



IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting 19-10

Final Minutes

Friday 18th October 2019

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

Attendee	Organisation	Representing	As
Anne Jackson (AJ)	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Kirsty Dudley (KD)*	E.ON	Pipeline User	
Cher Harris (CH)*	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operator	
Jenny Rawlinson (JR)*	BU-UK	Pipeline Operator	
Victoria Parker (VP)*	ESP Utilities	Pipeline Operator	
Liam King (LK)*	Ofgem	Authority	
Billy Howitt (BH)*	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

**Attended via teleconference*

1. Alternates, observers and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the IGT UNC Modification Panel meeting. The Chair indicated that apologies had been received from Claire Roberts who had appointed Kirsty Dudley as her alternate.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair asked Panel members if they were happy to accept IGT133 – Transition of IGT Theft Reporting as Short Notice Business of which they all agreed.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

BH informed the Panel that no comments had been received regarding the September IGT UNC Modification Panel (24th September 2019) meeting minutes and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Outstanding actions

Action Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
19/09-01	24 th September 2019	Code Administrator to liaise with the IGT120F Proposer to add more clarity around the implementation date. This will be brought back to the October IGT UNC Modification Panel.	CA	Closed
19/09-02	24 th September 2019	Code Administrator to add IGT131 to the October IGT UNC Workstream agenda.	CA	Closed
19/09-03	24 th September 2019	LH to provide legal text for UNC692S to the IGT UNC Code Administrator when it becomes available.	LH	Closed
19/09-04	24 th September 2019	Code Administrator to upload the IGT UNC Panel Representation Paper to the meeting papers for the October Workgroup on the IGT UNC website.	CA	Closed
19/09-05	24 th September 2019	LK to liaise with the Code Administrator in relation to the Authority view of the proposed options outlined in the IGT UNC Panel Representation Paper.	LK	Closed
19/09-06	24 th September 2019	Chair to update Panel members as discussions with the Joint Office on cross code working progress.	CA	Closed
19/09-07	24 th September 2019	Code Administrator to add the Digitisation of the IGT UNC onto the October IGT UNC Panel agenda.	CA	Closed

5. Panel Decisions

[IGT120F – Aligning the IGT UNC with licence changes following the UK leaving the EU with a ‘No deal’](#)

The Chair informed Panel members that some amendments had been made to the wording in the Solution and Legal Text elements of this modification that keep the solution the same and remove the dependency on UNC680 – UNC Changes as a Consequence of a ‘no deal’ United Kingdom Exit from the European Union. The Chair asked Panel members if they were satisfied that the amendments made were non-material of which they agreed.

Panel members approved the implementation of this modification and that it should be implemented on the date on which the UK exits the European Union without a ‘divorce’ agreement. This will be determined by the Government’s current position if and how the UK exits the European Union.

19/10-01: Code Administrator to send out implementation notice for IGT120F

[IGT129 – Obligations on Shippers to pass Transporter compensation payments on to consumers, via Suppliers](#)

The Panel agreed they were happy with the workgroup report for the modification.

The Chair stated that the Workgroup recommended that this modification is sent for consultation, and the Panel members were asked to agree this. Panel members unanimously voted for this go out for a standard 15-day consultation period.

19/10-02: Code Administrator to send out IGT129 for consultation.

6. New Modification Proposals

[IGT132 – Introduction of IGT Code Credit Rules](#)

JR introduced IGT132 on behalf of the proposer, Chris Barker, BU-UK, stating that this modification aims to implement consistent credit cover arrangements in the IGT UNC. JR stated that there had been an occasion when a Supplier and Pipeline User had defaulted at the same time, as a result it caused Pipeline Operators to accept any outstanding debt from the Pipeline User with no protection.

The Panel indicated that the legal text should be reviewed in detail and asked that time is set aside at the November IGT UNC workstream meeting to go through it and cover any questions. JR indicated that two or three workgroup meetings should be enough to satisfy all discussions required.

The Chair indicated that new modifications IPL042 ([Removal of Code Credit Rules from IPL Network Code](#)) and QPL042 ([Removal of Code Credit Rules from QPL Network Code](#)), also raised by Chris

Barker, are dependent on the implementation of IGT132. Panel members agreed that IPL042 and QPL042 should follow the same timeline and be discussed together with IGT132

19/10-03: Code Administrator to add IGT132, IPL042 and QPL042 to the November 2019 IGT UNC Workstream agenda.

[IGT133 – Transition of IGT Theft Reporting into the IGT UNC](#)

The Chair indicated that IGT133 had been raised by the Proposer as a result of one the recommendations from the Joint SPAA and UNC Theft Reporting Review Working Group. Alongside IGT133, two other modifications have been raised as result of the recommendations from the Joint Theft Review Working Group:

- [SCP480 – Amendments to Schedule 33 Theft Reporting Requirements](#)
- [UNC704 – Review of Transporter Theft Reporting](#)

A Shippers User representative enquired on whether all the related modifications identified and agreed have come out of the Joint Theft Reporting Review Group and whether they needed to be discussed together. It was also highlighted that the work of the Joint Theft Reporting Review Working Group had not officially concluded and there may be further implications for codes.

