

## IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

### Final Minutes

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Rachel Clarke	RC	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Heather Ward	HW	Energy Assets	Pipeline Operators	
Kirsty Dudley	KD	E.ON	Pipeline User	Alternate for Claire Roberts (Scottish Power)
Scott McPhillimy	SM	Ofgem	Authority	
John Phillips	JP	Ofgem	Authority	
Harriet Higgins	HH	Ofgem	Authority	Item 5 only
Ellie Rogers	ER	Xoserve	Observer	Item 6 only
Amie Lauper-Bull	ALB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jordan Clarke	JC	Gemserv	Code Administrator	

#### 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 noted that apologies were received prior to the meeting from Anne Jackson (Gemserv) and Claire Roberts (Scottish Power), with Kirsty Dudley (E.ON) would be their alternate. The Chair welcomed Heather Ward (Energy Assets) to the first meeting following her appointment for the Panel for a term of two years.

#### 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. The Chair noted that they had two items of AOB to raise regarding RGMA Guidance and the upcoming June Asset Transfer. KD noted that they had an item of AOB to raise regarding IGT accessions.

There were no further items of AOB added by the Panel.

#### 3. Approval of the previous minutes (21-04 and 21-04 Reconvened)

ALB informed Panel that no comments had been received on either set of minutes before the meeting. The Panel had no further comments to add and the minutes were approved as a true reflection of both March meetings.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions

ALB informed the Panel that no actions had been taken in the last meeting and all previous actions had been formally closed.

## **New Modifications**

### **5. IGT156 - SCR Mod – Retail Code Consolidation and REC version 2 requirements.**

HH informed the Panel that IGT156 was part of an authority-led Significant Code Review (SCR) and there were two key points to note. The first was to reflect that the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) would close from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and the second point was to implement cross-code arrangements. It was noted that Ofgem has consulted on cross-code arrangements in December 2020 and proposed a mechanism for that change where the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) would designate a lead code. If there were to be conflict between the lead code and the change then the lead code would be able to take a decision on the change as a whole package. HH advised that, following concerns raised in December 2020, an amendment had been made so that one code would not have the ability to override the decision of other codes, but Ofgem would have this ability instead.

HH informed the Panel that there were seven Modifications that formed the SCR, five of which included cross-code change proposals. All had been reviewed against each other for consistency.

CH asked if the Modification could be seen by the workgroup before being sent for consultation. HH stated that Ofgem proposed the Modification went straight out for consultation as timescales were tight and the changes made were due to industry feedback. HH advised that the reason for the timescale of 10 Working Days (WD) was that clarity was needed and Ofgem needed to make decisions as soon as possible. The Changes were due to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 so decisions were needed by July 2021. HH noted that, alongside the SCR, Ofgem also had licence changes that were required and those would need to be issued at least 56 days before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

HW stated that they had noticed a change in the legal drafting regarding metering and there was a concern that this would have a bigger impact on IGTs. HH stated that they would provide the latest draft of the REC metering schedule to review alongside the Modification, noting that if there were serious concerns there would be an opportunity to address these.

CH enquired as to whether there would be any contractual issues with the proposed legal text. KD suggested that resolutions could be made after implementation, recognising the SCR impacts, but it would need to be a priority after implementation to resolve the wording. The Chair agreed to discuss further with HH offline to discuss a possible way forward. The Chair noted that the draft legal text for Metering arrangements had been issued to Ofgem in December for Consultation following development through RG005 (IGT UNC Review of Impacts resulting from the Faster Switching Programme arrangements). The Chair noted that at the time of drafting there had been large caveats attached to this as the REC Metering scheduled had not yet been published. JR queried whether this was still the case and HH confirmed that the latest Metering scheduled had not yet been published. Concerns were raised from CH regarding timescales of a consultation as there was a risk parties would not have the time to understand what they would be signing up to. HH resolved to send the draft REC Metering schedules to the Code Administrator to be issued alongside the consultation as information only to assist parties analysis of impact.

The Chair asked the Panel if they were happy to send the Modification out for consultation. The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification should be sent for a 10WD consultation period closing on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Chair advised the Panel that IGT156 would be discussed again at the June 2021 Panel meeting.

