

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 19-01

Friday 18th January 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	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR)*	BU-UK	Pipeline Operator	
Roberta Fernie (RF)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Billy Howitt (BH)	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. Apologies were received from Victoria Parker (ESPUG) and Kate Mulvany (British Gas). Jenny Rawlinson was nominated as the alternate for Victoria Parker (ESPUG). Mark Jones was also nominated as the alternate for Kate Mulvany (British Gas).

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

BH informed the Panel that no comments had been received regarding the December Panel meeting minutes prior to the meeting. The minutes from the previous Modification Panel meeting (19th December 2018) were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

18/12-01	19 th December 2018	Code Administrator to send IGT116V out for consultation with a closing date of 9th January 2019	Closed
18/12-02	19 th December 2018	Code Administrator to add RG005 to the January Workstream agenda.	Closed

18/12-03	19 th December 2018	Code Administrator to add IGT118V to the January Workstream agenda.	Closed
18/12-04	19 th December 2018	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.	Closed
18/12-05	19 th December 2018	Code Administrator to add Ratchets to the January Workstream agenda.	Closed

BH 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

[RG005 - IGT UNC Review of Consequential Changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements](#)

The Chair updated the Panel on discussions from the initial RG005 workgroup held on 8th January 2019. The Chair noted the importance of keeping this workgroup open as the development of the Retail Energy Code (REC) continues. The Panel discussed the reliance this work will have on the development of the UNC review to be able to get this fundamental work underway. The Chair highlighted the need to keep both the Codes in line as the REC is designed and implemented.

KD noted her concerns about not working with the UNC to develop the changes required in relation to the REC and added that it is important to ensure that there is no loss of translation between the two Codes. JR indicated the significance of cross-code engagement throughout the whole process. JR highlighted that BU-UK attends the working group set up by Xoserve in relation to implementation of the Central Switching Service (CSS), this group consists of Gas Transporters and Xoserve. JR reassured the Panel that any changes being made at the UNC were being captured and passed onto the IGT UNC.

Panel members raised concerns regarding parties ability to remain up to date with relevant documentation in relation to the Code Review meeting being held on 22nd January. The Chair highlighted that the Code Administrator would send out emails to advise parties to read documentation before the working group meet. JR asked the Code Administrator to log changes and send out a summary of changes to keep parties up to date.

Action 19/01-01: Code Administrator to send out a reminder for parties to read documentation before the working group meets.

Action 19/01-02: Code Administrator to create a log of changes and a summary of changes to keep parties up to date on the review group developments.

8. Update on Workgroups

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

The Chair noted that UNC652 had been sent back to the UIG workgroup by the Panel for further development. At present, the Chair is confident that no changes would be required under the IGT UNC.

The Chair suggested that if the modification is accepted through the UNC with the form of legal text currently proposed, the modification through the IGT UNC should be withdrawn.

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

The Chair noted there has been a lot of discussion around this modification. Generally, parties are supportive of the principle of the modification to improve the password protection process for the IGT UNC.

KD stated that the scope for protecting just the Provision of Invoice Supporting Data Document and the Portfolio Extracts Document may not be enough. She did however highlight that the MRA and SPAA are working together via the Secure Communications Working Group (SCWG) to develop safer communications across the wider industry.

The Chair indicated that Brookfield had identified some changes in Section K and that the modification may need further changes.

[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. It was highlighted that this modification should align with the UNC647. The Chair stated that UNC647 has been attracting a lot of discussion.

KD stated the modification should be discussed at the Distribution Workstream on 24th January 2019. She indicated that there had been an expectation of more legal text hopefully ready for February.

9. Urgent Modification Proposals received

None.

10. Non-urgent Modification Proposals

None.

11. Fast-Track Modification Proposals

None.

12. Workgroup Reports

None.

13. Final Modification Reports

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

The Chair noted the consultation date of the 9th January 2019 had now closed. The Chair noted that four responses were received and all either offered full or qualified support for the implementation of this modification. JR stated the need for the IGT116V to line up with UNC668S in relation to implementation date.

All respondents agreed that Relevant Objective F was facilitated. All members agreed that this modification met the Self-Governance criteria. The vote was carried out with two pipeline users and two pipeline operators with two alternate votes. The Panel decided that the Modification should be implemented by unanimous vote.

The Chair asked Panel members if they would consider a special release between 11th February 2019 and 19th February 2019 to stay in line with the proposed dates received from the Joint Office in relation to UNC668S. JR stated that the IGT UNC needed to consider the impact of a special release. KD identified that the knock on effect for contract managers in relation to the delay on release of this modification. KD discussed the importance of the data not being released to AltHanCo until it had been agreed at the DSC Contract Management Committee on 20th February 2019. KD also noted that by delaying the modifications implementation date could lead to impacts on AltHanCo. After some discussion it was decided not to implement a special release and to keep to the February release data of 1st March 2019. It was concluded the impacts that a special release would have could not be determined therefore keeping to the original release date was decided. This will be subject to a 15-day appeal window as per the Self-Governance process.

Action 19/01-03: Code Administrator to notify all parties that IGT116V has been implemented by the Panel and will be scheduled for implementation in the February 2019 release.

14. Authority Updates

RF asked Panel members if there were any licence changes proposed in the consultation that would affect gas transportation on IGT networks.. . RF indicated that the EU Exit Team had provided feedback to Ofgem about the potential of a no deal impact on licence modifications. Panel members asked to view this document and RF asked the Code Administrator to circulate this information.

Action 19/01-04: Code Administrator to circulate Ofgem’s ‘Statutory consultation on licence modifications in the vent of the UK leaves the EU without a deal’ documentation.

15. AOB

None.

The next Modification Panel meeting will be convened on 22nd February 2018.

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