

iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 18-01

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Andrew Margan (AM)*	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Mark Jones (MJ)*	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	
Roberta Fernie (RF)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Scott Laczay (SLZ)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Daniel Kirk (DK)*	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. Rob Johnson (ESPUG) was nominated as the alternate for Victoria Parker.

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 MJ noted that he would like to discuss iGT104 as AOB.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

RB informed the Panel that two comments had been received regarding the December Panel meeting minutes before the meeting. RB noted that changes including one reference change from CDSP to SSP and the change of 'argued' to 'stated'. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (20th December 2017) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

17/12-01	RF to discuss the possibility of a colleague from Innovations to attend the Panel to discuss the Regulatory Sandbox and their progress so far.	Completed. Closed.
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17/12-02	Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for iGT105 out for Consultation with the closing date of 17th January 2018.	Completed. Closed.
17/12-03	Code Administrator to add iGT106 to the January Workstream meeting for discussion.	Completed. Closed.
17/12-04	Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for iGT104 out for Consultation with the closing date of 17th January 2018.	Completed. Closed.
17/12-05	Code Administrator to send the Final Modification report for iGT102 to the Authority for decision on its implementation.	Completed. Closed.

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

5. Regulatory Sandbox presentation

SLZ delivered a presentation on the regulatory sandbox following last month's Panel meeting. SLZ explained the history behind the creation of the Innovation link, noting that many innovators were approaching Ofgem, without a clear route of how these innovations could be introduced to the industry. SLZ explained that 151 innovators engaged with Ofgem in 2017, with most of these being in electricity settlement. SLZ noted the stages the innovators go through when approaching the innovation link; Fast and frank feedback (ideas are not fully realised on first approach), Regulatory Sandbox (derogation introduced to test in a low risk, low cost and select time period to see if this will have a positive impact on consumers or the industry) and yet to be introduced is the knowledge base (to be introduced in 2018).

The Panel enquired whether the current regulations are too rigid, with the Chair adding that current changes to the Code are made on a regular basis, however, that these are mainly changes to the wholesale gas market. SLZ noted that at the moment regulations are written in the past and that these regulations may be too prescriptive, not allowing for innovation in the future.

SLZ noted that Ofgem is engaging with all Code Administrators to move forward with a joined-up approach, adding that the first meeting will be held on 18th January 2018.

The Chair thanked Ofgem for their presentation and Panel members had no further questions.

The Panel resolved to be mindful of any innovations that could have a positive impact on the industry, however, acknowledged that at the moment there is little innovation in Gas, and this may be more relevant to the UNC who deal with settlement.

AM added that the UNC Panel would be discussing this at their January Panel meeting.

6. Shot Notice business

None.

7. Panel Decisions

None.

8. Withdrawn Modifications

None.

9. Urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

10. Non-urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

11. Fast-track Modification Proposals received

None.

12. Workgroup Reports

[iGT106 - Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Suppliers](#)

The Chair introduced this Modification to the Panel and noted that the Workgroup completed its report for this Modification at the 9th January Workstream meeting. Noting that this modification seeks to create the necessary permissions in iGT UNC to permit the release of domestic consumer data to Suppliers similar to the current arrangements that are in place for PCWs (iGT UNC modification 095). The Chair added that the workgroup agreed with the proposer's view that this modification should be Self-Governance. The Chair noted that the Workgroup realised that there was some ambiguity in Code and on that basis agreed that the modification would give more clarity to the Code and would be beneficial in facilitating Relevant Objective D. CH suggested that more clarification should be made in the Draft Modification Report around the data items which are included in the technical solution. The Chair clarified that the additional data item 'Smart Meter Equipment Technical Code' does appear in associated papers supplementary to the technical solution, however, acknowledged that this was left out of both the iGT UNC & UNC legal text. The Chair suggested that there may be a need to raise a fast-track modification to correct this. The Chair resolved to make this more explicit in the Draft Modification report for iGT106. The Proposer agreed that this would clear up any ambiguity around data items.

The Chair opened up discussions to the Panel on whether there were any comments regarding the Workgroup report for iGT106, however, had no further comments to make.

The Panel was asked to vote on iGT106, the Panel unanimously supported this Modification being sent out to Consultation.

Action 18/01-01: Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for iGT106 out for Consultation with the closing date of 7th February 2018.

Action 18/01-02: Code Administrator to add an additional question to the Consultation to ask about implementation timescales and alignment to the UNC.

13. Final Modification Reports update

None.

14. Authority Update

The Chair enquired whether a decision had been made with regards to the implementation of iGT102. RF noted that the current date for decision is 5th February and that she expected it would fall in line with these KPIs. The Panel noted the update.

15. AOB

iGT104

MJ noted that the current timeline set out in iGT104 would mean that this will miss the February release scheduled for 23rd February 2018, and the next release date is June 2018. Currently, Xoserve has not been providing reports to PAC as these reports cannot be supplied without iGT data, and the risk is that this could be the case until June. MJ queried whether the modification could be included in an extraordinary release, or an extraordinary Panel be held in order that it can be included in February.

The Chair explained that following the Code the minimum timescales for implementation is two months, however, noted that a Code Administrator can recommend a different implementation date based on consultation responses received.

The Chair suggested that the Final Modification Report for iGT104 should be sent to the February Panel as per the timetable, however, the Code Administrator could send out a communication prior to the meeting asking parties to comment if they would have any objections to implementation in an extraordinary release taking place 16 days after a Panel decision.

Action 18/01-03: Code Administrator to send an email out on 18th January to ask parties to whether they would object to iGT104 being implemented 16 days after a Panel decision in an extraordinary release.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 21st February 2018.

Summary of Actions

Action Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
18/01-01	17 th January 2018	Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for iGT106 out for Consultation with the closing date of 7 th February 2018.	CA	New
18/01-02	17 th January 2018	Code Administrator to add an additional question to the Consultation to ask about implementation timescales and alignment to the UNC.	CA	New
18/01-03	17 th January 2018	Code Administrator to send an email out on 18 th January to ask parties to whether they would object to iGT104 being implemented 16 days after a Panel decision in an extraordinary release.	CA	New