

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 29th September 2023

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Andy Eisenberg	AE	E.ON	Pipeline Users	
David Addison	DA	Xoserve	SEFE/ CDSP	Acting as Proposer to items 6 and 7
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	Also acting as alternate for Cher Harris
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
Richard Pomroy	RP	Wales and West Utilities	Observer	Distribution Networks (DN)
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 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 apologies from Cher Harris (Indigo Pipelines). It was noted that JR would be acting as their alternate.

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 ([Ex-23-08 and Ex-23-08 Reconvened, 23-08 and 23-08 Reconvened](#))

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4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there were no outstanding actions.

5. Workgroup Summary

The Panel had no comments or questions on the Workgroup Summary.

Modification Business

6. [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 Chair informed the Panel of a change to the Legal Drafting in IGT169. The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Workgroup Report and the revised Legal Drafting.

The Panel had no questions on the Workgroup Report.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- to send IGT169 for a three-week consultation.
- To accept the Final Modification Report as a late paper to the October 2023 IGT UNC Panel.
- That the revised Legal Drafting meets the intention of the Modification.

7. [IGT170 – Resolution of Missing Messages following Central Switching Service implementation and integration with REC Change R0067](#)

The Proposer gave an outline of the Modification and the relationship with R0067, a change underway in the Retail Energy Code (REC). The CSS has been in place since July 2022, and UNC0836S was raised to enable the CDSP to process registrations where the notices coming from CSS have been missing. There is a requirement to receive the definitive registration notification from CSS, and there were approximately 360 instances where this had not been received. IGT170 is the equivalent to UNC0836S, which will enable the CDSP to do a number of things. Firstly, if the registrations in UK Link do not match CSS, they can initiate the UK Link registration without receiving the definitive registration notification. It will also allow the CDSP to raise meter readings for the correct dates and generate invoice adjustments subject to a materiality test.

Within this Modification, the kWh materiality test has been retained in the IGT UNC modification, as this would help identify where there was a materiality to the IGT UNC adjustment as well. JR added

that this test prevents networks having to trigger off invoice adjustments. REC Change R0067 will enable the CDSP, following their reconciliation of missing registrations, to contact CSS and request the definitive registration, which will then be sent across almost immediately if they have one. The second part of R0067 will also mean that CDSP can request a registration, after Midnight, when CSS should have set the registration to go live and if there is one, they can then initiate the UK Link registration. This would result in a one or two working day difference between the effective dates, and if the materiality test was not put in would mean adjustments of the IGT Standing Charge would be required. Within the Modification, where the materiality test has been triggered that an adjustment is due, it sets out the requirement to undertake the adjustment, so the IGT can generate the adjustment. There is a three-month period for the Shipper to undertake replacements of the meter reads before the materiality test will be worked out.

The Chair asked the Proposer if Metering Charges, where relevant, were included in this Modification, as where the IGT is charging for Transportation and Metering (as metering charges still remain in the IGT UNC in some circumstance) they will need to be adjusted as well. That would need to be explicit.

JR asked to clarify what the IGT will see from the CDSP. They initially believed that there was a time period between an IGT receiving an adjustment notification and being able to make the adjustment. They added that this has been rectified and an IGT can now make the adjustment immediately. For the process of IGT's receiving the information and what information that is still to be determined. The Proposer added that there is a need for the CDSP to pass IGT's a report, so they can verify the data. They will specify an obligation on the CDSP to pass on the report to IGT's within the Modification. The Proposer agreed to revisit metering charges within this Modification.

The Chair mentioned that this Modification is needed due to impacts at a supply point level. The IGT UNC Modifications 170 and 171 are necessary in order to give the UNC Modification effect in respect of the charges for CSEPs under the UNC. JR asked if there was already an obligation there. The Chair said that where the CDSP are going to put an estimate in at Supply Point Level, then that estimate should technically be a requirement under the IGT UNC.

JR said that if the Modifications were to fail, a new process would need to be put in place to remove existing measures. The Chair added if these Modifications were to fail then there would need to be new IGT UNC Modifications to unravel things for the IGT UNC.

AE asked to clarify the point of the Meter Reading and capacity charges. The Chair clarified that gas in a DN network is charged under the UNC at CSEP level, for each Shipper they get a charge from the DN for the total gas that their sites have taken via a single CSEP. An IGT only charges for the section where their gas goes through their network, and a Shipper will receive two invoices, one for capacity (largely) from the DN Networks and one for IGT charges.

JR asked the Proposer if there is any other data relevant to a Shipper change, and if this could be included in the Business Rules of the Modification. The Change of Shipper on the IDL file is

automatically processed through an IGT system. The Proposer said that the IDL file will contain the UK Link registration data. JR and the Proposer agreed to revisit this at the IGT UNC Workgroup.

Timetable

The Proposer informed the Panel that UNC0836 had been approved and an implementation date would hopefully be 7th December 2023, therefore it would be ideal to have the IGT Modification completed by this date.