### **6. IGT155 - Adding the Retail Energy Code Company as a new User type to the Data Permissions Matrix**

ER advised that the purpose of IGT155 was to add the Retail Energy Code Company (RECCo) as a new user type to the UK Link Data Permissions Matrix (DPM) ahead of the REC go-live on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, as they would be responsible for ensuring the proper, effective and efficient implementation and ongoing management of the REC. ER stated that there was no legal text for the Modification as it did not require a Code change following the implementation of IGT135 (Alignment of the IGT UNC Part K and the Data Permissions Matrix) and the UNC equivalent Modification (UNC0762) was currently out for consultation. ER noted that the release approval would go through the DSC Contract Committee.

CH enquired as to whether the Modification could be sent straight to consultation. KD agreed with this approach, stating that the Modification had been discussed at the UNC Distribution Workgroup and no major concerns were raised there.

The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT155 should be sent for a 15WD consultation period, closing on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. The Chair advised that IGT155 would be returned to the July 2021 Panel meeting for a decision on implementation. The Chair noted that as this Modification did not require any legal text changes there would be no requirement to restrict this to a scheduled release, although noted that this is something that would be discussed following consultation.

There were no further comments and the Chair closed this section of the meeting.

### **Final Modification Reports**

#### **7. IGT148 - Provision of Class 1 meter read service on IGT networks by the CDSP**

The Chair noted that IGT148 was a Self-Governance Modification that had been sent for a 15WD consultation period that had closed on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It was noted that the Proposer had suggested that the Modification be subject to Self-Governance procedure due to a number of factors. The UNC equivalent, UNC0710 was also Self-Governance and there were a low number of IGT sites so there would be minimal disruption.

The Chair noted that the solution looked to move the obligation for the Class 1 read service to the CDSP via Part N of the IGT UNC, adding that new service lines had been added into the DSC contract, which is where the main detail would lie. It was highlighted that there would be no SCR impacts and perhaps some positive consumer impacts. The Chair informed Panel that UNC0710 had been agreed and was awaiting implementation following the designation of XRN5218, which was the driver of the changes.

The Chair stated that the proposed implementation date was now incorrect as the target date had been changed by Xoserve to no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Three consultation responses had been received, all in support from Pipeline Operators. All parties agreed that the Modification met Relevant Objectives C & F positively and all parties had agreed with the decision for Self-Governance. With regards to implementation, parties had expressed their agreement that it should align with XRN5218 and UNC0710.

The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT148 met the Self-Governance procedure status, positively met one or more Relevant Objectives and it should be implemented. The Chair advised that an extraordinary release could be considered once a firm date had been received from the DSC Change Committee.

The vote was carried out with One Pipeline User and three Pipeline Operators (please note that this meeting was held as a Reconvened meeting, as per Part L6.10 of the IGT UNC where current quoracy rules do not apply).

The Panel agreed that the Modification should be implemented by a unanimous vote. The Panel agreed that subject to the 15-day appeal window, IGT148 would be implemented following confirmation from the DSC Change Committee.

## **8. IGT153 - Aligning the IGT UNC with licence changes following the UK leaving the EU**

The Chair advised that IGT153 had followed Self-Governance procedures, looking to incorporate changes brought in from licence changes to align with new legislation. The Chair noted that the Proposer stated that there would not be a material change and the Modification had been discussed at one Workgroup as due diligence was needed. It was highlighted that in the reference documentation, it was clear where the proposer had checked that everything met the new licence changes. A couple of changes had been put into code, which included defined terms, however, there were no impacts and other codes although the Chair noted that other Codes had carried out similar projects to ensure their codes were interoperable.

The Chair stated that implementation had been proposed as soon as practicable following a Panel decision. The Modification had been sent for a 15WD consultation period and two responses had been received, both in support. Both responses agreed with Self-Governance procedures and felt the Modification should be implemented.

The vote was carried out with One Pipeline User and three Pipeline Operators (please note that this meeting was held as a Reconvened meeting, as per Part L6.10 of the IGT UNC where current quoracy rules do not apply).

