

iGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 15-05 b

Tuesday 26th May 2015

By teleconference

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Paul Rocke (PR)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR) *	Brookfield Utilities	Pipeline Operators	
Kishan Nundloll (KN) *	ES Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Cher Harris (CH) *	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Kristian Pilling (KP) *	SSE	Pipeline Users	
Kirsty Dudley (KD) *	E.ON UK	Pipeline Users	
Jon Dixon (JD) *	Ofgem	Authority	

**Attended via teleconference*

1. NOTICE OF ALTERNATES AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

SL welcomed attendees to an extraordinary Panel meeting convened at short notice following the Panel meeting of 20th May 2015.

SL noted that following the previous Panel meeting, and specifically further to the Panel determination not to implement IND002S, the Code Administrator had reviewed the Modification Rules and confirmed that the mechanism utilised to carry out the Panel vote had been incorrect, and should therefore be recast. SL recapped that only Indigo Pipelines (as the Relevant Pipeline Operator) had been asked to participate in the vote on IND002S, whereas the Modification Rules do not impose such a restriction for Individual Network Code (INC) determinations.

The Panel considered that the error in the process may have arisen because, during previous Panel meetings, those Pipeline Operators whose INCs were not impacted by an INC Modification had tended to abstain by choice.

2. RECORD OF INVITEES AND OBSERVERS

None.

3. FINAL MODIFICATION REPORTS

[IND002S - Change to Supplier File Formats](#)

SL noted that IND002S sought to amend the Indigo Pipelines INC to include a new requirement for Shippers to use .csv file formats for the exchange of Change of Supplier Requests and Notifications, for the period until implementation of Single Service Provision.

SL noted a representation from one party considering the provision in the Code that self-governance Modifications impacting systems shall be implemented with a minimum of six months' lead time following a Panel determination to implement, and asked the Panel to consider this representation as appropriate.

The same representation challenged the self-governance nature of the Modification; however all Panel members considered that the Modification was properly a self-governance change and noted that the Authority had not challenged the Panel's determination that this should be the case.

Panel considered the Relevant Objectives in respect of IND002S. The Panel had divided views with respect to which Relevant Objectives were facilitated by the change. Some Panel members considered that Relevant Objective (a) "Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system" was mostly concerned with physical system infrastructure, and was thereby not impacted by changes to file formats. Some Panel members agreed that Relevant Objective (c) "Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations" was better facilitated, as the change allowed the Proposer to turn around Change of Supplier requests more efficiently. There was no unanimous Panel decision that any one Relevant Objective was facilitated.

The Panel was asked to vote in order to determine whether IND002S should be implemented. Two Pipeline Operators voted positively to implement the change. Two Pipeline Users voted against implementation. One Pipeline User abstained from voting. As a result, the Panel did not determine by majority to implement the change, and the Modification is not to be implemented, subject to the appeal period.

The Panel considered that were the determination to be reversed upon appeal, the earliest scheduled release in which the Modification could be implemented would be February 2016, allowing for a six month lead time. One Panel member considered that a special release may be considered outside of the schedule.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened at 11:00am on 17th June 2015.