

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 28th June 2024

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Charlotte Gilbert	CG	BUUK	Observer	
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operator	
Graham Forbes	GF	Gemserv	Observer	
Harry Firth	HF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operator	
Lee Greenwood	LG	Centrica	Pipeline User	
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
Talia Lattimore	TL	Gemserv	Code Administrator	

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the Panel to the meeting. There were apologies from Cher Harris (Indigo Pipelines) and Andy Eisenberg (E. ON UK). Neither appointed Alternates as no Code business was on the agenda.

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 AOB. The Chair added 2 AOB items regarding Andrew Eisenberg and the August IGT UNC Panel meeting.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (24-04 and Extraordinary Panel Meeting (30th April 2024))

The CA invited comments on the April 2024 meeting minutes noting that no comments had been received prior to the meeting. No comments were raised during the meeting and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

The CA invited comments on the Extraordinary Panel meeting minutes noting that no comments had been received prior to the meeting. No comments were raised during the meeting and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Panel were informed that there were 4 outstanding actions:

24/04 – 01: Code Administrator to arrange an Extraordinary Panel Meeting as soon as possible to complete the outstanding Modification business. The Chair noted that the Code Administrator had arranged an extraordinary Panel meeting on 30th April 2024 to complete the Modification business on the agenda for the IGT UNC Panel meeting on 26th April 2024. Action closed.

24/04 – 02: Code Administrator to review implementation procedures and report back to Panel regarding steps being taken to ensure implementation is timely and appropriate. The Chair informed the Panel that a review had taken place following the delay in implementing [IGT169 - Aligning the Capacity requirements for NExA Supply Points in the UNC with Capacity requirements for LDZ CSEP Ancillary Agreement \(LCAA\) Supply Points under the IGT UNC \(i.e. bringing Code in line with UNC0701 and UNC0853\)](#). The Chair advised members that the delay was due to a lack of Cross-Code working. The Chair added that the CA is working on steps to improve Cross-Code working going forwards. The Chair noted that although there is now improved communication from the Joint Office regarding potential impacts on the IGT UNC for UNC Modifications, but their Release schedule can be difficult to keep track of.

TL added that since coming back from Maternity leave, they have started, and plan to continue, to attend UNC Panel/Workgroup meetings, and that this will help to ensure that IGT UNC/IGT Party impacts for future UNC Modifications are highlighted/identified. Action closed.

24/04 – 03: Code Administrator to arrange for a UNC representative on the FSO Cross Code Working Group to provide feedback to Panel on proposed UNC and IGT UNC impacts. The Chair noted that JR had attended the Future System Operator (FSO) Cross-Code Working Group and noted that BUUK are currently reviewing the proposed UNC changes to determine any impacts on the IGT UNC. Action closed.

24/04 – 04: BUUK to provide feedback to the Panel and the IGT UNC Workgroup on the Ofgem Best Data Practice Steering Group. JR informed the Panel that the first meeting of the Best Data Practice Steering Group had not taken place yet. They added that they emailed Charles Clark (CC, Ofgem) querying why it had not taken place, though they have not yet confirmed the reason for the delay but suggested it may be due to the Ofgem Pre-Election moratorium period. JR and the Chair agreed to close the action, and JR added that they would provide updates to the IGT UNC Panel once the Best Data Practice Steering Group has commenced its work. MB noted that they would ensure CC was aware of JR's email but added that a reply may not be issued until after the moratorium period. Action closed.

Matters Arising

5. Statutory consultation - establishing the Independent System Operator and Planner (ISOP) in GB industry codes 2024 – Ofgem.

The Chair invited CG to share some initial findings with the Panel over any potential impacts to the IGT UNC from the proposed UNC changes set out in Ofgem's recent [ISOP consultation](#).

CG informed the Panel that they are still reviewing the proposed UNC changes but have already found some necessary changes to the IGT UNC. These changes include housekeeping amendments to add ISOP into the list of industry parties and correcting some references to the UNC. CG added that the bulk of the necessary changes lie in the Modification Rules, which will be amended to allow ISOP to attend Workgroups, raise Modifications, provide consultation responses and be on the IGT UNC distribution list(s). CG added that they hoped to finish this review next week and were happy to meet with the CA afterwards to provide a further update and discuss the next steps.

TL asked whether the concept of the ISOP had been introduced in Code yet, to which JR advised it had not. TL informed the Panel that the ISOP as a concept will require introduction into the IGT UNC which means that a material change to Code will also be necessary, even if all the other changes identified are housekeeping.

CG added that for these changes to occur, the ISOP framework agreement would have to apply to the IGT UNC. The Chair noted that Ofgem had previously stated there would be no implications for the IGT UNC and added that any impacts identified will need to be raised with the Authority. JR suggested that Ofgem may have assumed that there would be no impact on the IGT UNC as the IGTs will be subject to the proposed UNC changes. TL added that Ofgem may have confused party impacts and Code impacts.

