

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Final Minutes

Friday 24th November 2023

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Rachel Clarke	RC	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Stuart Monk	SM	MUA Group	Pipeline Operators	Stuart Monk
Lee Greenwood	LG	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
Nadia Hall	NH	Ofgem	Authority	
Richard Pomroy	RP	Wales and West Utilities	Distribution Network	Observer
Bob Fletcher	BF	Joint Office		Present for Item 11
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
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 Anne Jackson (Gemserv) and Andrew Eisenberg (E.ON Next).

It was noted that LG would be acting as alternate for Andrew Eisenberg.

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 added item 12.

3. Approval of the previous minutes ([23-10 and 23-10 Reconvened](#))

The CA invited comments on the October 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 were no outstanding actions.

5. [Workgroup Summary](#)

The Chair presented the Workgroup Summary to the Panel. No comments were raised.

The Chair queried whether the Panel believed that the Workgroup Summary was still a useful document to be produced monthly. JR noted that the Summary was still useful as a means to review the Workstream meeting. CH agreed with this. The Panel agreed that the Code Administrator would continue to produce the Workgroup Summary.

Modification Business

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

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Workgroup Report. The Chair reminded the Panel of the UNC equivalent Modification, [UNC0819 – Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process](#) timetable.

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Legal Drafting met the requirements of the Solution.
- That the Modification did not impact a current Significant Code Review;
- That the Modification continue under Authority decision.
- That the Modification be sent for a three-week Consultation closing on 18th December 2023.
- That the Modification be considered as a late paper at the December 2023 IGT UNC Panel following a Consultation close.

The Chair asked if all members would be available to attend the 22nd December IGT UNC Panel meeting. The Chair added that the Code Administrator should ensure that a Shipper is present at the Panel for a balanced decision, noting that the current quoracy rules would not apply due to the ongoing IGT UNC Panel vacancies in the Shipper community. LG added that they could make themselves available for the meeting in the event that the Shipper Panel representative was absent.

JR added that this Modification would be going out to a Consultation, and that Panel members vote based on the Consultation responses.

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

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Final Modification Report (FMR). The Panel agreed to consider the FMR as a late paper.

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification met the requirements for Self-Governance;
- That the Modification did not impact a current Significant Code Review;
- That the consumer impacts identified were correct;
- That the Modification had a positive impact on relevant objectives D and F;

- That the Modification be implemented as part of an Extraordinary Release following the closure of the appeal window on 18th December 2023.

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

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Final Modification Report.

The Chair reminded the Panel that this would follow Authority decision as it is a retrospective Modification.

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification should proceed under Authority decision;
- That there was no impact to a Significant Code Review (SCR);
- That the impacts identified were correct;
- That the Modification had a positive impact on relevant objective F;
- That the Modification should aim to be implemented at the next IGT UNC release following an Authority decision;
- That the Modification should be implemented in line with [UNC0855 – Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#) timetable.; and
- To recommend implementation of the Modification to the authority.

The Code Administrator presented a [letter from the CDSP](#) to highlight the importance of implementing IGT171 and the impacts the CDSP would face in implementing system changes if both the IGT UNC and UNC modifications were not considered and a decision made at the same time.

JR asked if the letter from the CDSP would be included in the documentation sent to the Authority. The Chair confirmed that it would be included.

Authority Updates

9. Authority Updates

MB informed that the Authority would be issuing a joint consultation (Ofgem and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)) on further legislation and a consultation on Code Reform.

They reminded the Panel of the publishing Moratorium over the Christmas period which will run from Thursday 14th December 2023 to Thursday 4th January 2024.

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

MB informed the Panel that UNC0855 would be decided on 5th December 2023, and the MB noted that the expectation would be that the same team would consider IGT171 when it is received. The Chair noted that the Code Administrator would aim to send the final Post Panel FMR to Ofgem as soon as possible to give the team more time to consider the IGT Modification before 5th December.

The Panel were directed to Ofgem's latest Expected Decision Dates which were published on 14th November 2023. The table stipulated that:

- [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 \(i.e. bringing Code in line UNC0701 and UNC0853\)](#) was expected to have a final decision by [28th June 2024](#).

The Chair reminded the Panel of IGT169 and the relationship to [UNC0701 - Aligning Capacity booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs](#) and [UNC0853S - CDSP permissions to facilitate implementation of UNC0701](#). MB noted that they had spoken with Tracey Saunders (NGN) the Proposer of UNC0701 and UNC853. MB noted that the planning for Modification decisions is dependent on resource availability, complexity of decision, impact assessment, and date of receipt of the FMR. MB added that the published decision dates were a back stop and the team may intend to reach decisions sooner than indicated on the timetable.

MB added that the team had asked about the length of time between the raising of UNC0701 and IGT168. The Chair reminded the Panel of the timeline for the IGT UNC Modification to be raised. SM added that the IGT impact was highlighted very late in the process of the UNC Modifications.

MB noted that this would be followed up with the policy team to make sure that the views of the IGT UNC Panel were understood and dialogue with the Proposer of the UNC Modifications would continue.

JR noted that the consideration of IGT impacts on UNC Modifications is too late in the process and therefore this is not the first case of a delayed IGT UNC Modification being raised. JR added that this does not mean that IGTs do not understand the urgency of Modifications. MB thanked JR for the comment and said that this issue would be examined in the upcoming Code Governance Reform.

JR noted that a statement on this issue could be included in future IGT/UNC Modifications to highlight the difficulties of following the timelines of the UNC Modifications. MB added that the IGT UNC is not seen as less important within the policy teams.

RP noted that it was important to distinguish between Code Governance Reform and Code Consolidation. RP added that it was hard to understand from the outside how the Modifications are set based on different policy teams and welcomed any clarification from Ofgem on this criteria.

SM raised the possibility that as UNC0701 was included in the title of the Modification, the relevant team within the Authority would not see this Modification as a priority as that Modification was raised in 2019.

The Chair reiterated the comment that there was always an element of catch up for the IGTs with the UNC meetings cycle and the development of understanding throughout the workgroup process and that this is an enduring challenge.

AOB

11. DSC Letter to REC PAB

BF informed the Panel that a letter had been drafted of the issues that should be resolved, following missing messages in the Central Switching Service (CSS). BF reminded the Panel that approximately 400 messages had been missing separately from the P1 incident. BF added that the important issue was the length of time taken to reach a conclusion which did not require a technical solution.

SM enquired about the inclusion of a notice that the letter had been presented at the IGT UNC and UNC Panels before it is sent to the REC Performance Assurance Board.. The Panel unanimously agreed to support this letter. BF thanked the Panel and noted that their support would be added in the background of the letter.

The Chair reminded the Panel that BF would be retiring at the end of the year. The Panel thanked BF for their work and positive relationship with the IGT UNC throughout their time at the Joint Office.

12. SM update on the replacement for the IGT UNC Panel

SM reminded the Panel that this would be their last IGT UNC Panel. SM added the Independent Networks Association would be meeting on Monday 27th November 2023 to decide on a new member. The Panel thanked SM for their time as member and wished them well for the future.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 22nd December 2023.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

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