

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 25th July 2025

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Talan	Code Administrator	Chair
Aleksis Butler	AB	BUUK	Observer	
Bradley Wood	BW	Centrica	Pipeline Users	Alternate for Lee Greenwood
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	Also alternate for Cher Harris
Nick King	NK	CNG Services	Observer	Proposer for IGT176
Paul McKie	PM	Joint Office	Observer	
Shaun McRaith	SR	Ofgem	Authority	
Talia Lattimore	TL	Talan	Code Administrator	
Tim Newton	TN	Talan	Code Administrator	
Harry Firth	HF	Talan	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 Cher Harris (CH) (Indigo Pipelines), Ellie Osobina (Ofgem) and Lee Greenwood (LG) (Centrica). It was noted that Bradley Wood (BW) was acting as alternate to LG, Jenny Rawlinson (JR) was acting as alternate to CH and Shaun McRaith (SM) was attending on behalf of 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 Any Other Business (AOB).

3. Approval of the previous minutes (25-06 and 25-06 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the June 2025 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. IGT176 – Changes to IGT UNC to enable UNC0887 ‘Facilitating Bi-Directional Connections Between IGT Pipelines and the NTS’

Talia Lattimore (TL) took the Panel through the Workgroup Report and Draft Modification Report (DMR). TL explained that IGT176 is an enabling Modification for [UNC 0887 - Facilitating Bi-Directional Connections Between IGT Pipelines and the NTS](#).

Solution

TL provided a summary of the solution to the Panel, including the main discussion points in the Workgroup, in particular the introduction of Supply Point Administration for non-CSS supply points and adding National Gas Transmission (NGT) under the definition of Large Transporter. The Panel had no comments on the solution.

Impacts

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had agreed that there were no identified impacts on any Significant Code Reviews (SCRs) or significant industry change projects. They noted that a potential impact on the ongoing Code Reform project had been discussed, but this would be up to Ofgem to fully consider when submitted to them as an Authority Decision Modification. The Panel agreed that there were no expected impacts on an SCR or significant industry change project.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup's views were aligned on Consumer benefits, and both had identified positive impacts on reduced environmental damage and benefits for society as a whole. TL added that the benefits aligned with those identified in UNC 0887. The Panel agreed with the Proposer and Workgroup's identified Consumer impacts and felt sufficient debate had taken place in the Workgroup.

TL advised that while the Workgroup Report indicated a cross-code impact on the UNC the Workgroup had not identified any direct impact to the code that would require any action by the UNC. TL added that discussions had taken place, and it was decided that highlighting the dependency of IGT176 being implemented to enable the full delivery of UNC 0887 warranted a tick in the box within the reports table. The Panel agreed with the Workgroup's view.

TL advised that the Workgroup had agreed with the Proposer's view that IGT176 will have positive environmental impacts. The Panel agreed with the Proposer and Workgroup.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had been aligned on the Relevant Objectives and both had agreed there were positive impacts on (A) - Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system, (B) - Co-ordinated, efficient and economic operation of the pipeline system and (D) - Securing of effective competition. The Panel agreed with the Proposer and Workgroup.

Governance

TL advised that the Proposer believed IGT176 meets the requirements for an Authority Decision Modification Proposal and noted that UNC 0887 is also an Authority Decision Modification Proposal. They added that the Workgroup agreed with the Proposer and their rationale. The Panel unanimously agreed that the Modification still meets the Authority Decision criteria.

Implementation

TL advised that the Workgroup had recommended for IGT176 to be implemented alongside UNC 0887 and should only be implemented if UNC 0887 is. TL added that this is a standard approach for an enabling Modification. The Panel unanimously agreed with the proposed implementation approach.

Legal Text

TL asked the Panel if they had any comments on the draft legal text, highlighting the extensive discussions had by the Workgroup. JR confirmed that they had no comments and agreed the legal text had been extensively discussed. The Panel unanimously agreed that no further work was required on the draft legal text.

Recommendations

The Panel unanimously agreed that:

- IGT176 should be issued to consultation for a period of 15 working days, ending on 18th August 2025.
- The FMR and consultation responses for IGT176 will be considered at the IGT UNC Panel meeting in August.

