

IGT UNC Extraordinary Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Thursday 17th August 2023

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	
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jennifer Semple	JS	Ofgem	Authority	
Stuart Monk	SM	MUA Group	Pipeline Operators	
Isaac Moore	IM	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the Panel to the reconvened Extraordinary 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).

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. SM informed the Panel that they had an item of AOB in relation to a new modification they had agreed to raise.

Modification Business

3. [IGT167 – Alignments of the IGT UNC with UNC Demand Side Response Arrangements](#)

The Chair noted the urgency of the DSR Arrangements which would be starting in the UNC at the end of this month and the need to expedite this Modification. This would allow National Gas Transmission to start DSR process with IGT sites included.

The Code Administrator reminded members of the timeline for the development of this Modification. They noted that two responses were received. Both were supportive of approving this Modification and that it should be implemented following Authority approval. Neither raised any new issues that required consideration by the Panel.

The Chair noted that this [Final Modification Report](#) (FMR) was submitted as a late paper, and asked to confirm with members that they were comfortable with the subject matter as a decision would be need to be made. The Panel agreed with the timeline for this Modification.

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the FMR of IGT167.

Governance

No final questions were raised regarding the Governance of IGT167. The Code Administrator noted that all four UNC Modifications for DSR had been approved. These were:

- [UNC0822 – Reform of Gas Demand Side Response Arrangements](#),
- [UNC0833 – Enabling Demand Side Response \(DSR\) Market Offers to be made by Non-trading System Transactions](#),
- [UNC0844 – Enabling Direct Contractual Arrangements with Consumers for Demand Side Response](#),
- [UNC0845 – Enhancements to Demand Side Response \(DSR\) Arrangements including a D-5 Product](#).

All aspects of the provisions for DSR in the UNC were incorporated into IGT167 and would then be added to the Code if this Modification is approved.

JR added that although it feels as if this process has moved fast, they were confident that the debate and discussions around DSR process had taken place under the UNC Modification development process and the IGT UNC modification was simply applying the same solution.

The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT167 should be subject to an Authority decision as the UNC modifications had been.

Impacts & Other Considerations

The Chair noted that the Proposer has articulated the consumer impacts and that these mirror the UNC considerations. No consumer matters specific to the IGTs were identified. It was added that the purpose was to ensure that IGT consumers are given access to the same level of service and opportunity in the DSR process as consumers on Non IGT networks.

Relevant Objectives

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification had an impact on relevant objectives “(A) Efficient and economic operation of the Pipeline system” and “(B) co-ordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipeline system and/or (ii) the pipeline system of one more other relevant gas transporters”, that the reasons provided by the Proposer were accurate, and that there were no further Relevant Objectives impacted by this Modification.

Implementation

The Chair said that it would be noted in the post-panel FMR that UNC0844 and UNC0845 have since been approved. They said that this would be added to the Implementation Section. It is expected that this modification if approved would lead to an extraordinary release.

The Chair asked the Panel how they believe this Modification should be implemented. JR said that UNC0844 and UNC0845 were given an implementation date 7th August 2023. JR said that they believed that IGT167 should be implemented as soon as possible to align with the invitations from National Gas Transmission which would be on or around 31st August. The Chair said the implementation could be impacted by any relevant appeal window and could be after the beginning of the DSR process start.

JS said that their colleagues were aware of the timelines for a decision on this Modification. The Chair said that the Modification should be implemented to align with UNC0844 and UNC0845, subject to any appeal windows where relevant.

Legal Text

JR added that the Modification would only refer to one version of the Legal text, as UNC0844 and UNC0845 have been approved. The Chair said that they would ensure, as Code Administrator, that only the correct version of the Legal text is issued to the Authority.

Recommendations

The Chair invited members to articulate any recommendations. JR said that this Modification will enable IGT customers to participate in the DSR process, and this is even more relevant in the context of UNC0844 and UNC0845 being approved. SM agreed that this should be implemented under the timescales and the structure discussed.

The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT167;

- Should be subject to an Authority decision.
- That the Modification had a positive impact on and better facilitate relevant objectives (A) and (B)
- That the Modification be implemented as part of an extraordinary release if is approved by the Authority
- That the Legal Text provides the Solution for this Modification
- The Modification should be implemented sent to the Authority.

The Chair asked the Panel if they had any further comments on the Modification. JR said that it was important to consider this Modification as quickly as possible and asked that the Authority understand that IGTs are helping their customers by improving the governance in this matter.

AOB

4. New IGT Modification for UNC0853 and UNC0701

SM informed the Panel that at the IGT UNC Workstream meeting for August 2023, they agreed to sponsor the IGT UNC Modification equivalent for [UNC0853 – CDSP permissions to facilitate](#)

[implementation of UNC0701](#). They gave an overview of this Modification and the context in [UNC0701 – Aligning Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs](#).

SM added that the timescales for the UNC Modification meant that this IGT Modification would need to proceed under fast timescales.

CH said that at the Workgroup meeting, they understood that where there is a breach on an IGT network, the DN has the power to cut off the entire IGT CSEP. SM agreed that this was the case. The Chair said that in order to accelerate the development of the Modification, the target was to present this new Modification at the 25th August 2023 IGT UNC Panel. The Chair asked the Panel if they were willing to accept the Modification as a late paper at the meeting. SM added that if the Panel did not accept the Modification in the current meeting, they would likely propose an extraordinary Panel in September 2023.

The Panel unanimously agreed to consider the new IGT UNC Modification at the August 2023 IGT UNC Panel.

The next routine IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 25th August 2023.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
There are currently no open Panel actions.				

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