

**IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting**

**Draft Minutes**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Via teleconference**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Clare Manning	CM	E.ON Next	Pipeline Users	
Heather Ward	HW	Energy Assets	Pipeline Operators	IGT160 Proposer
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Richard Pomroy	RP	Wales and West Utilities	Observer	Distribution Network (DN)
Talia Lattimore	TL	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). Apologies were received from Sandra Fawzy (Gemserv) and Jennifer Semple (Ofgem).

**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, RP added item 9 - Ofgem open letter on the recovery by gas Transporters of Last Resort Supply Payments (LRSP's) and CR added item 11 - IGT Must Read Update.

**3. Approval of the previous minutes (22-03 and 22-03 Reconvened, 22-04 Extraordinary and 22-04 Extraordinary Reconvened)**

TL invited comments on the March 2022 and April 2022 Extraordinary meeting minutes. No comments were raised during the meeting and the minutes (both standard and reconvened meetings) were approved as a true and accurate account of the meetings.

**4. Outstanding Actions**

The Panel were informed that there were two outstanding actions:

**21/10 - 03: AJ to develop the Cross Code Ways of Working strawman and to bring back to Panel for review. The Panel agreed that this strawman should also include details of how Joint Workgroups would work.**

The Panel were reminded that this action had been carried over to the May 2022 meeting. The Chair advised that there was no update on this action at this time.

**Ex-22-03/ 01 - CA to add ‘clarification Modification’ to Known Issues register regarding IGT132VV applying to transportation charges only. CA to also include reference to said Modification in any subsequent approval and implementation notices for IGT132VV.**

TL advised the Panel that the Housekeeping Modification has been added to the Knowns Issues Register as requested and that the Workgroup were updated on the potential future Housekeeping Modification at the April 2022 Workgroup meeting. The Panel agreed that this action should be closed.

**Existing Modifications**

**5. [IGT160 - Introducing the concept of a derogation into the IGT UNC for innovation projects](#)**

TL provided an update on the Modification, reminding the Panel that the Modification had been sent back to Workgroup to allow for further consideration of concerns raised regarding the automatic application of UNC derogations under the IGT UNC and the differences between IGT154<sup>1</sup> and IGT160.

TL advised that the Proposer provided the Workgroup with two options to address concerns raised regarding the impact on UNC Derogations, which they considered at the meeting:

1. Remove the automatic application of UNC Derogations all together; or
2. Amend the provisions to only allow for a UNC Derogation to apply under the IGT UNC where the use case for said Derogation also exists within the IGT UNC.

TL added that the Workgroup quickly voiced preference for option 2, discussing UNC Derogations and downstream impacts at length. Following consideration of both options, the Workgroup agreed that an amendment should be made to the Modification to make the required changes for option 2. Changes to the solution and the legal drafting were agreed in the meeting and the views of the Workgroup included in the Workgroup Report were based on the agreed amendments. Following the meeting the Proposer submitted an Amended Modification which reflected the changes agreed in the meeting

RP advised that some of the recent hydrogen village proposals contained areas that have IGTs connected to them. The Chair asked if this is something in the pipeline but is not yet visible. RP confirmed that BEIS had asked Distribution Networks (DNs) to submit proposals for hydrogen villages and that the Cadent and SGNs proposals have been accepted. One of which contains at least one IGT in the affected area. Should UNC0800 be used regarding these hydrogen villages, this

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<sup>1</sup> [IGT154 – Introducing the concept of a derogation into the IGT UNC for Net Zero innovation project](#)

Modification may also come into play. So this could become a live issue at some point in the future, though it's not expected to be imminent.

JR asked for confirmation as to whether the Use Case introduced by IGT160 included Net Zero. The Proposer confirmed that to be the case.

TL advised the Panel that the Workgroup re-considered the differences between IGT154 and IGT160, providing a summary of the Workgroup discussions as set out in the Workgroup Report.

