

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 18-09

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Steve Ladle (SL)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chairman
Mark Jones (MJ)*	SSE Energy Supply	Pipeline Users	
Kirsty Dudley (KD)*	E.ON	Pipeline Users	
Radhika Kalra (RK)*	E.ON	Pipeline Users	Observer
Kate Mulvany (KM)*	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris (CH)*	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operator	
Rob Johnson (RJ)*	ESPUG	Pipeline Operator	
Andy Miller (AM)*	Xoserve	CDSP	Item 11 only
Roberta Fernie (RF)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Rachel Clarke (RC)	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 and Radhika Kalra (E.ON) joined the meeting as an observer. Apologies were received from Jenny Rawlinson (Brookfield) and Cher Harris (Indigo Pipelines) was appointed as her alternate.

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 had no further business to add to the agenda.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

RC informed the Panel that one comment had been received regarding the August Panel meeting minutes prior to the meeting and this was to elaborate on the AOB item regarding Panel membership. The additional sentence included reference to Ofgem's view of the potential quoracy issues. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (15th August 2018) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

18/08-01	Code Administrator to speak with the Joint Office to ensure that IGT115 and UNC649S	Closed. Workgroup report completed in a joint meeting with UNC.
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	are progressed in a Joint Workgroup.	
18/08-02	Code Administrator to send the Draft Modification Report for IGT110V out for Consultation with the closing date of 7th September 2018.	Closed. FMR discussed in agenda item 14.
18/08-03	Code Administrator to add an additional question to the Consultation to ask about the governance of his modification and whether this meets Relevant Objectives F and D.	Closed. IGT110V FMR discussed in agenda item 14.

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

5. Short Notice business

None.

6. Panel Decision

None.

7. Update on Review group

RG004

[RG004 - Review of IGT Governance and administration arrangements](#)

The Chair noted that at the September Workgroup members reviewed the RFI responses submitted by industry. Generally, Industry indicated that whilst the total amalgamation of both the IGT UNC and UNC was, in practice, a good idea, there was either not sufficient evidence at present to suggest that the IGT UNC governance was in imminent need for change or that there was currently too much other change (e.g. Retail Energy code, Faster Switching) in the industry and it was not a priority at this time.) There was, however, support for some suggested solutions which would help the efficient running of the Code and these are detailed below.

The Chair noted that the Workgroup has recommended that they meet a further two times in order to discuss further the two options indicated by industry together with a further option put forward by a respondent to the RFI to assess which if any may be the most appropriate to for potential further development. These meetings will discuss the following options and will invite representatives from the Joint Office:

- Option 2 - To create a common UNC and IGT UNC modification process so that when a modification is raised under the UNC it considers the IGT UNC and requires any changes to the IGT UNC legal text to be produced simultaneously;

- Option 5 - Allowing the Code Administrator to raise non-material modification proposals on behalf of industry in order to cut down on duplicated resource, and reduction in the frequency of modification workstream meetings; and
- Newly proposed Option 7 - Set up a Cross Code working Group to look to improve the current modification process across both the IGT UNC and the UNC.

KD noted that an extension to the review group would be sensible in order to flesh out these proposed solutions and to include representation from the Joint Office and the UNC panel.

CH added that as there was not a great deal of support from industry to pursue radical change the scope of the further workgroups should be focused and clear to minimise scope creep.

The Panel agreed to extend RG004 to include two further Workgroups.

KD queried whether there had been any further progress with updating the UNC Panel on the progress of RG004. The Chair noted that he had spoken with Bob Fletcher (Joint Office) following the discussions at the September Workstream and noted that the Workgroup did not favour radical change which would implicate the UNC. The Chair added that the Joint Office was happy to be involved in further discussions and to update the UNC panel accordingly.

The Panel and Ofgem representative thanked the Chair for the update and for the good progress in working closely with the Joint Office.

Action 18/09-01: Code Administrator to add RG004 to a further two Workstream agendas.

8. Update on Workgroups

[IGT112 – Refinements to the RPC Template](#)

The Chair noted that this modification is currently still being developed by the Workgroup. The Chair added that a Technical subgroup has been established to enable development of the proposed solution with the relevant technical experts. This meeting has been scheduled for Monday 24th September and outputs from this meeting will be fed back into the standard Workstream meeting in October. RC noted that there are currently eight attendees and no prior comments have been submitted.

