

iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 16-02

Wednesday 17th February 2016

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Jenny Rawlinson (JR)*	Brookfield Utilities	Pipeline Operators	
Cher Harris (CH)*	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Kishan Nundloll (KN)*	ES Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Kristian Pilling (KP)*	SSE Energy Supply	Pipeline Users	
Kirsty Dudley (KD)*	E.ON UK	Pipeline Users	
Kirandeep Samra (KS)*	npower	Pipeline Users	
Rory Edwards (RE)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Ehi Obaye (EO)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Verity Blake (VB)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	

**Attended via teleconference*

1. ALTERNATES, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, AND OBSERVERS

SL welcomed attendees to the iGT UNC Modification Panel meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

AQ review was raised as an AOB by CH. SL proposed to discuss iGT078 prior to iGT079, as they use the same PSR templates and are interlinked. The Panel agreed the AOB and agenda changes.

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the iGT UNC Modification Panel 16-01 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS ARISING

All actions from the previous meeting were noted as complete.

SL asked RE whether the Final Modification Report (FMR) for iGT082 – Non-effective Days for cutover in 2016, had been received and, when the Authority's decision may be expected.

RE confirmed receipt and advised that it is likely that their decision will be issued in the same decision letter as issued for the equivalent UNC Modification.

5. SHORT NOTICE BUSINESS

None.

6. PANEL DECISIONS

None.

7. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

[iGT071 - Updating the iGT AQ Review Procedures Ancillary Document](#)

SL advised the group that the status of this Modification is still on hold, pending discussions with Xoserve in regard to the relevant data items. JR noted that the focus of these discussions is to make sure parties have identified existing or potential data items that will be required. Panel acknowledged this update and, there were no further comments.

Action 16/02-01: Code Administrator to contact Paul Orsler (Xoserve) to confirm whether the information from Xoserve in relation to data items for iGT071 will be available in time for consideration at the March Work Group.

[iGT075 - Identification of Supply Meter Point pressure tier](#)

SL noted that Tom Chevalier will be dialling into this item in the March Work Group to provide an update on behalf of the Association of Meter Operators (AMO). KD advised that there was no further update on the Modification available at present.

SL noted concern regarding whether the Modification is still required and, KS queried whether a costs-benefits analysis has been undertaken as previously agreed. KD advised that there is an outstanding action to conduct a cost-benefit analysis and, this will take place in due course. KD advised that she has an upcoming meeting with the proposer of the Modification, Collette Baldwin (CB), and will discuss the current position of the Modification. KD further advised that CB may be able to dial in to this agenda item at the upcoming Modification Work Group in March.

Action 16/02-02: KD to confirm with the Code Administrator whether Collette Baldwin (E.ON) will be dialling into the next Modification Work Group in March.

8. URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

None.

9. NON-URGENT MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

None.

10. FAST TRACK MODIFICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

None.

11. WORK GROUP REPORTS

1. [iGT078S - Ancillary Document for the New Connections process](#)

SL recapped discussions and outputs from previous Work Groups, noting that several changes have been made to the PSR Templates.

KS stated that the Modification, Ancillary Document and relevant templates, are now in a position where they fully reflect all the comments and discussions, including comments received via the Consultation process, that have taken place at the various Work Groups.

SL informed the Panel that the revised Ancillary Documents and Work Group reports have been circulated to iGT UNC parties and no responses or comments have been submitted.

KS stated that parties should view the Modification taking into account that is designed to benefit the whole industry by standardising an existing process, rather than tailored to meet the specific requirements of a particular company or party.

KS recapped that the purpose of the Modification is to provide guidance material in an area, namely New Connections processes, where there has previously been no guidance. SL acknowledged this point, agreeing that the Modification was not aspiring to resolve all existing issues in relation to new supply points and third party meters. Rather, the intention is to standardise a common process to make the entire process more efficient.

SL asked Panel whether they agreed with the recommendation from the Work Group for the Modification to be submitted for Consultation, and if so, for how long. Panel agreed for a reduced 13 working day Consultation window, with a close out for responses on 8th March. Panel confirmed their intention for the Final Modification Report (FMR) to be circulated on the 9th March, in order for it to be considered at the March Panel.

The Panel further agreed for a note to be included in the Draft Modification Report (DMR), reminding parties during their Consultation to consider the Modification holistically and in the purpose that it was intended.

Action 16/02-03: Code Administrator to submit a Draft Modification Report (DMR) for iGT078S and to issue it to parties for Consultation, with a close out window for responses by 8th of March. The DMR is to include a note to parties to consider the Modification in the landscape of the whole industry.

Action 16/02-04: Code Administrator to amend the Self-Governance statement for iGT078S to reflect the new proposed Self-Governance determination date of 16th March.

The issue of the problems faced by this Modification in finalising file formats was raised. Panel were in agreement that, any change that is brought by the industry, needs a defined process on how the change is to be managed. The group proposed a round table discussion on how complex issues relating to the IT aspects of a Modification could be better progressed, potentially through a Work Group sub-group. Panel welcomed this idea and agreed to include an item to this effect on the agenda for the March Work Group.

