

**IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting**

**Draft Minutes**

**Friday 27 January 2023**

**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	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	Pipeline Users	
Jennifer Semple	JS	Ofgem	Authority	
Richard Pomroy	RP	Wales and West Utilities	Observer	Distribution Network (DN)
Stuart Monk	SM	MUA Group	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Talia Lattimore	TL	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Isaac Moore	IM	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Amie Lauper-Bull	ALB	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 (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 (22-11 and 22-11 Reconvened)**

The CA invited comments on the November 2022 meeting minutes noting that JR had stated that the urgency regarding IGT162 had not been recorded accurately in the minutes. The Chair advised that this section of the minutes had been redrafted and asked Panel members to consider the amendments and confirm any further comments. There were no further comments received the minutes (both standard and reconvened meetings as amended) were approved as a true and accurate account of the meetings.

**4. Outstanding Actions**

The Panel were informed that there was one outstanding action:

- **22/11 - 01: CA to issue industry communications advising that the DSR scheme is not currently reflected in the IGT UNC and that a Modification is needed to enable**

**customers on IGT sites to take part in the Scheme.** The Chair confirmed that an email had been sent out to industry and therefore this action could be formally closed. The Panel agreed to close this action.

### **Authority Updates**

#### **5. Authority Updates**

JS stated that a new ministerial body had been created in Scotland through legislation called Consumer Scotland. JS noted that in early 2022 necessary changes to the Standard and Special Licence Conditions in the Gas Transporter Licence were implemented alongside the RIIO-2 appeals suite of Licence Modifications– ([Decision on the proposed modifications to the RIIO-2 Transmission, Gas Distribution and Electricity System Operator licence conditions - 1 April 2022 | Ofgem](#)). JS requested that IGT UNC parties review the IGT UNC and its subsidiary documents to identify any consequential change that may be required to align with the licences that now include Consumer Scotland.

The Chair stated that they would hold a discussion offline with the IGTs to find out if there would be any impacts following the amendments to the licences.

**23-01/01 - CA to talk to IGTs regarding impacts on Code following introduction of Consumer Scotland and amendments to licences.**

#### **6. [Ofgem's Expected Decision Dates](#)**

The Panel were informed that there were no IGT UNC Modifications awaiting an Authority decision.

### **AOB**

#### **7. 2024 IGT UNC Meeting Dates**

The Chair noted that, as stated in the IGT UNC Code, Panel approval was needed for 2024 meeting dates. TL presented the proposed dates, noting that in March 2024, the last Friday of the month (29<sup>th</sup> March) would be a bank holiday, therefore the proposed date for the Panel meeting would be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. TL also noted that in December 2024, the proposed meeting date was 20<sup>th</sup> December to accommodate for time off over the Christmas period as the date would have fallen on the 27<sup>th</sup> December.

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed 2024 meeting dates.

#### **8. [UNC0822 – Reform of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements](#)**

JR stated that Modifications UNC0822 and [UNC0833 – Enabling Demand Side Response \(DSR\) Market Offers to be made by Non-Trading System Transactions](#) were raised to amend the Gas Demand Side Response arrangements. JR stated that they had volunteered to raise an equivalent

IGT UNC Modification if needed. It was noted that some Panel members had a call with Phil Hobbins (PH) to discuss the need for an IGT UNC Modification and since then PH had sent an email with notes on some areas in the Code that they thought would need amending. JR noted that PH's notes needed reviewing, to assess whether anything else is required, and then a Modification would need to be drafted to incorporate necessary amends from UNC0822 and UNC0833 into the IGT UNC.

JR advised that the intent was for the Modification to work on IGT supply points as well as Gas Distribution Network (GDN) Supply Points, stating that the Modification would not be urgent, but would need to be implemented by August 2023.

CH stated that there would probably need to be a section in the IGT UNC that pointed across to the amended section in the UNC and there may be some new defined terms. CH added that, as far as they were aware, the system would allow the IGT Supply Points to be processed but the UNC would not, so more changes would be needed via a UNC Modification.

RP stated that for DN directly connected Supply Points, an issue had been raised regarding how the process would inform the control room that some of those sites were included, noting that they would need to know if they had been subject to this DSR scheme and currently there was not a process for this. The Chair stated that DN's would need to be informed for all sites, not just the ones directly connected on the DN network and IGTs would also need to be aware. JR challenged this, stating that now that the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP) was in place, the IGTs would not want to take action if they were notified. The only reason IGTs might need to be notified is if they had a triage contract in place with the Shipper and GDN.

