	Pipeline Operator	Item 9 only
Nadir Aziz (NA)*	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 Victoria Parker (ESPUG) and Mark Jones (SSE). Rob Johnson (ESPUG) was nominated as the alternate for Victoria Parker and Kristian Pilling (SSE) was nominated as the alternate for Mark Jones.

### **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 was happy with the agenda and did not have any additional items to add. The Chair added that a further item of AOB needs to be discussed around the meeting clash of the iGT UNC Panel and the DSC Contract Manager meeting.

### **3. Approval of the previous minutes**

RB informed the Panel that no comments have been received regarding the July Panel meeting minutes. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (19<sup>th</sup> July 2017) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### 4. Outstanding actions

17/07-01	CA to draft a note to be sent to Xoserve informing them of the Panel's decision and expectations on supplementary documentation around iGT095VV.	Completed. Closed.
17/07-02	CA to add iGT095VV to the August Panel meeting agenda.	Completed. Closed.
17/07-03	Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT100 will proceed to consultation with a close-out date of 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2017.	Completed. Closed

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

#### 5. Short Notice Business

The Panel agreed to accept the submission of a new Modification proposal (iGT102) as short notice business and this will be included under agenda item 9.

#### 6. Panel decisions

None.

#### 7. Withdrawn Modifications

None.

#### 8. Urgent Modification Proposal received

None.

#### 9. Non-urgent Modification Proposals received

NB introduced the New Modification proposal to the Panel. NB noted that this Modification seeks to create an enduring codified solution to iGT097 (Provision for allowing consecutive estimated invoicing in the event of System Failure by the CDSP) as the sunset clause on this modification will end in February 2018. NB noted that Brookfield's belief that there is still a risk that iGTs may experience cash flow problems if CDSP fail to produce accurate transportation data.

KD questioned why an enduring solution was needed as data issues could have happened at any point with iGTs existing invoicing systems before single service. JR noted that prior to Project Nexus if any issues with organisations own systems had occurred they would have been at fault for that, and therefore, not able to be compensated. However, as iGTs are not in charge of the UK-Link system they are not in control of the daily delta files which are being produced, and therefore, may be unfairly penalised by data integrity issues.

The Panel resolved to send this Modification to the September Workstream meeting to be considered by at least one Workgroup. However, AM noted that the solution was not clear in the current modification proposal and noted that business rules should appear in the solution section in order that these can be discussed at the meeting. NB resolved to update this section prior to the meeting.

**Action 17/08-01: CA to add iGT102 Workgroup to the September Workstream meeting for further development.**

**Action 17/08-02: NB to amend modification proposal for iGT102 and submit this to the CA before the circulation of the Workstream final agenda on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

## **10. Fast-Track Modification Proposals received**

None. However, the Chair reminded the Panel the iGT101F is currently out for consultation and this will close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

## **11. Workgroup Reports**

[iGT095 - Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries](#)

The Chair introduced this Modification to the Panel and noted that the Workgroup completed its report for this variant Modification at the 4<sup>th</sup> July Workstream meeting.

The Chair noted that following last month's Panel meeting Xoserve submitted an updated Privacy Impact Assessment and amended technical solution document for inclusion with this consultation. These documents were taken to the August DSC Change management meeting, however, were not discussed as parties felt that the industry needed a further opportunity to comment on these documents.

The Panel felt that these documents had progressed significantly and the majority of the Panel noted that this had gone a lot further to give assurances to industry over the proposed solution.

The Chair suggested that the two documents be appended to the Draft Modification report for iGT095VV. The Panel was happy with this approach, however, cautioned that it should be made clear that the three documents should be consulted on separately and for the accompanying email to state that these documents are not finalised. The Chair suggested that the Ofgem send-back questions be added to the consultation in order that we can address this before sending the modification back to the Authority at the September Panel meeting. The Panel supported this suggestion and noted that it would be pragmatic to contact Xoserve to gain a response to some of the technical questions asked by Ofgem that industry will not be able to comment on. The Chair resolved to contact Xoserve on behalf of the Panel.

The Panel was asked to vote on iGT095VV, the Panel unanimously supported this Modification being sent out to Consultation.

The Chair determined that a note would be drafted by the CA to highlight the specific questions which are to be addressed as well as highlighting the fact that the documents should be consulted on individually. The Panel noted that the iGT UNC Panel decision should be consistent with the UNC's decision at their Panel (24<sup>th</sup> August 2017) and, therefore, any communication should be deferred until the UNC Panel has met.

