

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Final Minutes

Friday 23rd January 2026

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Talan	Code Administrator	Chair
Aleksis Butler	ABU	BUUK	Observer	Proposer for RG008
Ben Mitchell	BM	Xoserve	Observer	Present for Item 5 only
Bradley Wood	BW	Centrica	Panel member: Pipeline Users	Alternate for Lee Greenwood
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Panel Member: Pipeline Operators	
Dan Tarasco-Fittock	DT	Joint Office	Observer	
Gerallt Hughes	GH	DESNZ	Observer	Present for Item 5 only
Harry Davis	HD	CNG Services	Observer	Representative of Proposer for CSL01
Jamie Maule	JM	Ofgem	Observer	Present for Item 5 only
Jayne McGlone	JMc	Xoserve	Observer	Present for Item 5 only
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Panel Member: Pipeline Operators	
Natasha Brown	NB	DESNZ	Observer	Present for Item 5 only
Richard Welsby	RW	Last Mile Gas	Panel Member: Pipeline Operators	
Shaun McReith	SM	Ofgem	Authority	
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 Ellie Osobina (EO) (Ofgem), Graeme Forbes (GF) (Talan), Lee Greenwood (LG) (Centrica), Tim Davis (TD) (CNG Services) and Talia Lattimore (TL) (Talan). It was noted that Bradley Wood (BW) was acting as an alternate for Lee Greenwood (LG), Shaun McReith was acting as an alternate for Ellie Osobina (EO) and Harry Davis was acting as an alternate for Tim Davis (TD).

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). Jenny Rawlinson (JR) added Item 12 - Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group Update.

3. **Approval of the previous minutes (25-11 and 25-11 Reconvened)**

The CA invited comments on the November 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. **IGT180 – CDSP Obligations required for the introduction of the Gas Shipper Obligation**

GH provided the Panel with an introduction of the Modification. They noted that although DESNZ is bringing the Modification forward today, the government response to the consultation on the Gas Shipper Obligation (GSO) has not yet been published. They acknowledged this is frustrating for industry and stressed that DESNZ is equally frustrated, working hard to publish the response in early 2026. As the response is not yet published, DESNZ cannot discuss policy details at this stage. GH thanked Panel and Workgroup members across IGT UNC and UNC for their patience and emphasised that more opportunities for engagement will follow once the response is released, including DESNZ-led sessions with industry.

GH advised that the purpose of the Modification is to enable temporary data sharing between the Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC), the GSO scheme administrator and the CDSP. LCCC needs data from Xoserve to calculate shipper obligations, and Xoserve is considered the fairest and simplest central source. This Modification is temporary and will be replaced once GSO regulations come into effect and a second modification is raised. To meet delivery timelines ahead of GSO operation in 2027, the Modification must be raised now so that workgroup activity, implementation planning, and testing can progress. DESNZ is working with Talan and the Joint Office to set an appropriate schedule.

BM presented slides to the Panel to provide more detail on IGT180. They explained that the GSO will require Shippers to make payments to fund hydrogen projects under the Hydrogen Production Business Model (HPBM), and that invoicing for these payments will be carried out by the GSO Administrator outside the UNC and IGT UNC frameworks. To calculate Shipper obligations, the Administrator needs volumetric data, which the CDSP will provide using existing datasets used for NTS Exit Commodity Charge calculations.

BM added that to facilitate this work, changes to both UNC and IGT UNC are required. These changes will introduce CDSP obligations to provide data and put the necessary permissions in place for sharing data with LCCC and DESNZ. Alternative options had been explored, such as Shippers

self-reporting data, but this was deemed to risk inconsistency, increased errors and disputes, and inefficiencies compared with using centralised CDSP data.

The proposed solution has three components:

1. Code Changes in UNC Section G and IGT UNC Section N to create CDSP obligations and include a caveat allowing the CDSP to prioritise GSO-related work without DSC committee approval.
2. A two-stage Modification process, with an initial transitional Modification to allow design and build work to begin (including delivery of live test data from January 2027), followed by a second enduring Modification once legislation is in place.
3. DSC updates, including a new 100% Shipper-funded service line and updates to the Data Permissions Matrix (DPM). Use cases being finalised include invoicing, forecasting, and credit cover calculations. The DPM update will be delivered as part of this Modification, not through a standalone disclosure process.

CH queried why the Modification was not simply an update to the DPM. JMc explained that because the obligation is legislative (stemming from the Energy Act) and Shippers are required to fund Xoserve's provision of data to DESNZ via LCCC, the most appropriate route is to embed this within the DSC as a direct service. They clarified that this does not set a precedent for other third-party data requests, which will continue to follow the usual DPM and DSC Contract Management committee processes.

CH noted the proposed meeting arrangements clashed with IGT Workstream meetings. The Chair clarified that the intention is to run joint workgroups with the UNC for IGT180. The Chair added that the opening portion of the standard IGT UNC Workstream meeting will be dedicated to the joint Workgroup, ensuring attendance and efficiency. Following DESNZ's update earlier, the first Workgroup date scheduled for 12th February is likely to be delayed.

BW asked about the decisions the CDSP will be permitted to take in respect of its GSO role without approval from the DSC Committee. BM explained that these decisions are limited to the CDSP delivering the GSO scheme and the DSC Committee from deprioritising the scheme as it will be legislated.

The Chair asked whether there is a chance that after IGT180 is implemented, the Government decide that the second, enduring Modification will not be required. GH responded that the GSO must be in operation in 2027, and to hit these timelines, this first Modification must be raised now. The second Modification will definitely go ahead.

