

IGT UNC Modification Panel Meeting

Draft Minutes

Friday 25th October 2024

Via teleconference

Attendee	Initials	Organisation	Representing	Notes
Alison Beard	AB	Gemserv	Code Administrator	Chair
Cher Harris	CH	Indigo Pipelines	Pipeline Operators	
Eilidh McNally	EM	Last Mile Gas	Pipeline Operators	
Ellie Osobina	EO	Ofgem	Authority	
Gareth Powell	GP	E.ON UK	Observer	Proposer of IGT173
Jenny Rawlinson	JR	BUUK	Pipeline Operators	
Kirsty Dudley	KD	E.ON UK	Observer	Proposer of IGT173
Lee Greenwood	LG	Centrica	Pipeline Users	
Harry Firth	HF	Gemserv	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 Anne Jackson (AJ) and Talia Lattimore (TL) (Gemserv). It was noted that AB would be acting as alternate Chair.

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 11 – Xoserve and Joint Office Digitalisation Stakeholder Advisory Forum.

3. Approval of the previous minutes (24-09 and 24-09 Reconvened)

HF invited comments on the 24-09 meeting minutes noting that a comment had been received from LG prior to the meeting. No further 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 2 outstanding actions:

- **24/09 - 01: TL bring Horizon Scanner to the attention of the Workgroup and to provide examples of other industry Code Horizon Scanners.** HF informed the Panel that TL had presented a draft concept of an IGT UNC Horizon Scanner to the Workgroup at the

November meeting. HF added that the Workgroup provided feedback on the Scanner and that an updated version will be presented to Panel later this meeting under Item 9 - IGT UNC Horizon Scanner

Action closed.

- **24/09 - 02: TL to engage with JR regarding attendance at the Ofgem Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group.** HF provided an update on this action which was covered under Item 10 - IGT UNC Attendance at Ofgem Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group (CCDSG).

Action closed.

Modification Business

5. [IGT173 – Gateway Delivery for RPC Data](#)

KD took the Panel through the IGT173 Panel Paper and Draft Industry Comms. The Panel agreed to consider these documents as late papers. KD added that a Consolidated Testing Log and UAT Sign-Off Certificates for each testing participant had been provided to the Code Administrator.

JR noted that there were minor issues with node configuration during the testing process and asked if there is likely to be similar problems after implementation as not all parties were involved with testing. KD responded that they had included information on node configuration as part of the Draft Industry Comms and Xoserve will also be available to provide support.

KD and LG noted that there was an issue with some files being sent via Communication Type 1 rather than Communication Type 2 but added that this was expected to be a problem exclusive to the testing period, and Xoserve had confirmed that Communication Type 2 should be set up ready for implementation.

KD informed the Workgroup that all IGTs involved in the testing had successfully sent RPC backing data files and all Shippers involved had successfully received the files.

LG queried a question in the Draft Industry Comms about the hard cut-off for not receiving RPC files via email post-implementation, noting that some IGTs are electing to keep files on their own portals. JR responded that BUUK are intending to do this and added that this is in compliance with the Modification.

The Chair asked if information should be included in the Industry Comms regarding errors with files successfully delivered. KD responded that the content of the file has not been changed in the Modification, and that the old process for errors in files will still be in use.

The Panel unanimously agreed:

- That the Modification should be implemented as part of the November 2024 Release
- That the Industry Comms have been approved and should be cascaded to parties with the November 2024 Release information.

KD thanked the parties who took part in the testing period for their efforts and support for the Modification. They noted that this was the first time a testing period had been undertaken for an IGT UNC Modification prior to implementation and this process had worked well and could be utilised again in the future.

6. November 2024 Release Date

The Chair informed the Panel that the Code Administrator were asking to change the date of the IGT UNC November 2024 Release. The Chair added that the Code Administrator wished to move the Release date from 7th November to 8th November to align with the planned UNC and Xoserve November 2024 Release dates.

The Panel unanimously agreed to move the IGT UNC November 2024 Release date to Friday 8th November.

Update from Workgroup

7. [Workgroup Summary](#)

The Panel had no comments on the Workgroup Summary.

Authority Updates

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EO provided Panel with the following updates:

- The Government response to the consultation on code manager licensing and secondary legislation was published on 8 October. If you have any questions about the contents of the response, please email them to industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk and codereform@energysecurity.gov.uk. The Government intends to lay secondary legislation to formally establish the code manager selection regime by the end of 2024. Ofgem intends to further consult on its process for Code Manager selection and their assessment for both competitive and non-competitive basis. Over the coming months further refinement and development of the draft standard licence conditions for code managers will take place with a consultation on the full set of provisions in early 2025. Within this consultation, Ofgem will also consult on updating the parameters for appeals to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) on Ofgem's code modification decisions.

