

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 28th August 2026

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Helen Fosberry	HFO	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	
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	DKC	Ofgem	Authority	
Gavin Sangiovanni	GS	Independent Networks Association	Observer	
Oorlagh Chapman	OC	Centrica	Panel Member: Pipeline Users	
Stacey Harris	SH	Joint Office of Gas Transporters	Observer	
Victoria Truelove	VT	Ofgem	Observer	
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 Anne Jackson (AJ) (Talan), Jenny Rawlinson (JR) (BUUK), Paul McKie (PM) (Joint Office) and Richard Welsby (RW) (Last Mile Gas). AB was acting as the alternate for JR and HFO was acting as the alternate for AJ.

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). TL added Item 12 – Harry Firth

3. Approval of the previous minutes (26-07 and 26-07 Reconvened)

The CA invited comments on the 24th July 2026 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 true and accurate accounts of the meetings.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there was one outstanding action:

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. HF confirmed that AJ had written to the Independent Networks Association (INA) following the last IGT UNC Panel meeting and noted that GS was attending this meeting representing the INA. They added that any Panel discussion on the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables would be covered under Item 6.

Action closed.

Modification Business

5. [IGT183 – Maintenance criteria for Emergency Contact data held in Central Systems](#)

TL took the Panel through the Draft Modification Report (DMR) and Workgroup Report for IGT183. They advised that this is an equivalent Modification to [UNC 0926S - Maintenance criteria for Emergency Contact data held in Central Systems](#), aligning the IGT UNC with the UNC to establish clear rules on how Consumer emergency contact data should be maintained, retained, and handled. Currently, neither Code includes clarity on the above, only that this data must be provided for Large Firm Supply Points and Interruptible Supply Points.

Legal Text

TL took the Panel through the proposed legal text. AB asked whether the term ‘Consumer’ should be capitalised throughout the legal text. TL responded that they would amend this prior to issuing IGT183 for consultation. The Panel unanimously agreed that the legal text accurately reflected the solution and subject to the capitalisation amendments.

Impacts

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had indicated no impacts to a SCR or other industry change projects. The Panel agreed that there are no impacts.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had identified positive consumer impacts, including improved safety and reliability, and improved quality of service. The Panel had no comments on the identified consumer impacts.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had not identified any direct cross-Code impacts but noted that the UNC has been ticked within the DMR as standard when an IGT UNC Modification mirrors an existing UNC Modification but confirmed that there was no action required by the UNC. The Panel agreed.

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had not identified any environmental impacts. The Panel agreed.

TL noted that for the Relevant Objectives, the Proposer and Workgroup had identified a positive impact on Objective (F), as this Modification will further align the IGT UNC with the UNC. The Panel unanimously agreed with the views on the Relevant Objectives for IGT183.

Implementation

TL advised that the Workgroup had favoured an implementation approach of 16 working days after the approval of IGT183 for implementation, subject to any appeals being received. However, at the UNC Panel meeting on 20th August, the Code Administrator asked whether the CDSP were happy with the proposed implementation approach for UNC 0926 of 16 working days following approval, and whether the related Central System changes under XRN6079 would be ready for implementation on this date. The CDSP responded noting that the 16 working days following approval had been included in UNC 0926 documentation as the Modification is Self-Governance and that this is a possible implementation approach. However, they believed this would not be achievable as the related system changes still have to move through the Data Services Contract (DSC) Change Process. TL advised that the Code Administrator has now updated the proposed implementation approach in the IGT183 Workgroup Report and included additional context to recommend that IGT183 now be implemented alongside XRN6079 and UNC 0926.

The Panel unanimously agreed with the proposed implementation approach for IGT183.

Prioritisation

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had determined that IGT183 does not hit any of the criteria to be an Urgent or high priority Modification and therefore should be categorised as a standard priority Modification. The Panel unanimously agreed with this view.

Governance

TL advised that the Proposer and Workgroup had determined that IGT183 should be subject to Self-Governance. No material impacts on competitions in Shipping, Transporting or Supply of Gas were identified, it was therefore felt that IGT183 hit the criteria for a Self-Governance Modification Proposal. The Panel unanimously agreed with this governance route.