Code Business

6. AQ Review Tables

The CA presented the 2025 CSEP NExA Tables to the Panel and informed that the tables had been recommended for ratification by the IGT UNC Workgroup at the July 2025 meeting, and no comments had been received since. The Panel reviewed the proposed figures in the 2025 NExA Tables and compared them to the previous year. BW asked about some of the changes in the proposed figures. JR responded that this could be down to several factors, including increasing energy efficiency and increasing prices.

The Panel unanimously agreed to endorse the tables and agreed that they should be implemented into the IGT UNC Code in February 2025 Release.

Authority Updates

7. Authority Update

SM provided the Panel with the following updates:

- As part of the ongoing Code Reform project, Ofgem have commissioned Elexon and the REC Code Manager for help in the development of initial code manager performance indicators. Their experience and expertise will inform Ofgem's initial scope in this area, but they do intend to engage with industry more widely, including through published consultations before introducing any performance metrics.
- If you have any questions related to energy code governance more generally, please contact Ofgem at industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk

8. Ofgem's Expected Decision Dates

SM confirmed there were currently no IGT UNC Modifications awaiting an Authority decision on the EDD table.

AOB

9. Ofgem Data Best Practice Consultation

Tim Newton (TN) introduced the Ofgem consultation on extending Data Best Practice obligations to licensed code managers. They explained that the principles, originally developed for network licensees, aim to ensure that energy system data is made openly available unless there are valid reasons (such as GDPR) to restrict access. These obligations would become part of the licence conditions for code managers.

TN noted that while the guidance is broadly supported, concerns were raised about the proposed implementation timeline. Ofgem suggested that the obligations be introduced six months after a decision is made, which the Panel felt was too short given the lack of a clear template and the ongoing code consolidation efforts.

TN presented to the Panel a drafted response from the Code Administrator to the Ofgem Data Best Practice Consultation. JR supported the response, which highlighted the need for alignment with UNC and suggested that implementation should coincide with the appointment of the new Gas Network Code Manager. They also emphasised the importance of collaboration between UNC and IGT UNC to avoid duplication and inefficiencies. The other Panel members also supported the submission of a response to the Ofgem Data Best Practice consultation from the IGT UNC.

The Panel requested circulation of the draft response to all IGT UNC parties for comment until 1st August, allowing five working days for feedback. If no feedback is received, the response will be submitted as is. If any objections or substantive comments are raised, an extraordinary Panel meeting will be convened during the week beginning 4th August to finalise the response before the 11th August submission deadline.

25/07 - 01: Code Administrator to request feedback from IGT UNC parties on draft response to Ofgem Data Best Practice Consultation.

10. Code Consolidation

Paul McKie (PM) provided an update regarding the commitment of both the IGT UNC and UNC Code Administrators to work more closely together anticipating the consolidation of the UNC and IGT UNC codes into a single Gas Network Code, as outlined in Ofgem's recent code reform consultations. They explained that preliminary discussions had begun between the Joint Office and the Code Administrator to explore how this work might be approached and that this initiative was shared with the UNC Committee (UNCC) the previous week.

PM advised the Panel that the UNC Committee raised several points during their meeting. These included a request for confirmation that Ofgem had formally approved the commencement of this work, a strong recommendation to engage with the wider industry early and transparently, and a cautionary note about the potential for unintended consequences arising from merging the codes. PM added there was concern that the scale and cost of the consolidation effort might be greater than initially anticipated.

PM reassured the UNCC that the intention was not to pre-empt Ofgem's direction but to proactively prepare for the consolidation to avoid issues later. They confirmed that regular updates and appropriate engagement with stakeholders would be maintained throughout the process.

JR suggested that Code Reform project work be added as a standing item on the IGT UNC Panel agenda to ensure ongoing visibility and discussion. The Chair agreed, noting that while updates may not be available every month, it would be prudent to keep the topic on the agenda to support transparency and coordination.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 29th August 2025.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
25/07 - 01	Code Administrator to request feedback from IGT UNC parties on draft response to Ofgem Data Best Practice Consultation.	Code Administrator	Open

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