

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 26th July 2024

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Anne Jackson	AJ	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Andrew Eisenberg	AE	E.ON UK	Pipeline Users	
Charlotte Gilbert	CG	BUUK	Observer	Present for Item 6
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Matthew Brown	MB	Ofgem	Authority	
Oorlagh Chapman	OC	Centrica	Pipeline Users	
Talia Lattimore	TL	Gemserv	Code Administrator	
Harry Firth	HF	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Secretariat

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the Panel to the meeting. There were apologies from Lee Greenwood (Centrica). It was noted that OC would be acting as Lee Greenwood's alternate.

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. JR added Item 9 – Data Best Practice Steering Group. The Chair added Items 10 – IGT UNC August 2024 Panel Date and 11 – AE Departure.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (24-06)

The CA invited comments on the 24-06 meeting minutes noting that a comment had been received prior to the meeting regarding a typo. HF added that this would be removed prior to the publication of the final minutes. No further 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 no outstanding actions.

Code Business

5. CSEP NExA Table Ratification

The CA presented the 2024 CSEP NExA Tables to the Panel, and informed that the tables had been recommended for ratification by the IGT UNC Workgroup at the June 2024 meeting, and no comments had been received since.

The Panel reviewed the proposed figures in the 2024 NExA Tables and compared them to the previous year, noting that there was not much of a difference in the figures.

The Panel unanimously agreed to endorse the tables and agreed that they should be implemented into the IGT UNC Code in February 2025 Release.

Matters Arising

6. Statutory consultation - establishing the Independent System Operator and Planner (ISOP) in GB industry codes 2024 – Identifying possible impacts on the IGT UNC

CG informed the Panel that they had presented their proposed list of potential amendments to the IGT UNC to Ofgem. These amendments were based off the changes to the UNC proposed as part of the ISOP consultation. They added that Ofgem were unsure on the level of data required from IGTs to enable ISOP and thus could not confirm which of the potential changes would be needed in the IGT UNC. Ofgem confirmed that they would go back to BUUK regarding the data requirements.

The Chair added that assuming a Modification(s) will need to be raised in the IGT UNC, proposers will be needed, and such Modification(s) may need to be considered as Urgent in order to be able to implement at the same time as the UNC Modifications. They added that the consultation, which CG's work was based upon, has now closed and depending on what feedback Ofgem received, some of the proposed changes might be amended. CG responded that they would be happy to act as Proposer for any IGT UNC Modification(s) related to the ISOP. The Chair thanked CG.

JR suggested that some of the potential changes could be implemented earlier, such as introducing the concept of ISOP as an entity, with other potential changes regarding data provision be delayed until Ofgem can confirm what data IGTs will be required to provide. CG responded that one issue that arose when speaking to Ofgem is the need for future proofing in Code, such as allowing the ISOP to be able to raise Modifications, which is currently proposed under the UNC changes. JR agreed and added that it would make sense to mirror this change in the IGT UNC as there would likely be no detrimental impact.

The Chair noted that there may be administrative difficulties processing an Urgent Modification with the IGT UNC Panel about to become non-quorate.

MB added that they would chase up with colleagues regarding the ISOP consultation. The Chair asked MB about the time scales for Ofgem's response to the ISOP consultation. MB responded that they were not sure, adding that there may be added complexities with the new Government in power.

CG asked MB if they could also ask about how Ofgem would view any IGT UNC Modification including provisions which they didn't view as necessary, particularly in the event of an Authority decision. JR agreed, adding that a provision on data protection may be necessary even if Ofgem disagree. MB responded that they would provide feedback on that question. The Chair reminded the Panel that any Modification must have a positive impact on a relevant objective.

7. Workgroup Summary

CA presented the Workgroup Summary to the Panel. CH commented that they find the summary useful. The Chair thanked CH for the feedback.

Authority Updates

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MB informed Panel of the following updates:

- Session 3 of the Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) took place on 12 July. It discussed premodification processes, triage criteria and prioritisation processes and criteria. The MPW looked at examples of what happens in current arrangements and considered how they could inform the design of a new process. Workgroups were also discussed including how the code manager could make these more effective. Lastly the self-governance criteria was considered and if this needs to change as part of an updated code modification process.
- Ofgem has commenced publishing again and are in the process of confirming new expected decision dates for code modifications with Ofgem for decision. This is part of an Ofgem-wide strategic review of all publications. Ofgem will look to communicate these Expected Decision Dates (EDDs) where possible at code panel meetings, however for the time being they will not be publishing an updated EDD register on their website. This is because organisational priorities may change in light of the new government coming into power, and Ofgem are therefore not in a position to confirm expected decision dates for all code modifications currently with them.
- To inform Ofgem's approach to development of the strategic direction statement (SDS) will be holding two workshops that will be open to code panels to attend. Invitations have been sent to the secretariat to be forwarded on to panel members. These workshops will take place on

31st July and 6th August. Ofgem asks for any interested parties to RSVP or email industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk

MB added that following the publication of the Authority decisions for implementation for [IGT172 – Provision for Gas Entry within the IGT UNC](#) and [UNC 0842 - Gas Entry onto the Total system via an Independent Gas Transporter](#) on Friday 19th July, there are currently no gas Code Modifications with Ofgem. The Chair added that the implementation date for both Modifications was being discussed with the Joint Office and SGN, the proposer for UNC 0842, and the date would be confirmed shortly.

POST-MEETING NOTE: The implementation date for IGT172 and UNC 0842 has now been confirmed for Monday 12th August.

AOB

9. Data Best Practice Steering Group

JR informed the Panel that the first session of the Data Best Practice Steering Group has been scheduled for 15th August and as the IGT UNC representative, would report back to Panel at the August meeting.

10. IGT UNC August 2025 Panel Date

The Chair informed the Panel that following discussions with members, the preferred date was Friday 23rd August, which was the original date for the meeting. The Chair added that they would be absent from the meeting but was in the process of arranging an alternate. EM added that they would not be able to attend. The Chair responded that it would be useful for EM to provide the Code Administrator with an alternate for the meeting.

11. AE Departure

The Chair informed the Panel that this was AE's final meeting as a Panel member. The Panel thanked AE for their time as member and wished them well for the future.

The Chair reminded the Panel that they would now be non-quorate from the August meeting onwards. This means that a Panel meeting will be scheduled at 8:30am on the agreed date. That meeting will be declared non-quorate and closed, with a rescheduled meeting taking place at 10am on the same day, which can operate without quoracy. The Chair added that these changes will be reflected in the meeting invitations and the meeting minutes.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 23rd August 2024.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

Reference	Action	Owner	Status
<p>There are currently no open Panel actions.</p>			

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