Determinations:

The Panel unanimously agreed to:

- Send IGT183 out for industry consultation for a period of 15 working days.

TL advised that the consultation would be issued on Tuesday 1st September, closing for responses on 22nd September, and the Panel will review the Final Modification Report (FMR) and consultation responses at the October meeting. They added that the UNC Panel approved UNC 0926 for implementation at their August meeting.

Panel Business

6. NExA AQ Review Tables

TL presented the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables to the Panel. They advised that an amended set of the proposed NEXA AQ Review Tables had been submitted following the discovery of an error in an IGT's data submission. The issue related to the submission of incorrect source data rather than the AQ calculation methodology itself. The revised values had already been reviewed by the IGT UNC Workgroup on 13th August, which recommended their approval. TL noted that the amendments were relatively minor and remained consistent with the expected long-term downward trend in AQ values. They outlined that the preferred process would be to return the updated values to the September Workgroup for review before seeking Panel approval, although an alternative ex-committee approval process could be considered if there were no concerns.

GS provided further context, explaining that the INA annually collects, anonymises and consolidates eight commercially sensitive IGT datasets. An error occurred when one of the smaller IGTs accidentally submitted the previous year's dataset rather than the current year's. While the impact on the overall AQ values was limited, the INA considered it important to correct the data. GS confirmed that discussions were underway with the relevant party to strengthen their internal controls and that additional validation checks would be introduced in future years to reduce the risk of similar human errors.

Panel members discussed whether the revised values should be referred back to the Workgroup. OC initially questioned the benefit of revisiting the matter, noting that the same stakeholders would likely review the values again. However, they subsequently agreed that returning the values to the Workgroup would provide greater transparency and allow wider industry awareness through additional communications. TL confirmed that the timetable still allowed sufficient time for the values to be approved and communicated before implementation, with several months remaining before they would come into effect.

AB clarified that, contrary to initial assumptions, the recalculated weighted average had increased slightly from 304 to 308. As a result, the reduction compared to the current values was less significant than originally indicated. They suggested that any further discussions should focus on the already-established trends of increasing electrification and changing IGT market dynamics, rather than revisiting previous debates in detail.

The Panel agreed that the revised AQ values should be returned to the September Workgroup for a final review before being brought back to the September Panel meeting for approval. It was also agreed that communications would be issued to industry stakeholders to raise awareness of the revised values and encourage participation in the Workgroup review process.

26/08 – 01: Code Administrator to issue industry communications encouraging IGT UNC Party engagement with the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables ahead of the September Workgroup meeting.

Updates from Workgroup

7. Workgroup Summary Report

HF presented the Workgroup Summary Report. AB asked whether BUUK's review of Part M (Definitions) had been published on the IGT UNC website yet, noting an outstanding Workgroup action for members to review this document as part of the work for [RG008 - IGT UNC Code Review in preparation for Code Manager and Code Consolidation](#) ahead of the September Workgroup meeting. TL responded that the document will be shared at the latest on Paper Day for the next Workgroup meeting.

OC requested an update on the progress on RG008. TL advised that significant progress had been made, including reviews being completed of Parts CI - CV, L and O. The next areas of Code to be reviewed will be Part K (General Provisions), which covers areas such as User Admission and Termination, Conflicts of Interest, Costs, Data Ownership and Indemnities. Due to its size, Part K is being reviewed in stages across multiple meetings.

AB noted that the review programme has been aligned with Ofgem's gas Code consolidation work, ensuring that priority sections are reviewed first. While some sections are extensive, parts of Part K closely mirror UNC provisions and may therefore progress more quickly. TL highlighted that some shorter Code sections, such as Part P (Performance Assurance), still require substantial effort due to extensive UNC cross-referencing and ongoing paragraph renumbering. Once the larger sections have been completed, the Workgroup intends to review multiple smaller sections simultaneously and undertake additional verification of cross-references.

