

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 18-12

Wednesday 19th December 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	
Cher Harris (CH)*	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operator	
Victoria Parker (VP)*	ESPUG	Pipeline Operator	
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. Victoria Parker was nominated as the alternate for Jenny Rawlinson (Brookfield) and Mark Jones was nominated as the alternate for Kate Mulvany (British Gas). Apologies were also received from Radhika Kalra (E.ON).

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 no comments had been received regarding the November Panel meeting minutes prior to the meeting. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (21st November 2018) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

18/11-01	Brookfield to raise a review group request for an IGT UNC Switching review group.	Closed.
18/11-02	Code Administrator to add the agreed 2019 meeting dates to the Website, and also distribute these to the Joint Office to be added to their events calendar.	Closed.

18/11-03	Code Administrator to close RG004.	Closed.
18/11-04	Code Administrator to contact Scottish Power to establish if IGT114 will be withdrawn from the modification process following the implementation of IGT115	Closed.
18/11-05	Code Administrator to add IGT119 to the December Workstream agenda.	Closed.
18/11-06	Code Administrator to send IGT112V out for consultation with a closing date of 6th December 2018	Closed.

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

5. Short Notice business

[IGT116V – Enabling permissions for the provision of information to Alt Han Company to support smart metering roll-out](#)

The Chair noted that this Workgroup report had been completed in principle by the December Workstream meeting, however, the progression of this was dependant on the Workgroup report for UNC668S, which was only completed at the Distribution Workgroup meeting on 17th December 2018. The UNC intend to take their report to their December Panel to send out to consultation, therefore, the IGT UNC Panel was asked to take this report as short notice business.

The Panel accepted the report as short notice business.

The Chair noted that the modification seeks to amend the Data Permission Matrix to add Alt Han Company (AltHANCo) as a new User type and is aligned to UNC668S.

The Chair added that the IGT UNC legal text includes a link to the UNC definition of AltHanCo, and points to the Data Permissions Matrix clause in Section V of the UNC.

The Panel agreed to send this modification out for Consultation. The Panel discussed that in order for the Final Modification Report to reach the January Panel for decision on its implementation the Consultation window will need to be reduced, this is in part due to the Bank Holiday period. The Panel was hesitant to reduce the window significantly and suggested that a period of 12-days would be sufficient for all parties to return a response. The Consultation close out date will be 9th January 2019.

Action 18/12-01: Code Administrator to send IGT116V out for consultation with a closing date of 9th January 2019.

RG005 - IGT UNC Review of Consequential Changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements

The Chair noted that this review group request was submitted by Brookfield and sought to undertake a review of the IGT UNC with the aim of identifying Consequential Changes required as a result of the development of the Retail Energy Code (REC). The Chair noted that as a consequence of the REC and the change in faster switching arrangements the change of Supplier/change of Shipper processes will be removed from the IGT UNC & UNC and will be included in the new REC.

The Chair noted that the scope of the review group request will be to review the whole of the IGT UNC (including ancillary, guidance and process documents), its alignment with the UNC and the areas of transition into the REC. It will be important to consider and assess the areas which will need to remain unique and separate from the UNC's own approach to consequential changes. For example, the IGT bulk registration process, IGT invoicing and, potentially, metering provision.

The Chair added that the Review group will be supplemented by a smaller technical group which will review the Code and produce a paper with recommendations to the main review group.

The Panel agreed to send this review group to the January Workstream meeting.

Action 18/12-02: Code Administrator to add RG005 to the January Workstream agenda.

6. Panel Decision

RC presented the terms of reference published by Ofgem and BEIS regarding the upcoming Energy Code review which is due to be launched in 2019.

RB noted that the review seeks to look at the following areas;

- Slow to take decisions, with even simple decisions taking many years.
- Reactive to existing problems, rather than forward-looking in preparing the energy system for future changes.
- Overly complex, with the entirety of the codes estimated to run to over 10,000 pages and weighing 50kg. This is a barrier to new entrants and to innovation.
- Resource-intensive, leading to a lack of representation from smaller and/or newer parties.
- Lacking coordination between the different code bodies.
- Fragmented, with a large number of code panels and bodies which provides for a complex institutional landscape, making it difficult to take forward systemic changes to the rules.

