

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 27th October 2023

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Paul Rocke	PR	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Andy Eisenberg	AE	E.ON	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
David Addison	DA	Xoserve	CDSP	Representing SEFE as Proposer for IGT170 and IGT171
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jennifer Semple	JS	Ofgem	Authority	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Nick King	NK	Barrow Shipping		Proposer for IGT172
Stuart Monk	SM	MUA Group	Pipeline Operators	Proposer for IGT169
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 Richard Pomroy (Wales & West Utilities), Anne Jackson (Gemserv), and Matthew Brown (Ofgem).

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 items 11 and 12.

3. Approval of the previous minutes ([23-09](#) and [23-09 Reconvened](#))

The CA invited comments on the September 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 meetings.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there was one outstanding action:

- **23/09 – 01: DA to revisit IGT 170 and 171 solutions and consider the inclusion of IGT Metering Charges.** DA provided the answer to this action under item 6. Action Closed

Modification Business

5. [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 \(i.e., bringing Code in line UNC0701 and UNC0853\)](#)

Summary

The Code Administrator reminded the Panel of the Consultation timeline and responses. They noted that of the four responses received, three were positive and one was neutral. The Chair noted the neutral response from an IGT and asked the Panel if the issue of charges to IGTs has been adequately considered. The Proposer said that the consensus rested on the notion that there would be additional costs if this Modification was not put through. They added that no additional cost has been highlighted by the CDSP within this Modification report. The Panel agreed that the issue had been considered sufficiently and did not warrant further exploration.

The Code Administrator presented the support of the Relevant Objectives from the consultation, noting that Objective (D) – Securing of effective competition, was considered neutral by two parties. The Proposer added that after consideration by the IGT UNC Workstream, the conclusion was that impacts on Objective (D) would in effect be neutral.

Final recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed that:

- the Modification continue under Authority decision.
- the Modification be implemented as part of an extraordinary release the first working day following a decision to implement.
- The legal drafting meets the intention set out in the Solution.
- the Modification be submitted to the Authority for a final decision.

6. [IGT1170 - Resolution of Missing Messages following Central Switching Service implementation and integration with REC change R0067.](#)

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Workgroup Report.

The Code Administrator noted the comments from the 23-09 Workstream meeting. It was noted that as the Modification would be subject to a shortened consultation, the Code Administrator would endeavour to produce the Final Modification Report (FMR) without delay.

The Code Administrator presented the revised legal drafting to the Panel. No comments were made by the Panel, who considered that the drafting fully met the intended requirements of the solution.

The Proposer mentioned that action 23/09 – 01 had been completed in advance of the 23-10 Workgroup; the Proposer and Workgroup had subsequently determined that Metering Charges would be included within the Modification Proposal.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification meets the conditions for Self-Governance.
- That the Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR).
- That the impacts were accurately assessed.
- That the Modification be subject to a three-week consultation, with the Final Modification Report to be presented at the 23-11 IGT UNC Panel.

7. IGT171 – Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Workgroup Report.

The Chair noted that the updated version of the Legal Text for IGT171 were very similar to the changes with IGT170. This was to ensure that the rules would still be applied in the event that one of the Modifications was not approved.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification:

- Proceed to an Authority decision.
- Does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR).
- That the timings for implementation should align with UNC0855.
- That the Modification should be subject to a three-week consultation with the Final Modification Report to be presented at the 23-11 IGT UNC Panel.

8. IGT172 - Optional service for physical gas entry into an IGT Pipeline and into the UNC Total System marrying to UNC mod 0842

The Proposer took the Panel through the Draft Modification Proposal. They explained that this Modification intends to arrange the carriage of gas from an entry point not managed by a large transporter.

The Chair added that the CA recommended aligning the governance path of IGT172 with UNC0842, such that the Authority might consider the two Modifications in parallel. Consequently, the Proposer had agreed that IGT172 should proceed as a Modification for Authority decision.

The Proposer indicated that some of the Business Rules within the Modification would be removed and added as notes instead; an updated Modification Report would be distributed ahead of the 23-11 Workstream meeting. JR said that while Business Rules may be removed, it would be important to retain full context within the wider Modification Proposal for future reference. The Proposer agreed with this.

JR asked the Proposer about the timeline for UNC0842. The Proposer said that at least one more UNC Workstream meeting would be necessary.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification:

- Contains an appropriate timetable, subject to consideration by the IGT UNC Workgroup.
- Should proceed under Authority decision
- Does not impact a SCR.
- That the Relevant Objectives were adequately defined.
- That the Modification proceed to the 23-11 IGT UNC Workstream meeting.

Authority Updates

9. Authority Updates

JS informed the Panel that the Authority intends to issue a statement on Code Governance Reform. The Authority would be issuing a joint consultation after the Christmas period, on preferred options for secondary legislation, as well as potential code consolidation.

They added that there will be a publishing moratorium over the Christmas period between 14th December 2023 and 4th January 2024.

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

The Panel were directed to Ofgem's latest Expected Decision Dates which were published on 13th October 2023. There were no updates to IGT UNC Modifications.

AOB

11. Stuart Monk exit from the Panel

SM informed the Panel that the 23-11 IGT UNC Panel would be their last Panel meeting. The added that discussions for a replacement were under way with the Independent Networks Association (INA). The Chair added that if a new member of the Panel were nominated in time for the 23-11 Panel, they could attend as an observer.

12. Communications via fax

The Chair informed the Panel that National Gas Transmission (NGT) was raising a UNC Modification that would remove the requirements to send information via fax. They added that NGT did not have the authority to raise an IGT UNC Modification. They invited a party to raise this and to be involved with the UNC discussions.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 24th November 2023.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
23/09 – 01	27/10/2023	DA to revisit IGT 170 and 171 solutions and consider the inclusion of IGT Metering Charges.	David Addison	Closed

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