TL also advised that the first RG008 Housekeeping Modification is expected to be raised in the coming weeks to implement the initial drafting and administrative improvements identified through the review.

Post-meeting note: [IGT184 – RG008 Housekeeping: Parts CI-CV, L, O, and IGT UNC Derogations Guidance](#) was raised on 2nd September as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification Proposal.

Authority Updates

8. Authority Update

DKC provided the Panel with the following Authority update:

Phase 2 consolidation

"We have begun a series of workshops on methods of consolidating the Electricity Commercial Codes (ECC) & Gas Network Codes (GNC) which will take place during August. These will provide vital stakeholder feed-in to ensure that the programme is shaped by the experience of code admins, future code managers, CSDBs and code parties. We intend to carry out further, targeted engagement to work through specific issues around consolidation in the coming months. Throughout these sessions we will continue to consider questions and points posed by attendees - reflecting and developing our thinking and proposals throughout the series of workshops.

Template Code Text Decision

The final template code text for code modifications and Stakeholder Advisory Forums was published Friday 7 August: [Implementation of energy code reform: template code text | Ofgem](#)

This is a final decision on the template code text – however, we recognise that specific adaptations to the template code text will be needed for each code and therefore we intend to consult on these specific adaptations relative to each code. In the first instance, we intend to focus on the phase 1 codes, the Balancing and Settlement Code and Retail Energy Code and plan to consult on those proposed adaptations in due course.

Phase 1 decision: transitional measures and code changes

We expect to publish the decision to April's phase 1 consultation by the end of August/Early September. This will cover how we intend to proceed with policy proposals on changes to the BSC and REC as well as transitional licence arrangements and the licence terms. This has been based on a full and in-depth analysis in order to take into account feedback from consultation responses. This publication will set out more of the processes required to implement energy code reform phase 1.

BSC Timeline Update

We had previously anticipated being ready to grant both the REC and BSC code manager licences by the end of 2026. We have now reviewed the delivery timetable and decided to stagger the two phase 1 appointments.

We remain on track for the REC appointment by the end of the year. For the BSC, we are now aiming to be ready to grant the licence in early 2027.

Given the greater size and complexity of the BSC, proceeding with the REC first gives us the most effective route to delivering both appointments successfully.

Both phase 1 appointments are still expected to be completed by the end of the 2026/27 financial year, and the revised sequencing will help us maintain momentum on phase 2 of the wider programme.”

9. Ofgem’s Expected Decision Dates (EDD)

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

- There is an updated expected decision date of 30th September 2026 for [CSL01 – Exclusion of Standalone Networks from IGT UNC](#).

AOB

10. Code Consolidation Update

TL advised that the Ofgem-led Data Best Practice (DBP) Digitalisation Cross-Code Steering Group were reminded of [a current consultation on a proposed 33rd licence condition for Licensed Code Managers complying with DBP guidance](#). This consultation will close for responses on 10th September.

11. August 2026 Extraordinary IGT UNC Release Confirmation

TL advised that an extraordinary IGT UNC release went live on 14th August. The following Modifications were implemented as part of the release:

- [IGT176 – Changes to IGT UNC to enable UNC0887 ‘Facilitating Bi-Directional Connections Between IGT Pipelines and the NTS’](#)
- [IGT181 – Revision of Virtual Last Resort User and Contingent Procurement of Supplier Demand Event Triggers](#). This was the second implementation phase for IGT181, the first phase went live on 23rd July 2026.

12. Harry Firth

TL advised that HF will be leaving the IGT UNC Code Administration team and advised that there will be a short transition period for the Code Administrator as HF phases out their engagements, and a replacement is appointed. The Panel thanked HF for their efforts and contributions on behalf of the Code Administrator.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 25th September 2026.

Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
26/07 - 01	<i>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.</i>	Chair	Closed
26/08 - 01	Code Administrator to issue industry communications encouraging IGT UNC Party engagement with the proposed 2026/27 NExA AQ Review Tables ahead of the September Workgroup meeting.	Code Administrator	Open

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