

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 24th July 2026

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Talan	Code Administrator	Chair
Aleksis Butler	AB	BUUK	Panel Alternate: Pipeline Operators	Alternate for Jenny Rawlinson, BUUK
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Panel Member: Pipeline Operators	
Ellie Osobina	EO	Ofgem	Authority	
Lydia Bentley	LB	Talan	Code Administrator	
Oorlagh Chapman	OC	Centrica	Panel Member: Pipeline Users	
Richard Welsby	RW	Last Mile Gas	Panel Member: Pipeline Operators	
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 received prior to the start of the meeting from Jenny Rawlinson (JR) (BUUK), Paul McKie (PM) (Joint Office) and Talia Lattimore (TL) (Talan). AB was acting as the alternate for JR.

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). The Chair added an Item on IGT UNC Workgroup Engagement.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (26-06 and 26-06 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the 1st July 2026 meeting minutes noting that a comment had been received prior to the meeting. No further comments were raised during the meeting, and the minutes (both standard and reconvened meetings) were approved as true and accurate accounts of the meetings.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there was one outstanding action:

26/06 – 01: Code Administrator to provide quarterly progress reports on ‘RG009 - Introduction of Qualification Requirements for new Shippers’ to the IGT UNC Panel. The Chair advised that

now the Review Group has commenced, RG009 will be included in the monthly Workgroup Summary report to Panel, and a quarterly interim report will also be produced for Panel meetings. CH noted that they were happy with the proposed updates.

Action closed.

Panel Business

5. NExA AQ Review Tables

LB provided Panel Members with the following update:

“The NExA AQ Review Tables have historically been brought to the July Panel meeting in line with current process. However, while we have made the tables available as per process, we are seeking a Panel decision to defer the approval of these values. This is because the values usually go through Workgroup before Panel. However, the July meeting was cancelled and so there is currently no Workgroup feedback or considerations. In addition to this, we have received some feedback outside of Workgroup with questions around why the values are varied so much to the previous year and why, when you take the values in the tables and average them out, the averages don’t match the way they would expect. In answer to the first question, we cannot comment as we do not currently have access to the data that each IGT would have used to determine their own averages, which subsequently get passed to the INA. With regards to the second question, the INA use the usual averages provided by IGTs to come up with an overall average. So, there might be a slight discrepancy when others try to apply their own averaging as you are not using the exact same data set”.

The Chair and OC discussed options for further stakeholder feedback on the proposed tables, including potentially issuing a consultation following the August Workstream meeting.

AB noted that the value reductions in the NExA Tables were not unexpected given the ongoing trend towards electrification and lower gas usage but sought assurance that any delay would not jeopardise implementation in the February 2027 release. The Chair confirmed that even if consideration was deferred, sufficient notice should still be available before implementation in February. They explained that the original July Workstream meeting had been cancelled after only two IGT representatives attended, both of whom were also Panel members. Given the potential conflict of those individuals effectively recommending and approving the changes themselves, the Chair considered it inappropriate to proceed. However, they expressed concern that poor attendance during the summer holiday period could recur at the August meeting, potentially pushing consideration into September and reducing the notification period available to industry parties.

CH queried whether, if attendance issues persisted and the Workstream was unable to reach a recommendation in the scheduled August meeting, the Panel could approve the tables directly at its

August meeting. The Chair confirmed that this remained an option and noted that while the changes were not system changes themselves, an appropriate notice period would still be required.

The Chair highlighted that a number of questions had been submitted by industry parties regarding the methodology used to calculate the NExA Tables and stated that these could only be properly addressed by seeking clarification from the Independent Network Association (INA).

The IGT UNC Panel unanimously agreed that the item should be rescheduled to the August Workstream meeting and that additional engagement activity should be undertaken beforehand. AB suggested issuing a further industry notice to highlight the rescheduled item in the August Workstream meeting and encourage attendance. The Chair agreed.

POST-MEETING NOTE: The Code Administrator have included a note on the discussion of the NExA tables within the draft communications emails for the August Workstream draft and final agenda.

CH suggested approaching the INA to obtain further detail on the calculation methodology ahead of the next meeting. AB agreed and raised an additional concern regarding the figures contained within the NExA Table documentation. They explained that BUUK's review had identified instances where the variation percentages shown in the table did not appear to align with the underlying movements. They suspected this may be a formatting issue, noting that some percentage values appeared to have been hard-coded rather than formula-driven.

The Chair acknowledged that the volume of questions and challenges being raised was unusual compared to previous years, where the tables typically attracted little comment. They therefore proposed inviting the INA to attend the August Workstream meeting to explain both the calculation methodology and any discrepancies identified within the tables. The Panel supported this approach, recognising that direct engagement with the INA could help resolve outstanding concerns. The Chair agreed to write to the INA to forward on some concerns raised by the IGT UNC Panel and other industry parties, and to invite INA to attend the next Workstream meeting.