RP noted, with regards to Governance, that a derogation under UNC0800 required unanimous approval by the Modification Panel which would provide IGTs with some protection. The Proposer advised that this was no longer the case and that like IGT160, the Authority will make the final decision on derogations. TL added that the Panel will vote on a recommendation to the Authority (either for or against a derogation by a majority vote). The Chair noted that a derogation will still go to the Authority regardless of the recommendation.

TL noted that the Workgroup recommended that this Modification be issued for a 2.5 week consultation to keep it as aligned as possible with UNC0800, taking the Panel through the proposed timetable. JR advised that the timescales made sense and that there has already been an opportunity to get involved with the Modification. The Chair highlighted that this modification has not yet been consulted on, with the Proposer adding that IGT154 was consulted on and the two are closely aligned. The Proposer expressed a strong preference for the shorter consultation as UNC0800 has already been submitted to the Authority.

The Panel unanimously agreed that this Modification should be issued for Consultation for a period of 2.5 weeks to keep it as aligned as possible with the progression of UNC0800.

## **6. IGT138 - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls**

The Chair provided an overview of the approach taken for this Modification in that IGT138 seeks to apply the Performance Assurance regime in the UNC equivalent Modification (UNC0674V<sup>2</sup>) to the IGT UNC. This Modification does not describe the regime in detail but rather points to the regime in the UNC and ensures its applied in the IGT UNC. If there is an issue with the regime itself, it needs to be petitioned via the UNC.

The Chair added that UNC0674 was sent back to Workgroup roughly a year ago, with IGT138 being paused until the work on that Modification had been completed. Changes to UNC0674 have since been made and these have been reviewed by the Proposer and TL. The changes proposed to the

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<sup>2</sup> [UNC0674V - Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls](#)

solution were presented to / discussed at the April IGT UNC Workgroup meeting. The Workgroup also discussed the implications of the UNC solution changes. This IGT UNC Modification has already been issued for consultation and can therefore only be changed by a Variation Request, which was presented in the form of an amended Modification Proposal.

#### Variation Request

TL provided a summary of the Variation Request, including changes to the solution and the legal drafting. They added that the appendix of the Workgroup Report has been change marked to show the changes to the UNC solution and noted that the Workgroup have walked through the changes to ensure they understood what was being accepted into the IGT UNC.

The Panel unanimously accepted the Variation Request, with IGT138V being take forward from that point.

#### IGT138V

TL provided an overview of the Workgroup views on IGT138V. Noting that the views expressed by the Workgroup in the Workgroup Report were applicable to IGT138V as they were provided subject to the changes in the Variation Request being accepted.

TL noted that the Workgroup approved the Legal Drafting subject to further clarification on the removal of paragraph 23.9 of Part K. The Chair advised that there are currently no Performance Assurance provisions in the IGT UNC, but the Performance Assurance Reports Register produced for the Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) already included IGT UNC data, which the provisions in Part K paragraph 23.9 allow to be disclosed. However, as IGT138 is looking to introduce the UNC Performance Assurance Regime into the IGT UNC, and the Performance Assurance Reports Register falls within the requirements of the wider regime under the UNC, there was no longer a need for the clause. The Panel agreed that this additional clarification should be added to the Draft Modification Report.

TL noted Workgroup discussions regarding the length of consultation for IGT138. The Workgroup felt that the Modification should be issued for a second consultation regardless of the approach taken for UNC0674V. It was noted that the UNC Panel determined that UNC0674V should be issued for a 20-working day consultation, going back to UNC Panel in June. TL asked the Panel whether the Modification should be issued for a shorter consultation, coming back in May or should be issued for the usual 3 weeks and be presented back to the Panel in June. They noted further that there was a risk that the UNC Modification could be varied after the IGT UNC Panel's recommendation should IGT138V run ahead of UNC0764V.

The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT138V should be issued to consultation for a period of 3 weeks and that the June 2022 Workgroup meeting be utilised should any new issues be raised in either the UNC0674V or IGT138V consultations.

### **Authority Updates**

#### **7. Authority Updates**

No update was provided.