The Panel were happy with the timetable, subject to any issue being identified in the Workgroup.

MB asked if the Proposer would need an Authority Decision by 7th December 2023. The Proposer responded that this Modification was under Self-Governance.

Governance

The Proposer informed Panel that they are not expecting a material impact from this modification. From an IGT perspective, 17 IGT registrations were impacted, and all of those have since been resolved.

JR asked if the Modification still met the Self-Governance criteria despite the impacts to charging. The Proposer responded that UNC0836 is also under Self-Governance. SM agreed that this would benefit the consumer experience. The Proposer indicated, if this Modification is not passed, the CDSP will have no right to act on CSS messages. Therefore, an affected customer would not be able to switch again within their systems.

The Proposer added that if an IGT registration occurs under these conditions, before the Modification is approved, are parties happy that the CDSP carry on and do the registration. The Chair said that IGT's point into the UNC for all of this activity, they don't have it documented separately within the IGT UNC, so if things changed within the UNC in terms of permissions you were given under the UNC Panel where there is IGT representation then that decision would have been made for the IGT UNC, on the assumption that the IGT UNC is pointing at the relevant legal text in the UNC.

The Chair referenced the Self-Governance procedures from Condition 9 of the IGT's License Conditions.

JR asked MB if this Modification required Authority consent if the Authority would review this Modification as quickly as possible? MB said that as the UNC Modification had been approved under Self-Governance, there would not be a compelling reason to send the IGT UNC Modification to the Authority. SM asked if the UNC Modification had been through the Workgroup process. DA said that the UNC0836 had been through that process and had been approved by Panel.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification proceed under Self-Governance.
- That the Cross-Code Impacts on the REC and UNC were correct.
- That IGT170 be sent to the IGT UNC Workgroup.

ACTION 23/09 – 01: – DA to revisit IGT 170 and 171 solutions and consider the inclusion of IGT Metering Charges.

8. [IGT171 – Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#)

Summary

The Proposer gave an outline of IGT171. This Modification was put forward under Authority decision, as it contains a retrospective component.

The scenario for this Modification is very similar to Modification IGT170, however, this Modification relates to a specific incident that the CSS service provider had experienced which led to a significant number of registration notifications being missed. The management of registrations has not been included within this Modification. The obligation on the CDSP to create meter readings and the same principle, where the meter readings will be used in UNC to generate the relevant adjustments has been included. The Materiality test is not included in this Modification. There is an obligation, wherever there is a discrepancy between the CSS and the UK Link registration effective date in the UNC, for the CDSP to issue the relevant transportation and invoicing adjustments and therefore, the same will be required in the IGT UNC Modification.

The CDSP have issued to Shippers the meter readings where they are satisfied that registration was impacted by the CSS issue. While they were waiting for CSS to determine the solution, there were a number of Shippers who self-served. Where the resubmitted registration could not meet the original CSS registration date then those are subject to this Modification. The CDSP are going through the process of notifying Shippers of the meter points identified that meet this criteria.

The Proposer added that the ability for Shippers to opt out of the adjustment is also included in the Modification. The Chair asked to clarify that the opt out mechanism was for both portfolios (IGT and DN) and was not an MPRN level decision. The Proposer confirmed that this was the case.

JR asked to confirm the process for notifying an IGT that they don't need to make an adjustment. The Proposer said this would be made clear within the report that will be issued to IGT's and be made explicit within the Modification.

The Chair added that any action this Modification requires at a supply point level, if that is needed for the UNC Modification, will apply for this Modification too.

AE asked to clarify why the Materiality test was missing from this Modification. The Proposer said that this was because such a large number of Supply Meter Points were impacted.

Timetable

The Proposer reminded the Panel of the UNC0855 timeline, which is currently out for consultation and will go back to the October UNC Panel.

The Chair asked the Proposer if they still believed that the Authority would need to wait for an IGT Modification so that they can consider both modifications together, before they can decide on UNC0855. The Proposer added that this was an assumption based on previous Modifications. The Chair added that from an IGT UNC perspective, there is an incentive to actively proceed with this Modification and get it to Ofgem as soon as possible, so that the modifications can be considered at the same time. The Proposer added that they were looking for an implementation of UNC0855 in February 2024.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification follow the proposed timetable.
- That the Modification proceed to Workstream for assessment.
- That the Modification proceed under Authority Decision.
- That the Modification cross-code impacts were the UNC and REC.

Authority Updates

9. Authority Updates

No update from the Authority

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

MB directed Panel members to the Authority's moratorium over the festive period, where their last publishing day will be Thursday 14th December 2023 and they will begin publishing documents again on Thursday 4th January 2024.

11. AOB

There were no items of AOB and the Chair closed the meeting.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 27th October 2023.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
23/09 – 01	29/09/23	DA to revisit IGT 170 and 171 solutions and consider the inclusion of IGT Metering Charges.	Dave Addison	Open

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