RC noted that the terms of reference set out the objectives of the review;

The questions to be addressed by the review include:

- Purpose of Codes;

- Content of Codes;
- Governance of Codes;
- Process of changing code; and
- Transition.

RC asked for Panel views on whether they would like to submit a Panel consultation response to this review when it opens in the summer of 2019. The Panel noted that they would be more comfortable with individual companies responding to the consultation, as one united view may contradict with some Panel members own company views.

RF noted that the first workshop was due to be held in February 2019 and that an official invitation had been published on the Ofgem website. RF resolved to send the link to the Code Administrator for circulation to the Panel.

7. Update on Workgroups

[IGT117 – Introduction of winter read/consumption reports and associated obligations](#)

The Chair noted that the legal text for UNC652 has not yet been finalised, however, a draft version has been shared with the CA. At present, the draft legal text would not result in any IGT UNC changes, however, this is subject to the final legal text being published.

The Chair suggested that Npower may wish to withdraw the modification following the publication of any finalised UNC legal text if it remains that IGT UNC changes will not be required.

[IGT119 – Opening Class 1 read services on IGT Meter Supply Points to Competition](#)

The Chair noted that this modification was discussed at the December Workstream meeting and no IGT specific issues were identified. Therefore, this modification has been referred to a joint IGT UNC/UNC workgroup. This modification seeks to align with the changes being made in UNC647.

The Chair noted that at the December Workstream meeting a number of areas in the legal text were highlighted as missing from the modification. VP confirmed that following this meeting, and changes made to the UNC modification at the December Distribution Workgroup meeting the modification will be varied. VP confirmed that an amended version of the modification would be available to be discussed at the January Workstream meeting.

8. Withdrawn Modifications

None.

9. Urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

10. Non-urgent Modification Proposals

[IGT118V – Amendments to the IGT UNC Password Protection Protocols](#)

KD introduced the amended modification to the Panel noting that the modification seeks to update and align the password protection mechanism of the IGT UNC to those used within the wider industry. The amended modification has added the use of passwords to protect backing data and portfolio data, as well as any correspondence containing an MPRN, included following a recent incident where a sensitive email was sent to E.ON incorrectly.

CH queried whether this modification would still propose only one password per company and not multiple passwords for different departments. KD confirmed that the intention of the modification follows the existing ancillary documents requirements of one password per company, as it was recognised multiple passwords would be too cumbersome to manage by all parties involved.

VP questioned whether the amended modification changes the obligation for changing the password from the User to the Operator. KD noted that the obligation does not change, and the Operator may only raise a password as a backstop in order to ensure that old passwords are not used for a prolonged amount of time.

The Panel agreed to send this modification to a Workgroup.

Action 18/12-03: Code Administrator to add IGT118V to the January Workstream agenda.

11. Fast-Track Modification Proposals

None.

12. Workgroup Reports

None.

13. Final Modification Reports

[IGT112V – Refinements to the RPC Template](#)

The Chair noted that the consultation closed on 6th December and received four responses, three offered support to the modification and one returned a neutral response. All respondents agreed that Relevant Objective F) was facilitated. All respondents agreed that this modification met Self-Governance criteria and most agreed that the legal text supported the requirements of the solution.

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 majority vote.

The Panel discussed implementation dates and agreed that as a self-governance modification this should be implemented in the June 2019 release in order to preserve the six-month lead time on system changes. This will be subject to a 15-day appeal window as per the Self-Governance process.

Action 18/12-04: Code Administrator to notify all parties that IGT112V has been implemented by the Panel and will be scheduled for implementation in the June 2019 release.

14. Authority Updates

None.

15. AOB

The Chair noted that a UNC modification (UNC665) seeks to “Introduce a suitable classification of Ratchetable Supply Points & ensure accurate Capacity Allocations (SOQ)”. The IGT UNC does include references to Ratchets, however, does not appear to include a mechanism for IGTs to charge for Ratchets on their network. The Chair suggested that this be raised at the January Workstream meeting for discussion of UNC665 and this wider issue.

The Panel agreed to adding this to the agenda.

Action 18/12-05: Code Administrator to add Ratchets to the January Workstream agenda.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 18th January 2018.

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