

## IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

### Final Minutes

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	Pipeline Users	IGT138V Proposer
Heather Ward	HW	Energy Assets	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Jennifer Semple	JS	Ofgem	Authority	
Richard Pomroy	RP	Wales and West Utilities	Observer	Distribution Network (DN)
Talia Lattimore	TL	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Sandra Fawzy	SF	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 (CA) had opened a meeting prior to this and held that open for one hour as per Code rules (Part L6.10). There were no apologies received.

#### 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, but there were no further items added.

#### 3. Approval of the previous minutes (22-05 and 22-05 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the May 2022 meeting minutes noting that no comments had been received prior to the meeting. 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 was one outstanding action:

- **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.** AJ explained to the Panel that this action is to be carried over to the July 2022 Panel meeting and that they will be reaching out to the Joint Office to ensure the document put together is one that both CAs are comfortable with and look at enduring ways of working between both Codes.

- **22/05 - 01: CA to consider the interpretation of Part L Section 27.2 of the IGT UNC and to list for discussion at the June 2022 Panel meeting.** See item 6 below. The Panel agreed that this action should be closed.

### Existing Modifications

#### 5. [IGT138V – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls](#)

TL reminded the Panel that the purpose of IGT138V was to introduce a Performance Assurance regime into the IGT UNC. They added that IGT138V is a mirroring Modification and that the detailed solution and wider regime is set out in UNC Modification [0674V – Performance Assurance Techniques and Controls](#). TL confirmed that the Workgroup did a detailed review of the changes to the UNC0674V solution prior to consultation to ensure members understood what was being accepted into the IGT UNC.

The Chair notified the Panel that UNC0674V has been recommended for implementation by the UNC Panel and is currently with Ofgem. The consultation for IGT138V closed on 23rd May and TL took the Panel through the consultation responses and the Final Modification Report (FMR).

### Consultation

There were three responses to the consultation for IGT138V, two were received from IGTs and one was received from a Shipper. All the respondents supported the implementation of the Modification and agreed:

- that it should be treated as an authority decision Modification;
- that IGT138V would have a positive impact on Objective D (Securing of effective competition) and Objective F (Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code);
- that the legal text delivers the intent of the Modification;
- with the implementation approach; and
- that IGT138V should be implemented immediately following the Authority decision and on the same day as UNC0674V.

TL notified the Panel that the UNC consultation responses raised no new issues and that the UNC Panel recognised this.

The Panel considered responses to the IGT138V consultation and agreed that no new issues had been raised and no further work was required by the Workgroup.

### Governance:

TL reminded the Panel that IGT138V was initially raised in March 2020 as an Authority decision as it will have a material effect on competition (as well as other areas as set out in the Final Modification Report) and IGT UNC governance procedures.

The Panel considered the views of the Workgroup in April 2022 and the Proposer and unanimously agreed that this Modification should be an Authority decision for the reasons given.

#### Solution:

The Panel considered the views of the Workgroup and unanimously agreed that the solution supports the intention of the Modification and that no further work was required by the Workgroup.

#### Impacts:

TL informed the Panel that there were no identified impacts on any Significant Code Review (SCR) or on consumers.

TL informed the Panel that IGT138V does have a cross Code impact as it will introduce a Performance Assurance regime into the IGT UNC as set out in UNC0674.

TL advised the Panel that potential indirect impacts to Central Systems had been highlighted during the progression of the Modification, specifically regarding development potentially being required to support new reporting and invoicing processes. TL confirmed that, as part of the development of UNC0674V, the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) confirmed that a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) did not need to be requested. The reasons for this have been set out in the FMR for UNC0674. TL suggested that this be called out in the impact section of the FMR to ensure that clarity is visible to Ofgem and other parties.

The Panel considered the amendment to this section of the FMR and agreed that the suggested change should be made as it provides necessary clarity.

The Panel considered the Workgroup's Impact Assessment and agreed that no further work was required by the Workgroup.

#### Objectives

The Panel considered the views against the Relevant Objectives and agreed that IGT138V would have a positive impact on Objectives (D) and (F) for the reasons given by the Proposer and the Workgroup.

#### Implementation

The Panel reconsidered and wished to reiterate the risks of IGT138V and UNC0674V implementation not being aligned. In the case of UNC0674V being implemented first, the PAC could start using new powers without IGT138V being in place, meaning if an IGT UNC party were to be approached by the PAC they could choose not to cooperate with requests for IGT UNC sites. It was also highlighted that if IGT138V was implemented first, it would be pointing to UNC provisions that were not yet in place.

