

iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 14-08

Wednesday 16th July 2014

Gemserv, 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3BE

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Paul Rocke (PR)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Cher Harris (CH) *	SSE Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Adam Pearce (AP) *	ES Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR) *	GTC	Pipeline Operators	
Trevor Clark (TC) *	E.ON UK	Pipeline Users	
Andrew Margan (AM) *	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Kirandeep Samra (KS) *	npower	Pipeline Users	
Rory Edwards (RPE) *	Ofgem	Authority	
Ciaran MacCann (CM) *	Ofgem	Authority	
Raymond Elliott (REI) *	Ofgem	Authority	
Kristian Pilling (KP) *	SSE Supply	iGT062 Workgroup Chair	
Kishan Nundloll (KN) *	ES Pipelines	Observer	

**Attended via teleconference*

1. NOTICE OF ALTERNATES AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. RECORD OF INVITEES AND OBSERVERS

The Panel welcomed Kristian Pilling (SSE Supply) to provide an update as chair of the iGT062 Development Group. The Panel welcomed Kishan Nundloll to the meeting as an observer. The Panel welcomed Ciaran MacCann and Raymond Elliott (both Ofgem) to the meeting.

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the iGT UNC Panel 14-07 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS ARISING

Action 01/14-07: RE to consider Ofgem's position on whether iGT064 would meet self-governance criteria. **Closed. RE confirmed that the Authority did not consider iGT064 to be a self-governance Modification.**

Action 02/14-07: The Code Administrator to commence the process for nominations to the Panel for both a Pipeline User and a Pipeline Operator Representative. **Closed.**

Action 03/14-07: The Code Administrator to speak with the Joint Office to gain access to the meeting calendar on the Joint Office website. **Closed. All iGT UNC meetings uploaded to the Joint Office calendar.**

5. SHORT NOTICE BUSINESS

[iGT066 - Aligning UNC with Licence conditions relating to European legislative change and Alternative Modification Proposals](#)

The Panel unanimously **AGREED** to consider iGT066 as short notice business. AP provided an overview of the proposed Modification, which intended to align the iGT UNC with changes introduced by DECC and amended by Ofgem, as implemented into Standard Licence Condition 9 in December 2013. The proposed solution would allow the Authority to raise European Modification Proposals, direct the timetable to be applied to such a Proposal and direct that such a Proposal must not be withdrawn. AP recommended that iGT066 should proceed directly to consultation.

TC suggested that consideration had already been given to the Authority raising Modifications in certain circumstances in the changes implemented in iGT052, and forming Part L Section 10.1.3. The Panel agreed that the text in that section could be amended to clarify the rights of the Authority in this specific circumstance.

AM considered that it may be good governance to send the Modification to a workgroup prior to consultation. The Panel unanimously **AGREED** that the Modification would be sent to workgroup, and that the initial workgroup would form part of the iGT Shipper Standing Work Group on 11th August 2014. KN agreed to chair the Workgroup for iGT066. The Panel requested that legal text could be drafted ahead of the Workgroup meeting.

Action 01/14-08: iGTs to prepare legal text for iGT066 ahead of the Workgroup meeting scheduled for 11th August 2014.

6. PANEL DECISIONS

None.

7. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

[iGT039 - Use of a Single Gas Transporter Agency](#)

JR presented an update on the Development Group activity for iGT039 on behalf of Workgroup Chair Gethyn Howard (GTC).

On 11th July 2014, the AIGT had sent out a request to law firms to quote for the legal drafting review of iGT039, seeking quotations before 18th July 2014. The AIGT expected to appoint the successful party the week commencing 21st July 2014. It was anticipated that a two week external legal review would be concluded by 8th August 2014, with the iGTs to conduct a final review the week commencing 11th August 2014. It was accepted that the timescales set out were reasonably aggressive in nature, and that law firms may require in excess of two weeks to carry out a review. Gethyn Howard would advise if the proposed timescales varied.