The Panel agreed that the Modification should be implemented by a unanimous vote. The Panel agreed that subject to the 15-day appeal window, IGT153 would be implemented in the next scheduled release on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **Update on Workgroups**

### **9. Workgroup Summary**

There were no additional comments or questions from the Panel.

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

## **Authority Updates**

SM noted that the Code Administrator had highlighted that IGT132VV (Introduction of Code Credit Rules) had not been included on Ofgem's expected decision dates list, however this had been rectified and the expected decision date would be 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. SM also noted that IGT140 (Changes to the IGT Panel rules) had been due to be published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, but this date had to be pushed back to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

SM requested that Panel members encourage their colleagues to participate in the Ofgem Code Survey following the letter that had been published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Finally, SM stated that Ofgem were looking to replace their current website, and a publishing moratorium would take place in June 2021, with more information on this published on their website.

## **10. AOB**

### **IGT accession requests**

KD advised that Shippers had received notification from the CDSP to replace the current Deed of Undertaking with an IGT to a new Deed of Undertaking with a week's notice for Board sign-off. Shippers had been told that it was being superseded, however their understanding was that it would be for new entrants only and it had caused confusion amongst the community and noted that in most cases more time would be needed to carry out this activity. JR advised that they were not aware of this, but agreed that Shippers should have had a longer notice period. CH agreed to raise the topic for discussion at the IGT constituency group meeting. The Chair requested that CH provide feedback on the outcomes to the Panel.

### **Pre-release**

The Chair advised that the June 2021 IGT UNC pre-release would be published later that day (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021) and it would include IGT153 subject to the 15WD appeal window.

### **REC nominations**

The Chair advised that the REC Code Manager was seeking nominees for various REC Committees including REC Change Panel, Technical Expert Panel, Metering Expert Panel and Green Deal Panel. The Chair noted that nominations were open to all parties. The Chair advised that nominations would close that day (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021).

### **RGMA Guidance**

The Chair advised that the RGMA Guidance document had been discussed at the last Workstream meeting and it had been flagged that it was out of date and might need updating ahead of MAP changes due to take place in November 2021. It was noted that the discussion at workgroup was to make everyone aware that it sits outside of formal governance procedures and it would be at the discretion of IGTs to update. The Chair asked if the IGTs had any plans to update the document. KD suggested removing the document from the website and directing parties to correspond directly with IGTs if they had any questions. JR agreed with this approach.

CH noted that it would not be out of date until MAMCoP 4780C was implemented in November 2021, and IGTs would need to establish if anyone was planning on using it after that time. CH added that if the document is no longer in use then it should be taken down. The Chair asked the Panel if they thought it should be added to the Agenda of the Regulatory subgroup of the INA. HW agreed with this approach, adding that it may be more appropriate to add it to the INA website. The Chair agreed to add the RGMA document as an item of AOB for the next Panel meeting, advising that IGTs should provide feedback in that meeting following the INA Regulatory Subgroup.

**ACTION:21/05-01 – IGTs to provide feedback following discussions on the RGMA Guidance document from INA Regulatory Subgroup in the July Panel meeting.**

**Upcoming June Asset Transfer - Update**

The Chair stated that there was a large project between Fulcrum Pipelines and ESP Pipelines taking place over three years whereby Fulcrum Pipelines were transferring assets to ESP Pipelines in two tranches per year (June and November). The Chair noted that the next transfer would go live on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, but the Code Administrator had been unable to publish the updated MPRN register yet due to a fall down in the current process. The Chair expressed their apologies on behalf of the Code Administrator and Fulcrum Pipelines, adding that they would hold a discussion with Fulcrum Pipelines to see how the situation can be avoided in future.

**New Ofgem Rep**

SM advised that John Philips would be taking over as the Ofgem representative going forwards. The Chair welcomed John onto the Panel.

There were no further or comments from the Panel and the meeting was closed.

**The next IGT UNC Panel is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Appendix 1 – Actions Table**

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
21/05 - 01	28/05/2021	IGTs to provide feedback following discussions on the RGMA Guidance document from INA Regulatory Subgroup in the July Panel meeting.	CH	NEW