

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Final Minutes

Friday 25th September 2020

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	As
Liam King	LK	Ofgem	Authority	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Jennifer Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Carine Russell	CRu	Last Mile	Pipeline Operators	
Rachel Clarke	RC	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Kemi Fontaine	KF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the Panel to the reconvened meeting. The Chair noted that following the ongoing quoracy issues the Panel faces, the Code Administrator had opened a meeting prior to this and held that open for one hour as per Code rules (Part L6.10). The Chair also confirmed this would be a regular occurrence until the Pipeline User vacancies had been filled. The Chair confirmed that quoracy rules do not apply to this reconvened meeting in line with L6.10 of the IGT UNC.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the items for discussion as outlined in the final agenda. The Panel were invited to add any items for AOB. CR confirmed that an update would be provided regarding Modification IGT138 – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

KF informed Panel that no comments had been received on the minutes of the previous meeting. The Chair invited Panel to lodge any comments, there were no comments and the minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4. Outstanding Actions

Outstanding actions were reviewed by the Panel and determined that the following actions were to remain open.

20/07-03 – LK confirmed that a letter had now been drafted and that it was currently awaiting approval. The Panel agreed that this action would remain open for Ofgem to deliver the official communications on IGT141U and IGT144U.

20-06-02 – The Panel agreed this action should remain open as the UNC676R review group on UNC governance has been deferred until early 2021, however, the Panel agreed to endeavour to address and complete the action in the November IGT UNC Workstream meeting. The Code administrator agreed to add a timescale to this current outstanding action.

Please see Appendix 1 for a record of the discussion and new actions.

Workgroup Reports

5. IGT140- Changes to Panel Rules

The Panel were presented with the completed Workgroup report and RC confirmed the Workgroup had completed a review of the minor changes to the Modification and the Legal text before developing the Workgroup report. RC highlighted the key discussions concerning the Governance, Solution, and Relevant Objectives. RC noted that the Workgroup had discussed whether the Modification met requirements for an Authority decision which was mitigated by the Ofgem representative who confirmed that Ofgem would expect the Modification to be sent to them for a decision.

RC drew attention to further discussions between the Proposer and the Workgroup regarding the proposed Panel Minimums. RC confirmed that the Proposer acknowledged the challenges, however, clarified that as the threat of non-quoracy was imminent for Pipeline Users and that Pipeline Operators currently had a full complement of Panel members, the solution needed to address that issue solely.

RC noted that the Workgroup agreed that this Modification had a positive change on Relevant Objective F, however, did not immediately see how this had a positive impact on Relevant Objective D (Securing of effective competition). The Proposer maintained that it was felt that this was a secondary impact and that the main impact had been on F. The IGTs queried whether the impact on Relevant Objective D was a positive one as the Modification allows one person to vote three times and that this could have possible negative impacts on competition. The Proposer acknowledged the challenge, however, noted that the Ancillary document supported that that one member should be voting on behalf of their constituency with the multiple votes. This approach was supported by the other Shipper members in the meeting. The Panel members discussed the highlighted points and unanimously determined that the Workgroup had sufficiently developed the Modification, therefore, IGT140 could be sent out to consultation..

The Panel had no further questions regarding the presented Workgroup report and conducted the final determinations which can be found [here](#).

Switching Programme Considerations

6. RG005 – IGT UNC Review of Consequential Changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements

The Chair opened the discussion on the RG005 progress report and queried whether the Panel were comfortable to come to determinations as this document had not been available for review for a full week. The Chair noted that the document was not dissimilar from the early submission sent to Ofgem for consideration against the Faster Switching Significant Code Review (SCR). However, the Chair noted that this has now had further additions in the form of the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) and metering arrangements.

The Panel members confirmed they were confident that the Workgroups had conducted a thorough review as many of the members had attended the review group meeting and Workgroup discussions or had been fully briefed by colleagues who had. A further review was not required before a determination was made.

The Chair highlighted that the intention for the document was to send it through to Ofgem to be included in their consultation, however, the Chair acknowledged that the timetable for the consultation was due to be amended to December 2020. With regards to Metering, the Chair noted that the current drafting had been based on assumptions which were based on industry discussions. However, these carry a heavy caveat as the REC Metering schedules had not yet been released and the drafting may be subject to change if the assumptions are incorrect. The Chair noted that this will be highlighted to Ofgem at the point of submission.

The Chair noted that the RG005 review group recommended to Panel that all legal drafting (FS and RCC) had had sufficient review and should be submitted to the Authority. The Panel confirmed through a determination that this document could be submitted to Ofgem to be included in their Consultation and further details can be found [here](#).

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7. Pipeline User Quoracy following August 2020

The Chair opened the discussion on the issue of Pipeline User representation on the Panel and confirmed that there would be continuous encouragement of Shippers to volunteer to be on the Panel and that the Code Administrator was advertising the vacancies.

RC confirmed that the Code Administrator was proposing to bring back the discussion of party engagement to the October 2020 Workgroup meeting to discuss and to distinguish why some parties are not engaging with the Code. CR confirmed that she intends to mention this in the Shipper Pre-Meet which is held monthly to discuss Modifications. CR noted that she intends to discuss what is dissuading Shippers from applying for the role of Panel member. The Code Administrator offered to send over some information that may help answer any questions Shippers may have on what is expected of them, the support they will receive, and the resource needed etc.

Update on Workgroups

8. Workgroup Summary

RC presented the Workgroup Summary to the Panel. The Panel had no further queries about the presented Workgroup Summary.

[Please find the link to the Workgroup Summary here](#)

9. Authority updates

The Authority confirmed there was no updates to report.

10. AOB

The Chair invited CR to lead the discussion of IGT138. CR confirmed that the UNC Distribution Workgroup had met and discussed the UNC Modification (UNC674) and confirmed that there is an intention for this to be sent to

the November 2020 Panel and the legal text had been reviewed with amendments to be completed. The Chair noted that following the submission of the latest version of the drafting, the Code Administrator will draft the legal text for IGT138.

No further items of business.

The next IGT UNC Panel is scheduled for 23rd October 2020.

Appendix 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
20/07-03	24 th July 2020	Authority to send the official non-implementation notices for the rejected Urgent Modifications IGT141 and IGT144 to the Code Administrator before the August Panel meeting.	LK	Open
20/06-02	26 th June 2020	Code Administrator to draft a one-page document from output developed at the November 2020 Workgroup meeting and to send to the Proposer of UNC676R governance workgroup to improve cross-code working.	CA	Open