

**IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting**

**Draft Minutes**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**Via teleconference**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Andrew Eisenberg	AE	E.ON UK Plc	Pipeline Users	
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Harry Firth	HF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Observer
Helen Bevan	HB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Lee Greenwood	LG	British Gas	Pipeline Users	
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
Isaac Moore	IM	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

**1. Welcomes and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting.

There were no apologies received.

The Panel welcomed Lee Greenwood (LG) as the new Panel member and Shipper representative on the Panel. The Chair noted that the Panel is now quorate, and starting from the February meeting, Panel meetings would no longer be reconvened.

The Chair informed the Workgroup that IM would be leaving the IGT UNC Code Administration team and would be replaced by Harry Firth. The Workgroup thanked IM and welcomed HF.

**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 (23-12 and 23-12 Reconvened)**

The CA invited comments on the December 2023 meeting minutes noting that no comments had been received prior to the meeting. The Chair asked AE to confirm the correct organisation for the minutes document, as a similar comment had been raised for the December 2023 Workstream meeting minutes. AE asked if he could confirm the correct organisation for the purpose of the meeting minutes later. The Chair confirmed that it would need to be AE's shipper organisation, rather than the supplier organisation. The Panel had no further comments to add and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there was one outstanding action:

- **23/12 - 01: 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 had held meeting with Ofgem's Policy Experts team and representatives from BUUK and Northern Gas Networks. This meeting was able to clarify some of the issues raised by the Panel and Workstream previously for IGT169. MB informed the Panel that the Expected Decision Date for IGT169 is currently being reassessed and will provide a further update as soon as possible. MB noted the current Expected Decision Date is 28<sup>th</sup> June. Action closed.

#### Authority Updates

#### 5. Authority Updates

MB informed the Panel that the Authority:

- published [UNC 0855 - Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#) and [IGT171 - Settlement Adjustments for Supply Meter Points impacted by the Central Switching System P1 Incident](#) on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- are preparing to publish two consultations on implementing energy code reform, firstly on Ofgem's approach to implementing the reforms, including potential code consolidation. and secondly a joint consultation with DESNZ which will cover preferred policy options for code manager selection regulations and the code manager licence conditions, which will eventually be designated by Secretary of State.
- have a new Head of Industry Codes, Gavin Baillie, joining the team mid-January.

- are working towards end January/early February publication of the Ofgem consultation and anticipate March for the joint consultation which will be published by DESNZ. Publication dates are, however, to be confirmed.
- *POST-MEETING NOTE- The first consultation, [on the implementation of energy code reform](#), was published by Ofgem on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*

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

The Panel were directed to Ofgem's latest Expected Decision Dates. The table stipulated that:

- IGT168 - Establishing/Amending a Gas Vacant Site Process
  - This Modification is expected to receive a decision by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*POST-MEETING NOTE – Ofgem published the latest version of its Expected Decision Dates on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*

## AOB

## 7. [2025 IGT UNC Meeting Dates](#)

The Chair noted that, as stated in the IGT UNC Code, Panel approval was needed for the 2025 IGT UNC meeting dates. CA presented the proposed dates, noting that for January, May, August and October, the proposed dates were on the last Friday of the month, rather than the fourth Friday, to allow more space between the IGT UNC Panel meeting, and the IGT UNC Workgroup and UNC Panel meetings earlier in the month. The Chair also noted that in December 2025, the proposed meeting date was 19th December as the date would have fallen on a Bank Holiday.

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed 2025 meeting dates.

## 8. [IGT172 – Provision for gas entry within the IGT UNC](#)

The Chair informed the Panel that the Proposer had presented a drafting of TPD Section I Entry Requirements for the purposes of the IGT UNC at the January 2024 Workstream meeting.

The Chair asked the Panel if additional legal advice should be sought to assist with the legal drafting as many Workgroup members were struggling with the complex technical aspects of the modification. JR asked if the legal drafting could be shared with all relevant parties for internal review ahead of the February 2024 Workstream meeting. The Chair agreed and informed the Panel that the Workgroup

had been advised to internally review the legal drafting before the next Workgroup meeting in February.

CH added that many of the Workgroup attendees were not experienced with the technical aspects of IGT172. CH also added that Shippers need to review the legal drafting to ensure none of the UNC legal text omitted from the drafting is relevant.

The Chair advised that IGT172 will officially return to Panel in the future, so the option of additional legal advice does not require a decision immediately, but it will have to be discussed later.

## 9. Code Release

The Chair asked HB to confirm the date of the next IGT UNC code release. HB stated the release is set for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The Chair stated that three modifications will impact this upcoming code release, [IGT159 – Amendments to the Must Read Process](#) (which is incorporated within the IGT UNC Code), [UNC811 - Shipper Agreed Read \(SAR\) exceptions process](#) (which is a UNC modification which will be entirely incorporated into the IGT UNC as the Code draft already points to it) and [UNC816 - Update to AQ Correction Processes](#) (which is also a UNC modification which will be entirely incorporated into the IGT UNC as Code already points to it).

The addition of one of the UNC modifications within the legal text has caused a change to a UNC reference within the IGT UNC, due to renumbering of clauses within the UNC legal drafting, which has made a code reference incorrect as it now refers to the wrong clause. The Chair asked Panel for the most efficient way to amend the issue, given the time-sensitive nature of the upcoming code release.

The Chair provided the following options to Panel:

- Raising a modification for the same purposes as the relevant UNC modification.
- Raising a fast-tracked housekeeping modification, or
- Correcting the code reference as part of the code release in February, if unanimously agreed by Panel

The modification impacted is UNC0816S – Update to AQ Correction Processes.- XRN5607 and the issue specifically is:

UNC Modification 0816S has altered the paragraph numbering thereby requiring a change to a reference to the UNC within the IGT UNC. This reference change can be found in the IGT UNC Part C I, paragraph 6.1 where the reference to 2.3.22 within the UNC is now 2.3.23.

JR and CH asked if this would be clearly documented if Panel chose the latter option. The Chair confirmed it would be communicated within the code release and within the meeting minutes. They also stated that this communication would be drafted and included in the code pre-release. CH added that if there was opposition to the amendment in the pre-release, that Panel could then decide to raise a housekeeping modification. Panel unanimously agreed to amend the code reference error as part of the February code release.

CH asked if the new NExA table would be included in the next code release. The Chair confirmed this and clarified this would also be communicated as part of the release.

**The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.**

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**Annex 1 – Actions Table**

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Status
23/12 – 01	22/12/2023	<i>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.</i>	<i>MB, Ofgem</i>	<i>Closed</i>

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