KD suggested that following the conclusion of the Technical subgroup a post-meeting assessment paper would be beneficial including any lessons learnt in order to feed this into future groups.

The Panel noted the update.

[IGT114 – Extending the data available to Suppliers under K24.3\(l\)](#)

AM updated the Panel on the current status of IGT114. AM noted that both UNC663 and IGT114 are currently on hold, pending the progression of IGT115 and UNC649S which will possibly supersede

the principles of IGT114. If IGT115 is implemented AM noted that IGT114 would likely be withdrawn by the proposer.

The Panel noted the update and agreed that holding the modification in the process was the most pragmatic approach in the circumstances.

9. Withdrawn Modifications

None.

10. Urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

11. Non-urgent Modification Proposals

[IGT116 – Enabling permissions for the provision of information to Alt Han Company to support smart metering roll-out](#)

AM introduced the modification noting that this modification seeks to create the permission to disclose data to Alt Han Company (Alt HAN Co), or its service provider, to enable the identification of properties where the home area network is not capable of supporting standard smart metering communications and an alternative home area network is required. AM noted that Alt Han Co could go to Suppliers directly to gain the data, however, noted that this was not efficient and that a single solution is preferable. AM added that as IGTs are party to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) they may feel that this gives them sufficient comfort and that confidentiality agreements would not be needed. This is, however, individual to each IGT and will not be included in this modification. AM noted that Xoserve are currently carrying out a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) including all GT and IGT meter points and this will be available to the Workgroup.

The modification will seek to make changes to section K of the IGT UNC in order to create the permission for the Alt Han Co and it is anticipated that this modification will only require one joint Workgroup to complete the workgroup report.

CH queried who the Alt Han Co was and why they required access to IGT data. AM noted that under section Z of the SEC the Alt Han Co was created on behalf of Suppliers. Certain properties e.g. flats, where the meter and the in-home display are far apart and the standard Home Area Network (HAN) is not sufficient for meter to in home display communications, they instead require an Alternative Home Area Network for communications. This change is required to provide a data set to Alt HAN Co (or their service provider) to enable these properties to be identified in advance of smart meter installations for an efficient roll-out of smart meters. The dataset being requested will be used along with other data available to Alt HAN Co (or their service provider) to:

- Exclude properties for which an alternative home area network is not required e.g. supply meter points for which a smart meter installation is not required or supply meter points where a smart meter is already installed; and

- Identify candidate supply meter points where an alternative home area network is likely to be required, which can then be subject to a site survey.

The Chair noted that the modification is proposed as being Self Governance and recommended as being held as a joint workgroup with the UNC to develop this modification alongside UNC668. The Chair noted that this is due to go to the UNC Distribution Workgroup to be held on Thursday 27th September 2018 and queried whether this would be an issue for IGTs to attend. The IGT representatives did not see an issue with this and noted that having this on the IGT October workstream meeting was good to ensure it can also be discussed there if necessary.

The Panel agreed to send this modification to a Joint Workgroup as previously mentioned.

Action 18/09-02: Code Administrator to speak with the Joint Office to ensure that IGT116 and UNC668 are progressed in a Joint Workgroup.

12. Fast-Track Modification Proposals

None.

13. Workgroup Reports

[IGT113VV – Amendments to the CSEP NExA Table Ancillary Document and associated templates](#)

The Chair introduced the Workgroup report to the Panel noting that this had been to multiple Workstream meetings and had had two variations to the original and that the Workgroup was satisfied with the developed solution.

The modification addresses the issue of 1_BED not being compliant with the three-character rule, as well as introducing property types into the existing bands which are being used operationally across the industry. The proposer is satisfied that the inclusion of these additional property types will not affect the AQ values in the existing table.

The Chair opened up discussions to the Panel on whether there were any comments regarding the Workgroup report for IGT113VV. CH noted that some Transporters may have issues with the potential of having to change the AQ table twice in one year and that it would be their preference to only introduce this in June 2019. KD suggested that a more general question is asked of Transporters and Shippers in the consultation rather than specific implications on Shipper systems and their ability to condense development for a February release.

The Panel was asked to vote on IGT113VV, the Panel unanimously supported this Modification being sent out to Consultation.

Action 18/09-03: Code Administrator to send IGT113VV out for consultation with a closing date of 10th October 2018.

Action 18/09-04: Code Administrator to add a question in the IGT113VV consultation about system impacts for both Transporters and Shippers.

