

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 25th August 2023

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Charlotte Gilbert	CG	BUUK	Observer	
Claire Roberts	CR	Scottish Power	Pipeline Users	
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jennifer Semple	JS	Ofgem	Authority	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Lee Greenwood	LG	British Gas	Observer	Proposer for Item 6
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	Present for Item 12
Stuart Monk	SM	MUA Group	Pipeline Operators	Proposer for Item 7
Isaac Moore	IM	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. The Chair added item 10 – Shipper Representation.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (23-07 and 23-07 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the July 2023 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 meeting].

4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there were no outstanding actions.

Modification Business

[5. IGT166 – Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems and Reporting Suspected Theft to Suppliers](#)

Summary

HB presented the Final Modification Report (FMR) to the Panel. They reminded the Panel of the consultation timelines and responses, which were included at the end of the [FMR](#). All of the responses supported the Modification being implemented and all aspects within the Modification.

Impacts

No questions were raised by the Panel on the impacts. JR added that they believed that the debate around the process being adopted in the modification had adequately taken place under the Modification [UNC7034S – Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems and Reporting Suspected Theft to Suppliers](#), discussion under the UNC.

The Panel agreed that the Cross-Code impacts on the UNC and REC were accurate.

Relevant objectives

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification positively impacted relevant objective (F) – Promotion of efficiency in the Implementation and administration of the Code. JR added that objective (D) – Securing of effective competition, was indicated in the text but not in the table. The Code Administrator made a note to amend the FMR accordingly.

JR suggested that the Modification met objective (D) - Securing of effective competition - (iii) – between DN operators (who have entered into transportation agreements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant Shippers. JR added that this Modification allows Shippers to agree or reject the volumes of gas put through from the REC process. The recording of theft volumes is being made more accurate through this Modification.

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification had a positive impact on relevant objectives (D) and (F).

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification continue under Self-Governance rules.
- That the Legal text met the intent of the Solution for this Modification
- That the impacts were properly considered.
- That the Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR)
- That the Modification had a positive impact on relevant objectives (D) and (F).
- That this Modification should be implemented as an extraordinary release subject to the appeal window closure and
- That this Modification be approved and implemented.

6. [IGT168 – Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process](#)

Summary

The Chair welcomed LG and invited them to present their new IGT UNC Modification. The intention of the Modification is to marry the IGT UNC with [UNC0819 – Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process](#).

SM asked if this concerned larger gas sites as well as small. LG said that this will cover all vacant sites. CH asked if this was for sites that were temporarily vacant. LG said it will cover short- and longer-term vacant sites. However, if the sites are to be isolated from the network, they will not be included in the scope of this Modification. The Chair added that this Modification was for vacant sites where the gas supply would be retained.

JR asked if the Shipper would continue to reach out to the property owner of the vacant site. LG said that there are rules set out in UNC0819 for the Shipper to supervise the site and gain contact with the owner.

JR asked if the criteria was such in the Modification that if any activity is discovered by the CDSP on the site, the “vacant site enabler is disabled.” LG confirmed that this was the case, and that there was a vacant exit criteria. CH asked what would happen if the network owner discovered that a site is vacant, and the Shipper did not inform the CDSP. LG said that the Shipper would make the appropriate decision at that point.

JR asked if LG could present the vacant sites criteria and make amendments to the criteria based on IGT sites. The Chair clarified that this Modification is the application of the UNC process within the IGT UNC. Any change to the vacant sites process would have to happen in the UNC Modification.

The Chair added that the development of the UNC Modification is in the final stages. As IGT168 was the application of UNC0819, it would not be possible to make retrospective changes to the process.

LG said that there are changes to UNC0819 modification currently underway which would be added into IGT168. This would involve changing some wording in the Modification.

Solution

JR asked LG if they could edit the wording of “IGT specific charges” to “IGT transportation charges” as this enhanced the clarity of the Solution. LG agreed to this.

Impacts

The Proposer made the Panel aware of some amendments to the Impacts section, adding that they would send over the amended Modification by the end of the day.

The Panel agreed that there was a cross code impact with the UNC.

Relevant objectives

The Panel agreed that the Modification had a positive impact on objective (D) – Securing of effective competition. The Proposer made the Panel aware of a wording change from “ensure that Shippers are not paying upfront costs” to “ensure that Shippers are paying more accurate costs.”

Implementation

The Panel agreed that the system changes would likely be married with any changes required for UNC0819.

Legal Text

The Chair asked the Proposer if there would be further amendments to the UNC Legal Text following the UNC Workgroup discussion for UNC0819. LG said that the Legal Text is now definitive.

The Chair asked if the Panel agreed to have the IGT UNC Legal Text added separately to this Modification in preparation for the Workgroup. The Panel unanimously agreed.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification proceed under the proposed timetable which is aligned with UNC0819.
- that the Modification proceed to the September 2023 IGT UNC Workgroup.