The Chair advised that Ofgem will need to be questioned on the aspects the ISOP will cover, noting that areas such as transmission and balancing and settlement are covered under the UNC, and there might be no interest in such matters applying under the IGT UNC from an ISOP perspective. JR added that they had spoken previously to Carly Malcolm, Ofgem, who expects there to be an IGT modification mirroring the proposed UNC changes. They added that it is very likely that the ISOP will also require information from IGTs.

The Chair noted that the proposed changes to the other Codes will be raised by Ofgem and will be implemented through their powers enabled by the Energy Act, and queried whether an IGT UNC equivalent modification will need to be urgent, if Ofgem do not want to implement this Modification at the same time. TL added that if the UNC changes are implemented quickly, it may not give IGTs and the CA a lot of time to develop and implement the necessary changes to the IGTUNC Code. Not

having necessary changes made within the IGT UNC in line with related UNC changes may become an issue if, for example, references become out of date or new clauses apply to IGTs when they are not meant to. The Chair noted that there has never been a previous housekeeping Modification as a result of an Ofgem-raised modification in another Code, and questioned whether a Modification would need to be reviewed by Ofgem or will it be implemented as a Self-Governance decision in the same way as other Modifications.

The Chair asked the Panel for thoughts on the next steps, adding that CG's findings will be discussed further at the IGT UNC Workgroup meeting in July to help determine what changes will be needed to Code. They added that Ofgem will need to be consulted on regarding CG's findings and the Workgroups Discussions as well. The Chair and CG agreed that reference changes in the IGT UNC will be required at a minimum and the Workgroup will need to determine how these changes are adopted, potentially through a housekeeping Modification. TL reiterated that the ISOP will also need to be defined as an entity in the IGT UNC. JR agreed and added that any future Modification will need to facilitate the ISOP, and any interactions required with the IGT UNC. TL suggested that this could all be achieved through one Modification. The Chair added that the Workgroup are likely to recommend that a Modification is needed, meaning Panel could be considering the matter as early as July and added that further information from Ofgem on a way forward will be required by then.

Authority Updates

6. Authority Updates

MB informed the Panel that session 2 of the Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) took place on 23rd May 2024. It explored the future role of Stakeholder Advisory Forums (SAF) in the Modification process as well as how the Code Manager and SAF could work together. There was a discussion on how SAF members could potentially be appointed. The second part of the workgroup looked at roles in the Modification process, including who should be able to raise a Modification Proposal and alternative Modifications, and if the principle of proposer ownership needs to evolve.

MB informed the Panel that having considered guidance from government, Ofgem will not be issuing decisions on Code Modifications during this period, prior to the General Election on 4th July 2024. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis where there is a specific need to issue the decision. Ofgem will notify prior to issuing any such decisions.

MB added that Ofgem will also not be updating and publishing expected decision dates for Code Modifications for decision. These will be reset and published accordingly post the General Election. Please note that Ofgem will continue to attend code Panel meetings during the pre-election period but may be unable to comment or answer any questions on policy issues impacting Code Modifications.

AOB**7. Code Consolidation Update**

The Chair informed the Panel that GF is providing support regard the upcoming Code Consolidation process between the UNC and the IGT UNC for the Code Administrator and noted that GF has met with most Panel members prior to the meeting.

GF added that they will provide a voluntary service during the process of Code Consolidation on behalf of the Code Administrator (Gemserv), suggesting there is a potential risk in some actions or support being overlooked or otherwise unavailable in this transitional period which they could help to provide. GF added that this will allow the Code Administrator to continue to focus on the IGT UNC as usual, whilst they are placed better to offer support to this transitional period moving towards Consolidation.

JR thanked GF for their offer and added that this role will likely become more defined once Ofgem's response to the Code Consolidation consultation is published later this year. The Chair agreed and added that once Ofgem's method of consolidation has been set out, it will be easier to analyse how to manage the transitional period for the IGT UNC.

GF added that their role would hopefully be to ensure the Code transitions in the right shape and hoped their services would facilitate that further, whilst protecting the interests of the IGT UNC parties. They added that they intend for this role to not be too impactful, more to catch any issues.

8. Andrew Eisenberg

The Chair informed the Panel that Andrew Eisenberg has resigned from the IGT UNC Panel. They added that the resignation notice is effective from the IGT UNC Panel meeting in July, and all parties will shortly be notified.

The Chair noted that as it stands, from the August meeting, the IGT UNC Panel will be non-quorate, unless at least two of the three current Shipper seats is filled. They asked Panel members to encourage any potential candidates to come forward. The CA will be asking Shippers for applicants for the two vacancies in the coming month.

9. IGT UNC Panel August 2024 Meeting Date

The Chair noted that the date for the IGT UNC Panel meeting in August is scheduled for 23rd August, one day before the August Bank Holiday. They asked Panel members if they would be able to attend, suggesting there may be quoracy issues. TL suggested that they will contact Panel members by email to find a suitable date for the August meeting. The Panel agreed.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 26th July 2024.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

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