

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Final Minutes

Friday 26th September 2025

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Talan	Code Administrator	Chair
Aleksis Butler	AB	BUUK	Observer	Proposer for IGT178 and IGT179
Ashley Foster	AF	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	Alternate for Cher Harris
Bradley Wood	BW	Centrica	Pipeline Users	Alternate for Lee Greenwood
David Lee	DL	Last Mile Gas	Observer	
Eilidh McGrevey	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Ellie Osobina	EO	Ofgem	Authority	
Graeme Forbes	GF	Talan	Code Administrator	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Talia Lattimore	TL	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) and Lee Greenwood (LG) (Centrica). It was noted that Ashley Foster (AF) was acting as alternate to CH, and Bradley Wood (BW) was acting as an alternate to LG.

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). JR added Item 11 – Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group (CCDSG) Update.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (25-08 and 25-08 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the July 2025 meeting minutes noting that one comment had been received prior to the meeting from LG, correcting a typo in the discussion on [IGT177 – Aligning IGT “must read” obligations within the IGT UNC](#). No further 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. IGT178 - PC4 Read Submission Window Extension

TL took the Panel through the Draft Modification Report (DMR). TL explained that IGT178 seeks to align the IGT UNC with [UNC 0884](#) regarding Product Class (PC) 4 read submission windows. The Modification proposes to mirror the extended read submission windows introduced under UNC 0884, which allow for more flexibility in submitting reads for both domestic and non-domestic premises. The IGT UNC currently specifies a fixed window of 25 supply point system business days for PC4, which does not dynamically reflect changes in the UNC. To resolve this, the Modification proposes replacing the fixed reference with a cross-reference to Section M of the UNC TPD.

Solution

TL took the Panel through the proposed solution, particularly the new cross-reference to UNC TPD Section M. The Panel reviewed both the IGT UNC and UNC drafting side-by-side to understand the implications of the cross-referencing approach. It was noted that this method avoids duplication and ensures that any future changes to the UNC would automatically be reflected in the IGT UNC, thereby promoting consistency and reducing administrative overhead.

The Panel agreed unanimously that no further work was required 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. The Panel agreed that there were no expected impacts on an SCR or significant industry change project.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup were aligned on the consumer impacts. The Proposer had initially identified a positive impact on lower consumer bills due to improved accuracy in meter reads, but it had been discussed at the Workgroup that more accurate meter reads could potentially lead to higher consumer bills, and that a positive impact on the improved quality of service would be more accurate, which the Proposer had agreed with. The Panel noted the identified consumer impacts.

The Panel reviewed the Workgroup discussions on cross-Code impacts and agreed that no cross-Code impacts were identified for this Modification. The Panel also agreed with the Workgroup that no environmental impacts were identified for this Modification.

The Panel agreed with the Proposer and Workgroup that there is a positive impact on Relevant Objective (F) - Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

Governance

TL advised that the Proposer had suggested that IGT178 be subject to an Authority Decision, in line with UNC 0884. The Panel unanimously agreed with this approach.

Implementation

TL advised that the Workgroup had recommended for IGT178 to be implemented alongside UNC 0884 and should only be implemented if UNC 0884 is. The Panel unanimously agreed with the proposed implementation approach.

TL took the Panel through the proposed timeline for the Modification, adding that if the Panel agreed that IGT178 should be issued for consultation for a standard 15 working day period, the Final Modification Report (FMR) would be ready for Panel to review at their October meeting. TL advised that if the consultation were approved, it would be issued on Monday 29th September.

Determinations:

The Panel **unanimously** agreed:

- that the Modification should proceed to consultation for a 15 working day period, commencing Monday 29th September.

6. IGT179 - NExA Tables Clarification Update and Related Documents

TL took the Panel through the DMR. TL explained that IGT179 aims to clarify the publication of Network Exit Agreement (NExA) tables and correct errors in variance reporting. The Modification includes updates to Ancillary Documents, specifically the NExA Connection System Exit Point (CSEP) Ancillary Agreement and the NExA Procedures Document, to improve clarity and ensure accurate representation of data.

TL explained that while the NExA values published and accepted for use in Code from February 2026 were correct, the accompanying variance information published earlier in the year was inaccurate. The Modification seeks to prevent future confusion by clearly defining the applicable dates and context for each table.

Solution

TL took the Panel through the proposed solution, which included updates to the reporting template provided to the Independent Networks Association (INA), which is populated based on Annual Quantity (AQ) review results and returned to the IGT UNC. The changes involve clearer labelling of values (e.g., “approved,” “proposed”), inclusion of date ranges, and explanatory text to guide users. These updates are intended to reduce errors and improve transparency in the AQ review process. TL

confirmed that the Modification does not alter the INA process itself, only the templates and supporting documentation used.

The Panel reviewed the ancillary document redlining and agreed that the changes were straightforward and beneficial.

The Panel agreed unanimously that no further work was required on the solution.

Impacts

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had agreed that there were no identified impacts on any SCRs or significant industry change projects. The Panel agreed that there were no expected impacts on an SCR or significant industry change project.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had agreed that there were no identified consumer impacts. The Panel agreed that there were no expected consumer impacts.