Action 16/02-05: Code Administrator to include item on the March Modification Workstream agenda in regards to the management of IT issues associated with Modification Proposals and, to request input from parties in advance of the meeting, to ensure productive discussion.

2. [iGT079S - Adding Non-domestic New Connections Framework Ancillary Document](#)

SL advised that the Work Group Report has been issued and no comments have been received. SL noted that iGT079 wishes to use the same PSR templates as iGT078S, and as a result, suggested that iGT079 and iGT078 are sent out for a similar Consultation period. Notwithstanding this, SL noted that this modification differs to iGT078, in that it is less prescriptive and offers a more optional approach.

Panel noted that the Work Group has recommended for the Modification to be submitted for Consultation and there were no further comments on its content.

SL asked Panel whether they had any comments on the Work Groups conclusions contained in the Work Group Report. The Panel agreed that the Modification met Self Governance criteria. The Panel had no further comments and agreed to circulate iGT079 for a shortened Consultation, to allow for it to coincide with the Consultation period for iGT078S. Panel noted that although the Modification has not been out for Consultation before, it has been discussed at several Work Groups and, Panel were in agreement that it is appropriate to be sent out on a reduced Consultation to ensure that it and iGT078 could be discussed together.

Action 16/02-06: Code Administrator to submit a DMR for iGT079 to parties for Consultation, with a close out window for responses for the 8th of March.

Action 16/02-07: Code Administrator to publish a Self-Governance statement for iGT079, with a proposed Self-Governance determination date of 16th March.

12. **FINAL MODIFICATION REPORTS**

[iGT080S Mandating iGT use of data as administered by the Pipeline Operators' Agency for Shipper Transportation Billing](#)

SL updated Panel, advising that the iGTs have proposed changes to the existing legal text, which was circulated to parties for comment on Monday the 8th of February. Whilst these changes were raised post the consultation close out date, SL advised that under the iGT

UNC, the iGTS are allowed to put forward changes to the legal text as long as the Panel has not yet made a recommendation on whether or not to implement.

There were no comments received on the proposed changes and KP advised that the proposer of the Modification, Mark Jones (SSE), is in agreement with the suggested changes. JR stated that she spoke with all of the iGTs and they are also in support of the change.

SL asked Panel whether they accept the changes to the legal text. The Panel unanimously agreed to accept the changes, citing that it was a non-material change.

The Panel confirmed that they were happy to take the Modification in its current form, as they believe it has completed the required processes. Following a comment in the consultation responses, Ofgem were asked if they believe it meets Self-Governance criteria. RE stated that to date they had not seen anything to suggest to them that the Modification did not qualify as Self-Governance. As the final Modification report has already been issued, the new version of the legal text will need to be amended and included.

Action 16/02-08: Code Administrator to update and publish the revised legal text for iGT080S in the Final Modification Report.

By majority Panel, members voted that they still believed the proposal met the Self-Governance criteria. A majority of Panel members voted in support of the implementation of the Modification. SL noted that, as the Modification is not a Fast Track Modification, only a majority approval is required and, confirmed that the Modification is to be implemented.

The Panel then discussed potential implementation dates. JR advised that a date of 3-6 months post the implementation of Project Nexus is the current timescale proposed by a majority of iGTs. There was no strong view from Panel attendees about whether the Modification needs to be implemented in line with Nexus. However, KD stated that ideally this will be a month or shortly after Project Nexus implementation in time for the production of the first invoices subject to the Single Service environment.

KP, noted frustration on behalf of SSE, stating that during the Work Group discussions, the Modification was progressed with the understanding that the one month post Nexus implementation notice was achievable. However, due to the workload associated with the implementation of Project Nexus, a number of parties have now stated that they would be unable to meet that deadline.

KP's point was noted by Panel, and Panel agreed for a request to be sent to iGTs to confirm the implementation dates for this Self-Governance Modification.

Action 16/02-09: Code Administrator to write to iGTs, requesting for them to confirm their recommended implementation dates for iGT080S before Wednesday 25th February 2016.

Action 16/02-10: Code Administrator to send out Notice of Implementation for iGT080S.

13. AUTHORITY UPDATES

RE advised that EO will be taking over RE's position on the iGT UNC, and that moving forward all questions should be directed to her.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CH raised discussions about the AQ review process for 2016. Given that Shippers are also busy with the implementation of Project Nexus and that Nexus will itself introduce more frequent AQ reviews of individual supply points, CH wanted to get a feel for how many shippers are going to actively participate in the AQ review this year.

KD suggested that this question be presented to the Work Group. CH questioned in the event that Shippers confirm they are unlikely to participate, will this require a derogation from the requirements in the code. SL advised that at this stage a modification should be considered rather than a derogation, and the Panel agreed to seek clarification on how many Shippers believe there is continued value in carrying out a full AQ Review this year.

Action 16/02-12 CH to draft a brief note on the subject of participation in the 2016 AQ Review process prior to Nexus implementation for circulation to parties by the Code Administrator

Action 16/02-11: Code Administrator to include AQ Review Process participation onto the Agenda for the March Modification Work Group.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened at 11:00am on 16th March 2016.