

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 22nd December 2023

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Andrew Eisenberg	AE	E.ON Next	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Gareth Powell	GP	E.ON Next	Observer	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Kirsty Dudley	KD	E.ON Next	Observer	Proposer for IGT173
Lee Greenwood	LG	British Gas	Observer	Proposer for IGT168
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
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.

The Panel welcomed Eilidh McNally (EM) as the new Panel Member and IGT representative on the Panel.

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 ([23-11](#) and [23-11 Reconvened](#))

The CA invited comments on the November 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.

Modification Business

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

The Code Administrator took the Panel through the Consultation responses of the Final Modification Report.

Governance

JR and CH agreed that as the Modification would be a material change it therefore should be subject to an Authority decision.

Relevant objectives

It was noted Objective (F) – Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code, had been subject to debate as IGT UNC mirror modifications to the UNC are generally noted to impact that objective. The Panel agreed to support objective (F) in addition to objective (D) – Securing of effective competition.

Implementation

The Chair noted that a respondent identified a dependency between this Modification and UNC0819, and the IGT UNC Workgroup had also noted this. JR queried if [UNC0819 – Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process was implemented](#). The Proposer for IGT168 clarified that UNC0819 had been recommended for implementation by the UNC Panel and was with Ofgem for decision. MB added that it was Ofgem's intention to consider IGT168 at the same time as UNC0819.

Recommendations:

The Panel unanimously agreed that:

- The Modification should proceed under Authority decision.
- That the Impacts were identified.
- That the Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR).
- That Relevant Objectives (D) and (F) identified by the IGT UNC Workstream were appropriate.
- That the Legal Text delivers the intent of the Solution.
- The Modification should be recommended for implementation.

The Proposer thanked the Panel and Code Administrator for their help and support in developing this Modification.

6. [IGT173 – Gateway delivery for RPC Data](#)

The Proposer took the Panel through the new Modification.

CH queried why portfolio information was excluded. The Proposer said that they would let the IGT UNC Workstream discuss this and potentially raise a new Modification to include portfolio and invoicing information. However, they were choosing to focus solely on the Relative Price Control (RPC) Backing Data.

CH queried about the challenges to payments. The Proposer responded that the intent was to keep the process as “payment first, challenge later”. CH thanked the Proposer for the clarification.

The Proposer informed the Panel that they had started drafting the XRN for the Modification.

The Proposer added that the header of the new file would be changed following advice from Xoserve.

The Panel noted the proposed modification timetable, noting that this Modification was expected to be sent for two IGT UNC Workstream meetings. The Proposer understood that this timetable could be ambitious and that they were ready to work with the Workgroup to make the process as efficient as possible. The Chair informed the Panel that this timetable was subject to an acceptance of a short-notice paper at the March 2024 IGT UNC Panel. The Panel agreed with this approach. JR noted that they would support this under the condition that Workstream discussions were had to their fullest extent.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification should be subject to Self-Governance
- That the Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR)
- That the Modification be sent to the IGT UNC Workstream for assessment

JR asked about this Modification needing several Workstream meetings. The Proposer responded that they believed that two IGT UNC Workstreams would fit the proposed timeline. The Proposer informed the Panel that they would ask the CDSP to raise a Rough Order of Magnitude which would be presented at the second Workstream meeting. JR thanked the Proposer for the clarification. The Chair noted that the legal drafting would be available after the first Workgroup meeting.

Authority Updates

7. Authority Updates

MB informed the Panel that the Authority publishing moratorium had begun and would end on 4th January 2024.

They noted that from the discussion of [IGT171 – Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#) and [UNC0855 – Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#), that Ofgem were minded to approve them. They added that they had delayed the publication of a decision on UNC0855, and the decisions would likely be published on 4th January 2024.

JR queried about Ofgem's work on the subject of Code Reform and likely publications in the New Year. MB informed the Panel that the timetable did not have fixed dates, and they anticipated a further publication in late January 2024.

8. Ofgem's Expected Decision Dates

The Panel were directed to Ofgem's latest Expected Decision Dates which were published on 8th December 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 \(i.e. bringing Code in line with UNC0701 and UNC0853\)](#)
 - This Modification is expected to receive a decision by 28th June 2024.

MB Informed the Panel that discussions had taken place within the relevant teams in Ofgem regarding IGT169 but no decisions had been taken. MB agreed to follow this up and feedback at the IGT UNC Panel in January 2024.

23/12 – 01: MB to update the IGT UNC Panel on the status of 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), at the January 2024 IGT UNC Panel meeting.

AOB

9. UNC0865 Negative SoLR unit rates – Cross code impact

The Chair informed the Panel that they believed that UNC0865 - Permitting DNOs to charge Shippers negative Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) unit rates, came from Distribution Networks passing through charges to shippers on behalf of the gas industry, and that the IGTs are not involved in that process. Therefore they understood that there was no cross-code impact. JR and CH agreed with that understanding.

CH queried whether any code would need to be updated to state that IGT sites were included in this process. The Chair explained how the IGT sites are included in the charges / rebates but not at the Supply Point level, and therefore this would not impact the IGT UNC.

JR noted that the cross-code impact could be raised at the next IGT UNC Workstream.

10. UNC0854 - Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers

The Chair informed the Panel that this Modification would impact the IGT UNC as the UNC legal drafting would change parts of the text which the IGT UNC refers to. The Chair asked the Panel if they believed that the impacts of this Modification should be followed through in the IGT UNC.

JR noted that this was a Supplier obligation and that an IGT had the deeds of undertaking in the instance were a Shipper would fail. They believed that the Modification should be discussed at the IGT UNC Workstream. They added that the UNC discussions should be followed closely. The Chair added that for DNs to cover their risk, a solution would be needed in the IGT UNC. They added that IGTs would want to consider how to cover their own risk.

11. IM departure

The Chair informed the Panel that IM was changing roles and therefore leaving the IGT UNC Code Administrator team.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for 26th January 2024.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
23/12 – 01	22/12/2023	Matthew Brown to update the IGT UNC Panel on the status of 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), at the January 2024 IGT UNC Panel meeting.	MB, Ofgem	Open

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