The Panel reviewed the Workgroup discussions on cross-Code impacts and agreed that no cross-Code impacts were identified for this Modification. The Panel also agreed with the Workgroup that no environmental impacts were identified for this Modification.

The Panel agreed with the Proposer and Workgroup that there is a positive impact on Relevant Objective (F) - Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.

Governance

TL advised that the Proposer had recommended that the Modification be treated as a Self-Governance Modification Proposal, as the Modification does not introduce new obligations or governance changes. The Panel unanimously agreed that IGT179 met the criteria for a Self-Governance Modification Proposal.

Implementation

TL advised that the Proposer had originally targeted the November 2025 standard IGT UNC Release as an implementation date but added that this was not possible due to the 15 Working Day Appeal Window associated with Self-Governance Modification approval. They advised that the earliest possible date for Panel decision for this Modification would be at the meeting scheduled for 31st October. TL suggested that the proposed implementation date should be “as part of the next available IGT UNC release.” This approach would allow for implementation as soon as possible. TL advised that the current timetable would see this Modification going into the February 2026 Release. The Panel unanimously agreed with the proposed implementation approach.

Determinations:

The Panel **unanimously** agreed:

- that the Modification should proceed to consultation for a 15 working day period, commencing Monday 29th September.

Authority Updates**7. Authority Update**

EO advised that they had no general updates from the Authority to inform the Panel for this meeting.

8. Ofgem's Expected Decision Dates (EDD)

EO confirmed there were currently two IGT UNC Modifications awaiting an Authority decision on the EDD table. They advised that there is no current expected decision date for [IGT165 - Independent Shrinkage Expert and Independent Shrinkage Charge](#).

EO advised that there is an expected decision date for [IGT176 - Changes to IGT UNC to enable UNC0887 'Facilitating Bi-Directional Connections Between IGT Pipelines and the NTS'](#) of 30 October. The Chair noted that [UNC 0887](#), the connected UNC modification, had been approved by Ofgem already and asked whether it had been implemented yet. TL responded that it has not been implemented yet but noted that there are expected system changes required and Xoserve have not published an expected release date for the related XRN. The Chair responded that it is positive news that the difference in Authority Decision dates for IGT176 and UNC 0887 will not have an impact on implementation dates due to the required lead time.

EO explained that the EDD register is updated monthly, typically on the last working day of the month. Due to timing misalignments, recent submissions may not yet appear on the register. They reassured the panel that Ofgem is aware of the alignment issues between UNC and IGT UNC Modifications, particularly UNC 0884 and IGT178 and does not consider them problematic. The Policy Leads responsible for both modifications are coordinating internally to ensure consistency. EO noted the expected decision date of UNC 0884 - Extending the PC4 Read Submission Window is 24th October 2025.

AOB**9. Code Consolidation**

GF provided an update on efforts to coordinate Code Consolidation. GF focused on Phase 2 of Code Governance Reform (ECR), which will see the consolidation of the UNC and IGT UNC into a single Gas Network Code (GNC). The process will also involve the appointment of a Licensed Code Manager (LCM), expected no earlier than April 2027.

GF reiterated the complex work ahead to ensure the Code Consolidation process is as smooth as possible. They added that the GNC will require merging two distinct Codes and governance

frameworks, and the appointment of the LCM will precede the formal designation of the new Code. They emphasised the importance of early engagement to ensure that IGT UNC specific provisions are preserved and that the transition is smooth.

The Panel discussed the potential benefits of joint governance arrangements between UNC and IGT UNC, such as shared stakeholder forums and coordinated Modification processes. JR proposed the formation of a formal IGT UNC Review Group to manage clean-up and consolidation readiness. This group would identify consequential changes, track UNC developments, and prepare the IGT UNC for integration into the GNC.

JR added that BUUK are attending an informal working group but are not formally representing IGTs. The Panel agreed that a formal review group would provide structure and continuity, and JR committed BUUK to raising a review request. Other Panel members expressed support for participating in the group and contributing to the consolidation effort.

10. September 2025 IGT UNC Release

TL confirmed that the extraordinary September 2025 release in the IGT UNC went live on 26th September. They advised that the only Modification included in the release was [IGT177 - Aligning IGT "must read" obligations within the IGT UNC](#).

11. Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group (CCDSG) Update

JR provided an update from the latest CCDSG meeting. The group discussed shifting obligations from licensees to future Code Managers, particularly in the context of the Electricity Joint Code. JR suggested in the meeting that similar logic could be applied to the GNC, and this idea was taken forward for further consideration.

TL reported that the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) were provided with an update on a new Principle 17, which would encourage Code Administrators to follow Data Best Practice guidance. Although the wording has not yet been approved, the Principle was discussed at a recent CACoP meeting. TL committed to tracking the new Principle and sharing the final version with the Panel once available. EO clarified that the Principle was drafted by a CACoP member and would need to be approved by the group before being formally adopted.

The Panel agreed to monitor developments and consider the implications of Principle 17 once the wording is finalised.

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

Annex 1 – Actions Table

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