CH asked whether the Modification does require new code within the IGT UNC, or if it could simply cross-reference UNC provisions instead, given that much of the relevant data (commodity/consumption data) comes from UNC processes. The Chair responded that if LCCC or DESNZ require supply point-level information from IGT parties, this cannot be achieved solely through cross-referencing UNC provisions, the Modification would require explicit data permission provisions in the IGT UNC. JR supported this clarification by pointing to wording in the Modification proposal discussing differences in how charges apply to IGT invoicing, noting that BUUK as the Modification Sponsor had reviewed this carefully.

JR asked about the impact of the delay to the publication of the policy document on the planned joint Workgroups. The Chair advised that a final decision on the Modification is required in July, and to facilitate this, the Joint Office and IGT UNC Code Administrator had agreed a schedule of three Workgroups, including the dates of the next two IGT UNC Workstream meetings, 12th February and 12th March, and another date to be held on the day of an UNC Distribution Workgroup meeting. GH added that the delay to publication means the joint Workgroup meeting on 12th February will no longer take place, but the 12th March date will take place provided DESNZ are able to publish the policy document by the end of February. The Chair confirmed that a new joint Workgroup date would be agreed and DT added that the Joint Office will be flexible to facilitate this.

Governance

The Chair noted that the Proposer had indicated this Modification should be subject to an Authority decision. The Panel unanimously agreed with this approach.

Significant Code Review

The Chair noted that the Proposer had indicated no impact from the Modification on an SCR or other significant industry project. The Panel unanimously agreed with this approach.

Determinations:

The Panel **unanimously** agreed that:

- IGT180 should be progressed to a joint UNC – IGT UNC Workgroup for assessment.

6. CSL01 – Exclusion of Standalone Networks for IGT UNC

HD provided an overview of the Modification Proposal to the Panel. HD advised that CNG Services are in the process of constructing some standalone networks, which will not take gas from the grid, but instead an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant directly supplying industrial Consumers. HD advised that these standalone networks are unable to work within existing Code rules. For instance, the limited source of gas will mean that a firm supply is unable to be offered. Instead, the AD plant would be looking for a firm offtake arrangement, as the aim is that all the biomethane would be used in real time in order to avoid pressure build up and the need for flaring. CSL01 proposes the altering of CNG

Services' individual network Code to exclude these networks from the IGT UNC, enabling bespoke, location-specific transportation arrangements while maintaining compliance with statutory duties.

The Panel went through the Modification Proposal form. JR asked why CNG Services did not opt for a derogation for these sites rather than using their short form Code. HD responded that they were unable to answer the question but would be happy to respond at the next Workgroup meeting.

Governance

The Chair noted that the Proposer had indicated this Modification should be subject to an Authority decision. The Panel unanimously agreed with this approach.

Significant Code Review

The Chair noted that the Proposer had indicated no impact from the Modification on an SCR or other significant industry project. The Panel unanimously agreed with this approach.

Determinations:

The Panel **unanimously** agreed that:

- CSL01 should be progressed to the IGT UNC Workstream for assessment.

Panel Business

7. 2027 Meeting Dates

The Chair noted that, as stated in the IGT UNC Code, Panel approval was needed for the 2027 IGT UNC meeting dates. HF presented the proposed dates, noting that for January and October, the proposed Panel meeting date was 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 March and December, the proposed Panel meeting dates had been moved forward a week to avoid clashes with Easter and Christmas holidays.

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed 2027 meeting dates.

8. Workgroup Summary Report

The Panel had no comments on the Workgroup Summary.

Authority Updates

9. Authority Update

SM advised that there were no updates from the Authority.

10. [Ofgem's Expected Decision Dates \(EDD\)](#)

SM confirmed there is currently one IGT UNC Modification awaiting an Authority decision on the EDD table. SM advised that:

- There is an expected decision date of 30th January 2026 for [IGT165 - Independent Shrinkage Expert and Independent Shrinkage Charge](#).

JR suggested that the UNC Panel had been informed that the linked UNC Modification, [UNC 0843 - Establishing the Independent Shrinkage Charge and the Independent Shrinkage Expert](#) had had its decision date pushed back. They asked SM to clarify whether the above decision date was still correct for both UNC0843 and IGT165. SM responded that they would clarify the expected decision dates internally and send any updates over to the Code Administrator, who will then circulate this information.

POST-MEETING NOTE: *Ofgem have changed the expected decision date for IGT165 and UNC 0843 to 27th February 2026.*

AOB

11. **Code Consolidation Update**

JR advised that following the letter for Ofgem regarding the expression of interest for the new GNC Code Manager, the Cadent-led group is supporting a joint bid by Xoserve and Encoder to become the new GNC Code Manager. Work has commenced; they will coordinate with Talan to ensure a smooth handover of IGT UNC activities to the GNC framework. Further information will be made available to IGT UNC parties as the bid and transition planning progresses.

The Chair advised that Ofgem attended the latest meeting of the Cross Code Working Group, to discuss any concerns with the new prioritisation process and progress of the whole Code Reform project. The Chair added that Ofgem are still on track from the last timelines published for Code Reform milestones.

12. **Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group (CCDSG) Update**

JR provided an update from the latest CCDSG meeting. They advised that Ofgem have determined that Data Best Practice (DBP) obligations will be placed on Code Managers (rather than administrators or parties). Upon licensing, each Code Manager must develop a DBP strategy and plan and update it every six months. To maintain consistency across Codes during transition, Ofgem will introduce a CaCoP principle requiring parties to follow DBP guidelines.

BW clarified that the only change to Ofgem's previous stance was that DBP obligations would be placed on the licensed Code Manager. JR confirmed this. The Chair asked that with this approach, is there an acceptance that implementation across the Codes will be staggered, given the Code Managers are to be licensed at different points of the Code Reform process. JR confirmed this.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th February 2026.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

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