### **AOB**

#### **8. [Government response to the consultation on Energy Code Reform](#)**

TL provided an update on the joint BEIS / Ofgem response to the consultation on Energy Code Reform, highlighting the following:

- Ofgem to take on role of new Strategic Body (SB);
- Code Managers will be licenced and appointed by SB;
- Codes in scope of reform include the current 10 industry Codes;
- Primary and secondary legalisation will be required, this will be progressed when parliamentary time allows;
- Government starting work on areas that do not require legislation, including framework for Code Manager licence;
- Open letter expected late summer 2022 which will set out next steps for Energy Code Reform, including further detail on Code Consolidation and upcoming opportunities for industry engagement; and
- Transitional approach to implementing reform starting with legislation, this will be followed by Code Consolidation and then the appointment of Code Managers (both of which will happen on a Code by Code basis).

TL confirmed that the Code Administrator will continue to highlight information as and when it is available and ensure parties know about opportunities to engage when they arise. TL recommended that parties attend any future webinars as the discussion and verbal updates were useful.

TL also highlighted Government's response to the [Future System Operator \(FSO\) consultation](#), noting that this was also relevant to gas parties.

#### **9. [Ofgem open letter on the recovery by gas Transporters of LRSP's](#)**

RP highlighted [Ofgem's open letter](#), published on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022, regarding the recovery of Last Resort Supply Payment (LRSP) claims arising from failed energy retail suppliers going through the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process.

RP advised that responses to this letter are requested by 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **10. Shipper Representatives**

The Chair reminded the Panel of the current issue of quoracy at Panel meetings and the lack of Shipper representation. They noted that the Code Administrator continues to reach out to parties quarterly to highlight the opportunity to join the Panel.

### **11. IGT Must Read Update**

CR advised the Panel that they have reached out to Xoserve regarding the pause for IGT Must Read charges. They are seeking to get a call set up with all parties again to review the status on this matter and review the requirements. They are hoping an invite will be issued to parties soon.

JR asked for further information on the pause. CR confirmed that as part of the implementation of UNC Modification [0692S - Automatic updates to Meter Read Frequency](#), a pause on Must Reads was agreed during the duration of the data cleanse process. Additionally, Oorlagh Chapmen raised [IGT159 - Amendments to the Must Read Process](#) and the CMS rebuild has been taking place and they wanted to check in with Xoserve regarding the current position and get an update on where they are on the changes requested.

JR asked if Must Reads have resumed. CR advised they have not yet resumed but the intention is for things to start moving again soon. JR asked for confirmation on whether Shippers are seeing any Must Reads. CR confirmed that they are seeing Must Reads but not for sites that fall under the UNC0692S data cleanse and are shifting to being monthly read.

### **12. Update on transfer of assets from Fulcrum to ESP**

TL advised that an update on this asset transfer was issued to Parties on behalf of Fulcrum. CR added that the effective date for the transfer was 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

CR asked when the MPRN ranges will be provided. The Chair advised that the Code Administrator has the provisional list of MPRNs but nothing can be shared until the final list has been received. TL confirmed that they have asked for an expected submission date for this. The Chair advised that historically there has not been a lot of notice, but the Code Administrator will continue to chase and will share the MPRN ranges as soon as they are able to.

TL confirmed that this is expected to be the last asset transfer, though if they are advised otherwise by Fulcrum they will inform parties.

### **13. AQ Review Update**

TL advised the Panel that an email should be submitted within the next week reminding parties of the AQ Review process taking place.

**The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

**Annex 1 – Actions Table**

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
22-03 - 01	25/03/2022	CA to add clarification Modification to Known Issues register regarding IGT132VV applying to transportation charges only. CA to also include reference to said Modification in any subsequent approval and implementation notices for IGT132VV.	TL	Closed
21/10 – 03	29/10/2021	AJ to develop the Cross Code Ways of Working strawman and to bring back to Panel for review. The Panel agreed that this strawman should also include details of how Joint Workgroups would work.	AJ	Carried Forward – May 2022 update