[7. IGT169 – Aligning the Capacity requirements for NExA Supply Points in the UNC with Capacity requirements for LDZ CSEP Ancillary Agreement \(LCAA\) Supply Points under the IGT UNC \(i.e., bringing Code in line with UNC0701 and UNC0853\).](#)

Summary

The Panel agreed to consider this Modification as a late paper for this Panel due to the timetable of the corresponding UNC modifications. The Chair invited the Proposer, Stuart Monk, to outline the Modification.

The Proposer gave the timeline of the UNC Modifications. [UNC0701 – Aligning Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs](#), facilitated arrangements where transporters have direct arrangements with consumers, where additional load taken off the network by that consumer might result a need to shut off the supply to that customer. However, the Proposer added that there was no mechanism to indicate to parties when this happened, except through the CDSP’s observations.

[UNC0853S – CDSP permissions to facilitate implementation of UNC0701](#), would allow the CDSP to reject capacity requests from Shippers to book additional gas on the network beyond the agreed allowance in the NExA (Network Exit Agreement). The Proposer said that there is no reciprocal

arrangement to allow the CDSP to reject a request from a Shipper on IGT sites. This Modification will allow the CDSP to prevent the Shipper from booking this gas if it exceeds the amount agreed in a LDZ CSEP Ancillary Agreement (LCAA)

Discussion

JR asked if the Modification is addressing situations where the capacity is currently being breached on sites. The Chair said that they were familiar with a Shipper which is facing this situation. A site had exceeded the gas quantities agreed and this had led to the CSEP, for the site, breaching the CSEP's maximum level. They added that the CDSP has now blocked this transaction. The Chair added that there had been a discussion with the IGT for the site, but a solution had not been found. The Proposer added that under this new Modification, sites will not be retrospectively adjusted. The Proposer added that this Modification is only for a small number of IGT Supply points that are in this situation.

JR said that they still had questions about the LCAA as the arrangement's pre-date the arrival of Project Nexus. JR specified that IGTs have never had an agreement with the end consumer. The Proposer said that this Modification will equip the CDSP with the power to reject the request, whereas up until now they have always been agreed. Panel members agreed that an IGT would not be made aware of a rejection of a nomination by the CDSP. The Proposer reiterated that this Modification would allow checks and balances to ensure that a customer on an IGT network does not cause a catastrophic failure through excess consumption.

CH asked if this Modification covered the scenario of the connection agreement with property occupiers. In these cases, the agreement was void once the original occupier had left the property. The Proposer said that it does not cover this scenario.

The Chair said that this Modification would prevent a new occupier from requesting an increase of gas. They added that currently the LCAA is not a defined term in the IGT UNC although the concept of the agreement does exist, so this will be amended. The Chair said that the CDSP will indicate that supply points will have an "LCAA" rather than a "NExA" as the concept of a NExA does not exist in the IGT UNC. IGT's would take the NExA agreed maximum quantities and add them to the LCAA.

Timetable

The UNC Modification UNC0701 will be implemented on 4th November 2023. The indications were that UNC0853 would follow. Under the Proposer's suggested timetable, an IGT UNC Panel decision would be made on 29th October 2023.

Governance

The Panel agreed that the Modification should proceed under Authority decision. CH agreed that this Modification was expected to affect end consumers.

Implementation

The Panel agreed that the Modification should be treated the same as UNC0701 and track that modification if possible. The Proposer reminded the Panel that even under these timescales, this Modification would be implemented after UNC0701.

Legal Text

The Chair indicated that a first draft of the Legal Text was available, which the Panel members did not wish to review.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- To the Proposed timetable including at least one IGT UNC Workstream meeting.
- That the Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review.
- That the Modification should proceed under Authority decision.
- That the Modification should proceed to Workgroup.

Authority Updates

8. Authority Updates

There was no update from the Authority.

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

The Panel were directed to Ofgem's latest Expected Decision Dates which were published on 17th August 2023. There were no updates to IGT UNC Modifications.

JS added that the Authority had sent out a call for volunteers to join a new cross-code Working Group to develop the Future System Operator (FSO). They added that they had received nominations from all constituency groups.

The Chair asked JS if they could give them any indication about when a decision for IGT167 might be available. JS said that the policy team was aware of the timeline for this Modification.

AOB

10. Shipper Representation

The Chair informed the Panel that this was CR's last IGT UNC Panel meeting as the two year anniversary of their appointment to Panel would be the 24th September. The Chair and Panel thanked CR for their time, support, and contribution on the Panel, particularly in the absence of other Shipper Panel members.

The Chair informed the Panel that Andrew Eisenberg from (E.ON Next) would join the Panel from September 2023. Theirs was the only shipper nomination.

11. Cher Harris on leave

CH informed the Panel that they were on leave for the 29th September 2023 Panel. CH requested that JR (and JR agreed) cover as their alternate.

12. Replacement of Jennifer Semple with Matthew Brown

JS informed the Panel that this would be their last IGT UNC Panel, and that Matthew Brown would be replacing them from the September 2023 IGT UNC Panel member. The Panel thanked Jennifer and welcomed Matthew.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 29th September 2023.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

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

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