

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting (Extraordinary Panel)

Draft Minutes

Thursday 14th May 2020

Via teleconference

Attendee		Organisation	Representing	As
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Kirsty Dudley	KD	E.ON	Pipeline Users	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	Pipeline Users	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Victoria Parker	VP	ESP Utilities	Pipeline Operators	
Liam King	LK	Ofgem	Authority	
Gareth Evans	GE	Waters Wye Associates	Modification Proposer	
Rachel Clarke	RC	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Kemi Fontaine	KF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

1. Alternates, observers, and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the extraordinary Modification Panel meeting and thanked them for their availability.

The Chair reminded Panel that the meeting had been convened for the single purpose of agreeing the implementation of urgent Modifications IGT141U, IGT142U and IGT143U.

2. Final Modification Reports

[IGT141 \(Urgent\): Pipeline User submitted AQ Corrections during COVID-19](#)

The Proposer presented the modification and summarised the intent to the Panel. The Proposer noted that this Modification sought to authorise the CDSP to accept requests from Pipeline Users who submit AQ corrections to amend the AQ in response to the changing consumption of the end user as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, by including this as a reason to do so.

The Code Administrator summarised the consultation responses received for this Modification, noting that nine responses were received. This included responses from five Pipeline Users, three responses from Pipeline Operators and one Distribution Network.

One respondent offered full support for the modification with four offering qualified support. Three respondents did not support this modification and one remained neutral.

The Panel reviewed the responses and detailed discussions can be viewed in the Post Panel Final Modification Report (linked above).

The vote was carried out with two Pipeline Users and three Pipeline Operators. The Panel agreed by unanimous vote that the Modification should be determined under Authority decision. The Panel voted on the drafting of the legal text and all parties agreed that the legal text facilitated the modifications solution. The Panel voted on recommending implementation of the modifications and the Panel voted three for implementation and two against implementation.

The Panel instructed the Code Administrator to inform the Authority of the majority decision for recommending implementation.

Action 20/04-01_EX: Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel's recommendations for IGT141U.

IGT142 (Urgent): Allow Users to submit Estimated Meter Reading during COVID

The proposer presented the Panel with the modification for IGT142 and summarised the purpose of the modification proposal. The Proposer noted that this Modification sought to allow Pipeline Users to submit Estimated Meter Readings as Actual Meter Readings for Non-Daily Metered sites during COVID-19 "lock-down".

The Code Administrator summarised the consultation responses received for this Modification, noting that nine responses were received. This included responses from five Pipeline Users, three responses from Pipeline Operators and one Distribution Network.

Five respondents offered full support for the modification with three offering qualified support. One respondent did not support this modification.

The Panel reviewed the responses and detailed discussions can be viewed in the Post Panel Final Modification Report (linked above).

The vote was carried out with two Pipeline Users and three Pipeline Operators. The Panel agreed by unanimous vote that the Modification should be determined under Authority decision. The Panel voted on the drafting of the legal text and all parties agreed that the legal text facilitated the modifications solution. The Panel voted on recommending implementation of the modifications and the Panel voted four for implementation and one against implementation.

The Panel instructed the Code Administrator to inform the Authority of the majority decision for recommending implementation.

Action 20/04-02_EX: Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel's recommendations for IGT142U.

IGT143 (Urgent): Use of the Isolation Flag to identify sites with abnormal load reduction during COVID-19 period

The proposer presented the Panel with the modification for IGT143U and summarised the purpose of the modification proposal. The Proposer noted that this Modification sought to enable Shipper Users to utilise the central systems isolation flag, under specific circumstance, without warranted physical activities taking place, during the COVID-19 period. This would allow for sites where businesses have closed due to COVID-19 to be excluded from the AQ calculation, and therefore from UIG allocation during the relevant period.

The Code Administrator summarised the consultation responses received for this Modification, noting that nine responses were received. This included responses from five Pipeline Users, three responses from Pipeline Operators and one Distribution Network.

Four respondents offered full support for the modification with one offering qualified support. Two respondents did not support this modification and two remained neutral.

The Panel reviewed the responses and detailed discussions can be viewed in the Post Panel Final Modification Report (linked above).

The vote was carried out with two Pipeline Users and three Pipeline Operators. The Panel agreed by

unanimous vote that the Modification should be determined under Authority decision. The Panel voted on the drafting of the legal text and all parties agreed that the legal text facilitated the modifications solution. The Panel voted on recommending implementation of the modification and the Panel voted three for implementation and two against implementation.

The Panel instructed the Code Administrator to inform the Authority of the majority decision for recommending implementation.

Action 20/04-03_EX: Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel’s recommendations for IGT143U.

3. Any Other Business

The Chair noted that there will be another Urgent Modification entering the process which will be an IGT UNC equivalent modification of UNC0725 (Urgent) - Ability to Reflect the Correct Customer Network Use and System Offtake Quantity (SOQ) During COVID-19. The Chair noted that GE would also be the Proposer’s representative for this modification.

The Proposer outlined the modification and noted that this sought to enable consumers to have their site System Offtake Quantity (SOQ) updated to more accurately reflect their network use during the COVID-19 pandemic and to authorise the CDSP to temporarily accept Shipper User SOQ update requests outside of the normal period. The Proposer noted that this would be time restricted from implementation to the end of September 2020. The modification would allow sites to reduce their SOQs below their current status. This will allow transportation costs and capacity costs to re-align for larger customers, who have significantly reduced or ceased operations all together. Under this process the larger customers would be able to submit revised SOQs which, at present, can only be done during the winter period, this would revise their capacity costs and result in lowered transportation costs.

The proposer reiterated that the process is temporary and would cease at the end of September. The proposer clarified that Xoserve would reverse any reductions that occurred during that period, as the normal period for SOQ revisions would then start in October.

The proposer noted that similar changes were implemented during the credit crunch in 2008-2009 by National Grid to reduce costs similarly.

The Panel reviewed this and agreed that an IGT UNC equivalent Modification was required and there were no challenges on the expected request for urgency.

The Chair highlighted a second AOB concerning issues arising in the Modification Workstream meeting in May, in particular the proposed implementation dates for IGT134 (Introducing ‘Research Body’ as a new user type to the Data Matrix and IGT UNC) and IGT137 (Alignment of IGT UNC to the UNC in Advance of Faster Switching) and IGT139 (Introducing a new User type to the IGT UNC and the Data Permissions Matrix of Electricity System Operator (ESO)).and their UNC equivalents. The Chair suggested that a communication be drafted and sent to the UNC Panel Chair highlighting the upcoming decisions at the UNC Panel and advising an implementation date which would align the equivalent UNC Modifications with the IGT Modifications respectively. The Panel agreed a letter should be drafted to request that the implementation of the modifications should be agreed and co-ordinated across the codes.

Action 20/04-04_EX: Chair to draft a letter to the UNC Panel with a suggestion to agree a mutual implementation for IGT139, IGT137 and IGT134.

Appendix 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
20/04-01_EX	Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel's recommendations for IGT141U.	CA	New
20/04-02_EX	Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel's recommendations for IGT142U.	CA	New
20/04-03_EX	Code Administrator to send Post Panel Modification Report to the Authority for decision including the Panel's recommendations for IGT143U.	CA	New
20/04-04_EX	Chair to draft a letter to the UNC Panel with a suggestion to agree a mutual implementation for IGT139, IGT137, and IGT134.	Chair	New

The next Modification Panel meeting will take place on 29th May 2020.