[IGT115 – Update to IGT UNC to formalise the Data Permissions Matrix](#)

The Chair introduced the Workgroup report to the Panel noting that this had been developed in a joint workgroup alongside UNC649S. This modification seeks to formalise the Data Permissions Matrix within the IGT Uniform Network Code (UNC) and ensure consistency between IGT UNC and the UNC. The Chair noted that the governance and maintenance of this matrix will be held under the DSC Change Management Committee.

The Chair opened up discussions to the Panel on whether there were any comments regarding the Workgroup report for IGT115. The Panel had no further comments on the Workgroup report.

The Panel was asked to vote on IGT115, the Panel unanimously supported this Modification being sent out to Consultation.

The Chair noted that as part of the Workgroup discussions the issues around implementation were discussed. Due to the tight timetables for this modification, the Workgroup recommended that the Panel consider delaying the date of the November release to 9th or 10th of November to accommodate this modification and eliminate the need for an extraordinary release if this modification is implemented and to ensure this is aligned with the UNC. The Panel resolved to ask this question to industry parties in the consultation to get a wider view of any potential impacts on delaying the release.

Action 18/09-05: Code Administrator to send IGT115 out for consultation with a closing date of 10th October 2018.

Action 18/09-06: Code Administrator to add a question in IGT115 consultation about impacts of delaying the November release.

14. Final Modification Reports

[IGT110V – Mandating the provision of NDM sample data](#)

The Chair noted that the consultation closed on 7th September and received three responses, two offered support to the modification and one offered qualified support dependent on the UNC modification being implemented. All respondents agreed that Relevant Objective F) was facilitated, with one noting that they believed Relevant Objectives D) was not met as suggested by the Proposer. All respondents agreed that this modification met Self-Governance criteria and that the legal text supported the requirements of the solution.

KD noted that the UNC modification has received unanimous support and added that this will be decided at the UNC Panel meeting on 20th September 2018. KD added that materiality is still to be

determined by the Panel at their meeting on 20th and that as the proposer she will be suggesting this is Self-Governance, and not an Authority modification, as is currently suggested by the Panel.

KD queried whether the governance of this modification can be changed so the two modifications can take the same implementation path. The Chair suggested that as the solutions of the two modifications are different there is currently no case to change the governance but implementation of IGT110V without an implementation of UNC0654 would not make sense as the proposed IGT UNC legal text points across to UNC legal text that is being added by UNC0654.

KD suggested that it may be pragmatic to delay the decision making on this modification until the UNC panel has decided on UNC654 and therefore convene an Ex-Committee meeting as soon as practical.

The Panel agreed to defer the decision on IGT110V until after a UNC decision has been made.

KD suggested that this scenario should be included in any future RG004 (Governance) discussions in order to align the Panel decision dates or include a formal process for such eventualities as this.

Action 18/09-07: Code Administrator to request a Resolution in writing (as per IGT UNC Part L7.7) for a decision on IGT110V as soon as practical following the UNC panel meeting and eventual decision on UNC654.

[IGT111 – Updating of the IGT UNC data permissions](#)

The Chair noted that the consultation closed on 8th August and received four responses, all of which offered support to the modification, agreed that Relevant Objective F) was facilitated and agreed that this modification met Self-Governance criteria.

The Panel did not voice any opposing views to this Modification and was happy with the solution presented, fully supported the changes to the legal text, and noted that this had been thoroughly developed through the RG003 review group. CH noted that JR left comments noting that there may be an issue with the transfer of data and the risk this could incur for Consumers. The Panel discussed this, and the possible reasons for a materiality change, however, concluded that there was no evidence here to suggest this was the case and agreed that this was similar to other data permissions modifications and was effective implementation of the Code.

All Panel members agreed that this Modification meets the criteria set out in Objective F and the published criteria for Self-Governance modifications.

The vote was carried out with three Pipeline Users and three Pipeline Operators. The Panel decided that the Modification should be implemented by a unanimous vote. The Panel agreed that, as a Self-Governance Modification, it should be implemented on the next scheduled release date in November 2018. This will be subject to a 15-day appeal window as per the Self-Governance process.

Action 18/09-08: Code Administrator to notify all parties that IGT111 has been decided by the Panel and will be scheduled for implementation in the November release.

15. Authority Updates

None.

16. AOB

None.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 17th October 2018.

Summary of Actions

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