**Action 17/08-03: Code Administrator to prepare the Draft Modification report for iGT095VV including both the PIA & Technical Solution appended and including the Ofgem send-back questions.**

**Action 17/08-04: Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for iGT095VV out for consultation with the closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

## **12. Final Modification Reports**

### [iGT100 – Reinstating Asset Query Codes](#)

The Chair introduced the Modification to the Panel, explaining that this modification sought to re-introduce asset query codes taken out by iGT073. At the time of iGT073's development, this was approached and developed from the point of view of a Transporter without taking into account that an iGT can also be a MAM. Therefore, codes were removed without a codified alternative approach to raising specific metering asset queries. The Chair noted that this Modification's consultation period closed on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Chair summarised the consultation responses noting that four responses were received with two parties supporting, one party offering a qualified response and one party who opposed implementation.

The Chair opened up discussions to the Panel on whether there were any comments regarding the pre-panel Final Modification report (FMR) for iGT100. JR addressed BU-UK's qualified support response by noting that there was still a sentence within the relevant objective section which mentioned address data. As this will be handled by the CDSP it is not needed within this solution. RB noted that this was an error left in the report and the Panel was happy for this to be removed from the post-panel FMR.

AM noted that there are concerns around this modification's implication to wider MAM competition. Although AM acknowledged that there may not be a material impact on competition it was felt that putting this in Code would have an effect on competition. JR noted that various parties have proposed to take metering out of the iGT UNC completely and for this to sit within commercial contracts. However, this is a major piece of work and until this is initiated the reintroduction of these codes is necessary.

The Panel also discussed whether this modification qualifies for Self-governance status or if, due to competition concerns, this should be referred to the Authority for decision. NA noted that Ofgem could not offer a position at this time and that a position on competition concerns could be provided after the meeting, however, this would involve the decision being deferred. The majority of the Panel were

happy to proceed with this modification under self-governance status in line with the guidance on the criteria for self-governance modifications.

The Panel voted on iGT100 with all present Panel members. The Panel voted with a 4-to-1 majority (one Panel member abstained) to implement this modification. The Panel was happy for this to be included in the November Code release as no system changes will be required to facilitate this solution.

**Action 17/08-05: Code Administrator to notify all parties that iGT100 has been decided by the Panel and will be scheduled for implementation in the November Code release.**

### **13. CACoP Terms of Reference**

RB introduced the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) provided to all Code Administrators by Elexon at the last CACoP meeting in early August 2017. The Panel confirmed that they had all read the Terms of Reference and were happy with the paper's content and intention.

KP queried clause 2.8 and inquired who the Authority was in this instance. RB confirmed that this would be Ofgem but resolved to seek clarification on this point and report back. AM also commented that the role of Chair needs to be de-gendered within the document as references of Chairman are included in the document.

RB thanked the Panel for the feedback received and noted that this will be taken back to the next CACoP meeting in September 2017 (Date to be confirmed). RB noted that any further development on the ToR would be brought back to Panel.

### **14. iGT UNC Action Plan**

RB introduced the Action Plan to the Panel. This action plan has been created following the Cross-Code survey carried out by Future Thinking on behalf of Ofgem. The action plan has been based on four areas of improvement highlighted by the survey; provision of support, email and website communication, understanding modifications & provision of meetings.

RB continued that parts of the action plan are already being addressed such as email communication and teleconference systems.

KP asked whether pre-panel meetings were still be held? RB confirmed that these had not been well attended and, therefore, resources had been redirected. KP suggested that the pre-panel section of the website should be archived to avoid confusion for new suppliers entering the market. RB resolved to make amendments in line with the action plan.

The Panel was happy with the action plan and had nothing to add. RB noted that regular updates on progress of the action plan at future Panel meetings.

**Action 17/08-06: Code Administrator to amend the iGT UNC website by archiving the pre-panel meetings section of the webpage.**

## 15. AOB

The Chair noted that following on from the August Workstream he has spoken with Bob Fletcher regarding the meeting clash of the iGT UNC Panel meeting and the DSC Contract Management meeting. The Chair noted that the Code Administrator explored various options in order to move the date of the Panel, however, due to other meeting clashes this was not viable.

The Panel has, therefore, decided to move the Panel meeting forward 1.5 hours to 9.30am starts for a trial period of six months. It is hoped that similarly, the Contract management meeting will move their start time back to 11.00am in order that there is a reasonable amount of time for Panel business to be discussed.

The Chair noted that the Contract Management meeting would be discussing this at their meeting today and any changes will be communicated out to industry following their decision.

**Action 17/08-07: Code Administrator to move the iGT UNC Panel to 9.30am on a trial basis to see if this helps Panel members attend both the Panel meeting and DSC Contract management meeting.**

**The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

## Summary of Actions

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