Panel members determined that IGT133 should go to one workgroup so that any concerns could be raised accordingly and should return to the November 2019 Panel meeting to decide the route for this modification.

Panel members raised concerns surrounding the impact that this modification might have on the Significant Code Review (SCR) as theft is a retail issue and will be under the governance of the Retail Energy Code (REC). The Chair indicated that an offline discussion would take place with the Authority to understand whether this modification will impact the SCR.

The Chair asked Panel members if they were satisfied that this modification should follow Authority consent procedures. KD indicated that if Authority direction is the standard governance approach across the other relevant modifications then she is satisfied with this approach.

19/10-04: Code Administrator to have an offline discussion with the Authority in relation to IGT133 to determine if there could be any potential impacts on the Switching SCR.

19/10-05: Code Administrator to add IGT133 to the November 2019 Workstream meeting.

7. Digitisation of the IGT UNC

VP indicated she had seen a demonstration of a product that had been developed to digitise documents such as codes. VP stated that the product could be used to digitise the IGT UNC and that she would be raising this with the Association of Independent Gas Transporters (AIGT) as a commercial matter for further discussion. JR indicated that the Smart Energy Code (SEC) have already adopted this product so if parties want to trial the product they can via the [SEC website](#).

KD indicated that she would like the Panel to be kept informed on this matter as shippers regularly engage with the IGT UNC documents.

VP indicated that she will provide an update at the November 2019 IGT UNC Panel meeting.

19/10-06 – VP to provide updates to the Panel in relation to the digitisation of the IGT UNC.

8. Update on Workgroups

[IGT130 – Applying password encryption to electronic communication containing MPRNs](#)

The Chair indicated that the Proposer had provided the Code Administrator with an updated modification proposal which was being reviewed. This will be available at the November 2019 Workstream meeting.

KD stated that the updated modification proposal aimed to address some of the issues articulated by the IGTs in the workgroup. KD highlighted that it would be up to the sender of the information on whether or not to apply a password.

[IGT131 – Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency](#)

The Chair indicated that the Proposer, Louise Hellyer, had provided the Code Administrator with an updated modification for IGT131 to keep the modification in line with the UNC equivalent, as well as the legal text for the modification. The Chair stated that this would be made available ahead of the November 2019 Workstream meeting for review.

KD indicated that a joint working group between IGT131 and UNC692 may have been the best approach so that workgroup discussions could be amalgamated and not duplicated across different forums.

The Chair highlighted an intention to contact the Chair of the UNC to suggest that an additional question be added to the UNC modification template on whether the proposer of the modification intends for the modification to apply to both the IGT UNC and the UNC. Currently most proposers were indicating that the modification might have 'implications' for the IGT UNC in a non-specific way. This does not provide sufficient guidance for the UNC Panel to determine whether a joint approach to develop any modification would be appropriate and efficient.

The Chair stated that this was an important step as it was difficult to ascertain until later on in the change process when the legal text is released for a UNC modification to determine if there is an IGT UNC impact.

IGTs indicated that cross-code workings needed to be improved and liked the solution outlined by the Chair.

JR suggested that a teleconference between the IGT UNC and UNC Panel members alongside the Joint Office and IGT UNC Code Administrator might help to find the most pragmatic approach to this problem.

The Chair indicated that this could be the approach taken if the initial approach to the UNC Panel chair was unsuccessful.

9. Update on Review group

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

The Chair stated that the Code Administrator had received one comment in relation to the IGT UNC consequential change work articulated within Ofgem's consultation 'Switching Programme and Retail Code Consolidation: Proposed changes to licences and industry codes'.

The Chair stated that the comment favoured the amalgamation of the IGT UNC and UNC.

10. Panel Shipper Representation

The Chair indicated that workgroup members had determined that a hybrid of the different options outlined in the [IGT UNC Panel Representation Paper](#) might provide a solution to the issue but did not determine which combination would be the best solution. It was confirmed that Shipper contribution in the discussion had been low due to participation at the October 2019 Workstream meeting. The Panel decided, consequently, that the issue should be returned to the November 2019 Workstream meeting to find a solution for this.

11. Authority Updates

1. LK indicated that Ofgem were working through the sixty responses they received from the joint BEIS Ofgem consultation 'Reforming the energy industry codes'. They plan to publish the responses to the consultation at the end of 2019.
2. LK stated that the results from the Code Administrator's Performance Survey 2019 had now been published.

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The next Modification Panel meeting will take place on 22nd November 2019