26/07 – 01: The Chair to write to the INA over concerns raised by IGT UNC Parties on the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables and to invite them to attend the August Workstream meeting.

Updates from Workgroup

6. Workgroup Summary Report

The Chair noted that there was no Workgroup Summary Report published as the July Workstream meeting was cancelled.

7. [Interim RG008 Review Report](#)

The Panel had no comments on the published Interim RG008 Review Report.

Authority Updates

8. **Authority Update**

EO advised that there were no new updates from the Authority.

EO advised that this would be their final IGT UNC Panel meeting as the Authority Representative, as they are moving to the Ofgem Gas Policy team. The Panel thanked EO for their contributions and participation in the IGT UNC Panel.

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

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

- There is an updated expected decision date of 31st August 2026 for [CSL01 – Exclusion of Standalone Networks from IGT UNC](#).

AOB

10. **Code Consolidation Update**

The Chair advised that a [webinar](#) was held on 21st July by Encodar, Talan and Xoserve to provide an update to stakeholders on the progress made ahead of being appointed the licensed Code Manager for the Gas Network Code (GNC). They advised that workgroup sessions between Ofgem and invited Parties including representatives from Encodar, Talan and Xoserve will be commencing next week, and will be held on a fortnightly basis over the summer, with at least three meetings confirmed.

11. **Update on Gas Shipper Obligation (GSO) Modifications**

LB provided the following update to Panel:

“We are currently expecting further delays in the Governments publication on decisions and consultations related to the GSO scheme. At its meeting on 16th July, the UNC Panel were advised of this, and an extension request of 6 months was approved for related Modification UNC0922. The purpose of this extension is to allow more time for Government documents to be published and for the Modification to be amended to reflect the enduring solution rather than the temporary solution. The IGT180 webpage has been updated to reflect the change in timetable, specifically the date the Workgroup Report is due to be presented to the UNC Panel. The other timetable dates are currently showing as TBC. When we receive an updated version of the Modification Proposal this timetable will be fully updated and communicated to the IGT UNC Panel.”

CH asked if there is a limit for how long a Modification can be placed on hold. The Chair responded that there is not.

12. July and August 2026 Extraordinary IGT UNC Release Confirmation

LB provided the following update to Panel:

“This Extraordinary Release went live on Thursday 23rd July to make changes to the IGT UNC to implement the following approved Modifications:

- IGT181 – Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers
- IGT182 – Alignment of the IGT UNC with the UNC definition of the Data Permissions Matrix – IGT UNC

Please note that IGT181 has a phased implementation approach. Phase 1 changes (as set out in the legal text) were implemented on 23rd July 2026. Phase 2 changes will be implemented on, or as soon as possible after, the changes for approved Modification IGT176 have been implemented.

It should also be noted that we expect confirmation of the August release date for IGT176 and the Phase 2 changes for IGT181 by the end of July. Once confirmed, we will issue out comms to industry.”

13. IGT UNC Party Engagement

The Chair raised concerns about declining participation at IGT Workstream meetings following the cancellation of the July meeting. They noted that reliance on a small number of regular attendees creates a risk to effective governance when those individuals are unavailable and warned that similar issues could arise during the August holiday period.

The Panel agreed that Code business could not be delayed indefinitely due to non-attendance. CH suggested that meetings will have to continue with the available participants to ensure all required Code business is completed, while the Chair confirmed that where key stakeholder groups are absent, this would be clearly recorded in Workgroup reports and any submissions to Ofgem to ensure transparency.

OC expressed support for the Chair's decision to cancel the July Workstream meeting, given the issues subsequently raised regarding the NExA Tables. They also supported formally highlighting stakeholder absences in governance documentation and noted their disappointment in the lack of engagement from other Shippers.

EO questioned whether recurring attendance issues might eventually warrant governance changes but agreed that, in the short term, a practical approach would be to clearly document attendance limitations across minutes, reports and supporting papers. The Panel supported this approach and agreed that transparency around participation levels would be important if such challenges continue.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 28th August 2026.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
26/06 - 01	<i>Code Administrator to provide quarterly progress reports on 'RG009 - Introduction of Qualification Requirements for new Shippers' to the IGT UNC Panel.</i>	<i>Code Administrator</i>	<i>Closed</i>
26/07 - 01	The Chair to write to the INA over concerns raised by IGT UNC Parties on the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables and to invite them to attend the August Workstream meeting.	Chair	Open

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