The Panel agreed the IGT138V should be implemented on the same day as UNC0674V. It was also agreed that IGT138V should not be implemented should UNC0674V be rejected.

The Panel recognised that aligning the implementation of this Modification with UNC0674V may result in an extraordinarily release being required.

#### Legal text

The Panel agreed that the legal text delivers the intent of the IGT138V solution and that no further work was required.

TL advised that in the annex to previous IGT138(V) reports highlighted changes to the UNC674(V) solution and that these were highlighted via tracked changes. TL suggested that, as the UNC674V solution is now final and with Ofgem, that these changes no longer be change marked and the annex updated to show the clean and final solution. The Panel agreed that a change marked version of the UNC solution should not be included in the FMR.

#### Conclusion

The Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to the Authority that IGT138V be implemented.

#### Code Business

##### **6. Interpretation of Part L Section 27.2 of the IGT UNC - Modification Implementation**

The Chair reminded the Panel that at the May Panel meeting there was a discussion regarding implementation lead times and Part L Section 27.2 of the IGT UNC, which stipulates the default lead times for implementation of Modifications based on their Governance Route.

TL confirmed that the current provisions allow for the CA, in consultation with parties (i.e. Workgroup and Panel), to agree a release date and timeline outside of the defaults stipulated. TL crossed checked the IGT UNC implementation rules with other Codes to see if they had any default clauses in their codes and found that they did not. Although the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the Smart Energy Code (SEC) tend to implement no earlier than 15 working days later, which aligns to their appeal window.

The Panel agreed that it was a good idea to review the interpretation and unanimously agreed that no further work is needed.

### **Update on Workgroups**

#### **7. [Workgroup Summary](#)**

The Panel had no comments or questions regarding the Workgroup Summary Paper.

### **Authority Updates**

#### **8. Authority Updates**

JS informed the Panel that there were no authority updates.

HW noted that [UNC800 - Introducing the concept of a derogation framework into Uniform Network Code \(UNC\) \(Authority Direction\)](#) had been approved by Ofgem and asked if Ofgem had an expected decision date for [IGT160 – Introducing the concept of a derogation into the IGT UNC for innovation projects](#). The CA confirmed that the latest [Ofgem timetable for Modification proposal decision](#) had been published on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and that the decision for IGT160 is expected to be published on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The CA also added that [IGT132VV – Introduction of IGT Code Credit Rules](#) is to be published in 2022, but no exact date has been provided.

CH asked if Ofgem’s Expected Decision Dates (EDDs) could be considered under the Authority Updates going forward. The CA confirmed that Ofgem’s timetable (which is published approximately every six weeks) can be brought to the Panel’s attention and will be a standing item on the Panel agenda.

TL notified the Panel that the decision letter regarding [recovery of Last Resort Supply Payment claims from customers connected to GDN and IGT networks](#) had been published by Ofgem on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **AOB**

#### **9. IGT UNC Face-to-Face Panel meeting**

The Chair reminded the Panel that they had a discussion previously about face-to-face meetings and it was agreed that it should be considered again in future.

The Panel had a discussion about arranging a face-to face Panel meeting, recognising that pre-pandemic the Panel meetings had always been a teleconference meeting. The following points were made:

- JR suggested that a quarterly face-to-face meeting should suffice and that a Panel meeting with a weighty agenda should be selected as this would give the face-to-face meeting more value;

- CH stated that teleconference meetings are more preferable and that if there is to be a face-to-face meeting December/pre-holiday season would be better;
- CR and RP would be unable to attend a face-to-face meeting as they would not be able to justify the travel costs; and
- HW felt that it would be more valuable to have a face-to-face Workgroup meeting rather than a face-to-face Panel meeting, possibly every six months and to select a meeting with a weighty agenda.

The Chair notified the Panel that there has been feedback from meeting attendees that not everyone feels that they have the opportunity to contribute to a debate in a teleconference meeting and that it is important to ensure that parties do not feel excluded from contributing their opinion.

JR asked if there was anything that a meeting Chair could do to help those they are aware find it difficult to input. TL highlighted that other Codes invite questions to be submitted to the CA before a meeting so that they can be presented to Panel or Workgroup by the CA on their behalf. This is particularly helpful if the matter is contentious, the Panel agreed that having this option open would be a good idea.

It was recognised that any face-to-face meetings arranged would need to be hybrid so attendees could still dial in via the teleconference. The Panel concluded that a face-to-face meeting should take place and that the CA will notify the Panel/Workgroup of a possible suitable agenda before agreeing a meeting date.

**The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

**Annex 1 – Actions Table**

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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 – July 2022 update