

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 20th December 2024

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Ellie Osobina	EO	Ofgem	Authority	
Graeme Forbes	GF	Gemserv	Observer	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Lee Greenwood	LG	Centrica	Pipeline Users	
Paul Witton-Dauris	PW	Gemserv	Observer	
Talia Lattimore	TL	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Harry Firth	HF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	

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 Eilidh McNally (Last Mile Gas). It was noted that CH would be acting as Eilidh McNally's 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. LG added Item 9 – IGT UNC Shipper Representative Vacancies Update.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (24-11 and 24-11 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the 24-11 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 1 outstanding action:

- **24/11 – 01: Panel members to review the Ofgem consultation on Code Manager Selection ahead of the IGT UNC December Panel Meeting.** The Chair asked Panel members if they would want the Panel to send a response to [Ofgem's consultation on Code Manager Selection](#). JR responded that the Independent Networks Association (INA) are

planning to send in a collective response on behalf of all IGTs, as well as BUUK considering an individual response. They added that they are happy for the Panel not to send in a response. LG agreed, adding that Centrica will submitting an individual response. JR noted that the proposals set out by Ofgem have been based on the back of other consultations and stakeholder feedback, and that they were generally in support of the proposals. GF supported the Panel's decision regarding the consultation. They noted the Modification was a good example of how impactful the UNC, Xoserve etc. are on IGTs and the IGT UNC and it is important for their views to be considered. They added that they were happy that BUUK, Centrica and the INA are all considering or submitting responses to the consultation.

Modification Business

5. [IGT174 – Update of IGT UNC Code Communication Methods](#)

HF took the Panel through the Final Modification Report. HF advised that three consultation responses had been received and provided a summary of the responses to Panel. They noted that all of the responses had been in support of the Modification. HF added that all consultation responses agreed that the Modification should be subject to self-governance, the impacts had been accurately identified and that the Legal Text delivers the intent of the Modification.

HF noted that Indigo Pipelines had referenced in their consultation response the required Xoserve changes to remove facsimile which were identified in the Rough Order of Magnitude produced under [UNC0864 – Update of UNC Code Communication Methods](#). HF added that whilst the other responses had agreed with the implementation approach to implement IGT174 in the next standard IGT UNC release, Indigo Pipelines had referenced UNC 0864 and the related Xoserve changes, and felt that implementation for IGT174 should be aligned with these changes.

CH informed the Panel that they had raised a concern in their consultation responses as part of the required Xoserve system changes to remove fax includes emergency contact details. They added that without the XRN changes in place, there may be a risk that a Shipper or IGT are required to provide an email address, but the supporting mechanisms are not implemented. CH added that they believed it would be better to align the implementation of IGT174 with XRN 5702 and UNC0864. JR agreed and asked when the planned implementation date for XRN 5702 was. CH responded that the date has yet to be confirmed but could possibly be June 2025.

The Chair noted the new impact of the Modification and asked the Panel how they wished to proceed. JR and LG both responded that they were happy for the Modification to be approved provided that the implementation date is aligned with the Xoserve system changes.

JR suggested that any ambiguities over potential costs should be addressed in the Final Modification Report by stating that the final costs decisions will be decided by the DSC Change Management

committee, where there is IGT representation which will raise concerns over the potential costs discussed by the Panel. The Panel agreed with this approach.

Recommendations:

The Panel unanimously agreed that:

- The Modification should be subject to Self-Governance
- The Legal Text delivers the intent of the Solution
- The Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR)
- The Impacts set out in the Final Modification Report are accurate
- Costs under XRN 5702 are subject to DSC Change Management Committee
- The Relevant Objective (F) identified by the IGT UNC Workstream was appropriate
- The Modification should be implemented at the same time as the UNC Modification and Xoserve relevant XRN, which are currently expected to be implemented in June 2025, and before the end of 2025 when all fax services must be removed.
- The Modification should be approved for implementation

Matters Arising

6. [Ofgem Code Manager Selection Consultation](#)

Discussion for this Item was covered under Item 4 – Outstanding Actions.

Update from Workgroup

7. [Workgroup Summary](#)

LG clarified an action taken by Xoserve and Centrica at the December Workgroup meeting regarding [UNC 0884 - Extending the PC4 Read Submission Window](#)

Authority Updates

8. **Authority Updates**

EO provided Panel with the following updates:

- Ofgem have published a consultation on code manager selection. This covers the design of both competitive and non-competitive selection processes and details the criteria and evidence that Ofgem propose to evaluate at each stage. Ofgem are proposing a three-stage process for both competitive and non-competitive selection. As well as a main licensing

assessment phase, there would be an initial eligibility assessment. Once Ofgem have completed the licencing assessment phase, there would also be an implementation and assurance phase before awarding the licence.

Ofgem also set out their proposed approach to determining whether to select code managers on a competitive or non-competitive basis:

- non-competitive selection for the BSC and REC, based on considerations related to speed of delivery and value for money,
- either competitive or non-competitive selection for the consolidated gas code, electricity commercial code and electricity technical code, based on the number of eligible candidates following a public expression of interest (EOI) process, and
- a deferred decision for the Smart Energy Code (SEC), in recognition that the SEC's current governance arrangements are still in their ramp up phase.

Ofgem are also seeking views on the guidance document, and accompanying forms, that they intend to publish in fulfilment of their obligations under the Code Manager Selection Regulations 2024. And the proposed content of forthcoming Ofgem regulations that would govern any competitive selection process.

Alongside this consultation, Ofgem have launched the selection processes for the first two code managers, with Elexon and the Retail Energy Code Company (RECCo) invited to become code manager candidates for the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and for the Retail Energy Code (REC) respectively, subject to the outcome of an eligibility assessment process.

The consultation is available on the Ofgem website and will close on 30 January 2025. Please send your response to industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk. If you have any questions on the consultation, or on energy code governance more generally, please contact us at industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk.

- As with previous years, Ofgem will have in place a publishing moratorium over Christmas and the New Year. The last publishing day will be Thursday 12 December 2024 and Ofgem will begin to publish documents again on Friday 3 January 2025

AOB

9. IGT UNC Panel Shipper Representative Vacancies Update

LG asked if there had been any responses to the new notices for the IGT UNC Panel Shipper Representative Vacancies sent out by the Code Administrator. The Chair responded that an individual had enquired about the role who had experience within the industry but was not currently working for a Shipper. The Chair added that the Code Administrator had written back to the individual to explain that they would need to be nominated by a Shipper to apply for the role, and it is unlikely this would be a paid role.

JR asked LG if the individual had tried to contact the Shipper community. LG responded that they were not aware of any such contact.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 31st January 2025

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
24/11 - 01	Panel members to review the Ofgem consultation on Code Manager Selection ahead of the IGT UNC December Panel Meeting	Panel Members	Closed

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