#### **9. IGT132VV – Introduction of IGT Code Credit Rules Update**

JR advised the Panel that they were planning on raised two IGT132VV related Modifications. They stated that in Ofgem's decision letter on the approval of IGT132VV, they highlighted some additional housekeeping changes that were required to the Legal Drafting for the Modification, such as some spelling errors. There was also a clarification required to highlight that the Code Credit Rules only applied to Transportation Charges rather than metering charges. JR noted that IGT132VV had previously included a reference to a company called Gradings, which was taken over by Creditsafe. Amendments had been made to the UNC to replace Gradings with Creditsafe and therefore amendments were necessary to the IGT132VV Legal Drafting to do the same.

JR added that changes were also necessary to bring the Legal Drafting in line with a change proposal that had been progressed throughout the period that IGT132VV was with Ofgem for decision. [DCP349 – Effectiveness of the current provision of unsecured cover under Schedule 1](#) stated that if a Shipper had gone for several years without defaulting on a payment, then each year would count towards good payment history. JR advised that they had drafted two Modification

Proposals, one which addressed the 'housekeeping' changes to the legal text of IGT132VV and the other looked at further changes to bring the Legal Drafting in line with the Distribution Connection Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) approach.

JS advised that Ofgem's decision letter for IGT132VV highlighted that the credit cover rules in the DCUSA and the UNC were mandated, whereas the credit cover rules that would be implemented under IGT132VV were not mandatory on IGTs. They asked whether consideration had been given to raising a Modification to make the IGT132VV arrangements mandatory. JR stated that they had not wanted to raise a Modification and then be in a similar situation to that of 132VV, so the subject had been taken to the January Workstream meeting to gauge IGT and Shipper views. All parties who attended that meeting and felt that it should be kept under review, so if at any point in the future it was felt it should be mandated, then that Modification could be raised.

TL stated that, in addition to the two Modifications being raised by BUUK the Code Administrator would be bringing the Final Modification Reports (FMRs) for [IPL042 – Removal of Code Credit Rules from IPL Network Code](#) and [QPL042 – Removal of Code Credit Rules from QPL Network Code](#) to Panel in February. They added that these Network Code Modifications will remove any reference to Credit Cover at the individual Network Code level as now that IGT132VV has been approved there will be central arrangements which can be used by all IGTs. TL noted that the two Network Code Modification progressed to a point where Panel was ready to make a decision and they had both been consulted on, but the Modifications were paused as they could not be approved on a conditional basis.

The Chair added that, if those Modifications were approved, that would mean that the individual Network Codes for the IGTs would not have credit arrangements in them. IGT132VV, as well as the other four Modifications discussed, would be targeted for Implementation on the same day as IGT132VV (currently targeted for the June 2023 Release, as that meets the six-month lead time).

#### **10. [Energy Code Reform – Ofgem Call for Input](#)**

The Chair advised that Ofgem's Call for Input on Energy Code Reform were seeking views on the consolidation proposal for the IGT UNC and UNC. The Chair advised that the Code Administrator contacted Panel members to ask if they wished to make comment via a Panel response but as not all members agreed they encourage individual organisations to respond instead of making comments through the Panel.

The Chair advised that the due date for responses is 1st February 2023.

#### **11. February 2023 Release Date Change**

TL noted that the February 2023 release date was set as Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, based on what Xoserve believed to be the 2023 Release Dates. However, the Code Administrator has since found out that the date for the Xoserve and UNC February Release is now Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023. TL advised that [IGT145 – Transfer of Sites with Low Valid Meter Reading Submission Performance from Classes 2 and 3 into Class 4](#) was to be implemented as part of the IGT UNC release, as well as the updated NExA Tables. The UNC and Xoserve intended to implement [UNC664VVS – Transfer of Sites with Low Valid Meter Reading Submission Performance from Classes 2 and 3 into Class 4](#) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

The Chair asked the Panel whether the February 2023 release date should be moved to the same date as the UNC release, or whether the Code Administrator should continue to release on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, with an extraordinary release on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. TL stated that the gap in alignment with the UNC could be communicated via the implementation email and as it was only a gap for 24hours there was a low risk of any issues occurring if the IGT UNC implemented one day sooner.

The Panel unanimously agreed on the decision to retain the February Release date of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and publish with additional references that the IGT UNC would be out of alignment with UNC for 24 hours.

**The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 24 February 2023.**

**Annex 1 – Actions Table**

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
22/11 – 01	25/11/2022	CA to issue industry communications advising that the DSR scheme is not currently reflected in the IGT UNC and that a Modification is needed to enable customers on IGT sites to take part in the Scheme.	Code Administrator	Closed
23/01-01	27/01/2023	CA to talk to IGTs regarding impacts on Code following introduction of Consumer Scotland and amendments to licences.	Code Administrator	Open

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