JR noted an outstanding issue regarding funding of future Xoserve development costs. Gethyn Howard had spoken with Jon Dixon (Ofgem), and the topic would be discussed further at the next Development Group meeting.

With the above in mind, the Workgroup would not be holding the formal legal walkthrough on 20th August 2014 (as previously advised), as this would not provide parties with enough time to review the drafting ahead of the meeting. Instead, Gethyn Howard would be convening a teleconference towards the end of July 2014, to run through the final set of changes, in order to create the first complete “non-externally legally reviewed” draft.

[iGT056 – UPRN Provision](#)

JR noted that the Development Group for iGT056 had not met since the previous Modification Panel meeting, and therefore there was no update.

[iGT062/A/AA - Independent Secretariat Services for Modification Work Groups](#)

The Panel welcomed KP to the meeting to provide an update from the Development Group for iGT062 and its alternatives. KP noted that the Workgroup Report would be issued shortly, including the latest iteration of the legal text. KP had convened a teleconference meeting on 21st July 2014 to approve the Workgroup Report, with the intention of delivering the report to the August 2014 Modification Panel meeting.

8. URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

None.

9. NON-URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

[iGT063 - Change to the iGT UNC Gas Day to align with the Gas Day in EU Network Codes](#)

JR presented the GTC Modification Proposal iGT063, following extensive discussions with Ofgem during its initial development.

iGT063 sought to implement changes to the definition of the Gas Day within the iGT UNC to facilitate compliance with European legislative changes; i.e. the movement of the Gas Day from 06:00 – 06:00 to 05:00 – 05:00.

JR noted Ofgem's desire for the Modification Proposal to be considered by a Workgroup. The Modification Panel unanimously **AGREED** that iGT063 should proceed to development by Workgroup. JR agreed to assume the role of Development Group chair; the initial meeting of the Workgroup would be held as part of the iGT Shipper Standing Work Group on 11th August 2014.

10. FAST TRACK MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

[iGT065F - Update of T-PR-GT4 reference within the iGT Network Code](#)

SL noted that iGT065F had been raised by E.ON UK on 11th June 2014 as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal. No objections to the Proposal were received by the Code Administrator, in line with the Modification Rules with respect to Fast Track Self-Governance Modifications.

The Proposal sought to correct a document reference within the iGT UNC, for the document referenced T/PR/GT4 detailing the Procedure for Sealing of Equipment to Protect Against Theft of Gas and Tampering.

The Panel unanimously **AGREED** that the Modification Proposal should be implemented and unanimously **AGREED** an Implementation Date of 1st October 2014.

11. WORKGROUP REPORTS

None.

12. FINAL MODIFICATION REPORTS

None.

13. AUTHORITY UPDATES

RPE expressed Ofgem's thanks to the Gas Smart Change of Supply Read Project, the Chair Andy Baugh, and Karin Johnson and Arno Vanden Eynde (both ElectraLink) for the significant amount of work that has gone into the Workgroups and the Report. RPE noted that Ofgem supported the decision to initiate a workgroup under SPAA to further consider the options recommended in the paper (and any additional options as appropriate) and establish how to most appropriately deliver the objectives of the reforms whilst mitigating the risks of under/over billing.

Ofgem believes that the reforms have the potential to make material improvements to the process and customer experience, and that given consumer research and the value consumers place on accurate and timely bills, Ofgem consider that it is right the reform options are further considered and refined from this angle specifically.

SL noted that SPAA had asked the Panel to approve the Report to send to Ofgem. The Panel noted their acceptance of the Report.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AP requested that Ofgem's Self-Governance criteria could be noted on the iGT UNC Website for reference. PR agreed to amend the website to include the information.

Action 02/14-08: Genserv to add Ofgem's Self-Governance rules to the iGT UNC Website.

SL noted that following the close of the consultation period for iGT064, a suggestion had been raised by one party to add clarification to the legal text. SL suggested that parties may wish to consider the amendment, including its materiality, prior to the next Modification Panel meeting when the Final Modification Report would be presented.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened at:

11:00am on 20th August 2014