- As with previous years, Ofgem will have in place a publishing moratorium over the festive period. The last publishing day will be Friday 13 December 2024 and Ofgem will begin to publish documents again as normal on Friday 3 January 2025.

AOB

9. IGT UNC Horizon Scanner

The Chair took the Panel through an updated version of the IGT UNC Horizon Scanner, and asked attendees for any comments to improve the Horizon Scanner, particularly on the inclusion of Modification information. LG added that adding Modifications to the Horizon Scanner would be a duplication of efforts in the Cross Code Modification Implications Tracker. JR suggested transferring the Cross Code Modification Implications Tracker to a tab within the Horizon Scanner as it may be more efficient to have it all within one tracker. LG agreed. JR added that another tab could cover the Known Issues Register. The Chair responded that they would pass on this feedback to TL.

JR suggested including some additional columns within the Horizon Scanner, including impacts on other Codes besides the UNC, and opportunities.

LG asked how this Horizon Scanner would be reviewed going forwards. The Chair responded that TL would finish populating the Horizon Scanner, which would be reviewed by the Workgroup in November. The Chair added that TL had suggested the Horizon Scanner would be reviewed monthly, focusing on any new inclusions or updates. JR asked if the Workgroup would own the Horizon Scanner. The Chair responded that TL had imagined it would be owned by the Workgroup but was open to feedback. JR suggested that the Horizon Scanner is reviewed monthly by the Workgroup, with Panel able to review anything highlighted at Workgroup meetings. The Chair agreed and suggested it could be published as a paper for Panel meetings which could be reviewed if attendees wished. JR agreed.

JR and LG both thanked TL for their efforts in creating the Horizon Scanner

10. IGT UNC Attendance at Ofgem Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group (CCDSG)

HF informed the Panel that TL and Graeme Forbes had reached out to JR following the October Panel meeting to discuss the CCDSG further. HF added that after it was agreed it would be useful for the Code Administrator to attend, JR arranged an introductory meeting with Charles Clark, chair of the CCDSG. HF added that the Code Administrator will begin attending CCDSG meetings, beginning with the next meeting on 30th October, and that the agenda and planned work will be assessed for each meeting so the most appropriate representative will be in attendance.

JR provided the Panel with an update on the latest CCDSG meeting held in September, which was the second session of the group. JR added that the objectives of the group had become clearer and

that it is linked to Ofgem's Database Practice Guidance. They added that the CCDSG is aiming to standardise and structure industry data within each Code, ahead of future reform. JR added that Ofgem have also been looking at data digitalisation, which may form future work within the CCDSG. JR noted that Ofgem published their [Decision on definition of Energy System Data in data best practice guidance on 8th October](#), which included Ofgem's decision to form the CCDSG.

LG asked about a tool being adopted by Ofgem and the CCDSG. JR responded that they believed this tool is being created by United Kingdom Power Networks (UKPN) and it would focus on standardising data collection across all Codes. They added that the tool is planned to implement a framework which will align the Codes' approach to data reform.

LG asked which parties are currently attending CCDSG meetings. JR responded that attendance has been sporadic, noting that only two meetings have been held so far. They added that representatives from DCUSA, Elexon, REC and SEC attended the September meeting and formed the majority of the attendees, which is why BUUK had approached the IGT UNC Code Administrator regarding future meetings. EO added that the CCDSG is aimed at data professionals and Code Managers and Administrators.

LG asked if the Joint Office have attended either meeting yet. JR responded that they have not but added that Charlotte Gilbert (BUUK) is attending on behalf of the UNC Panel.

11. Xoserve and Joint Office Digitalisation Stakeholder Advisory Forum

JR and LG informed the Panel that they had attended the Xoserve and Joint Office Digitalisation Stakeholder Advisory Forum on Tuesday 22nd October. They added that although the purpose of the session was not fully clear, they understood it was an open session to the industry to gather thoughts on the potential digitalisation of the UNC. JR added that the Joint Office said that managing the UNC Code is inefficient at the moment and Xoserve had suggested that the UK Link Manual may benefit from digitalisation, particularly with Project Trident underway. JR added that the outcomes were attendees providing feedback on the UNC, as well as other Codes which are digitalised, with Xoserve and the Joint Office taking away this feedback which would likely lead to the formation of a Forum. JR added that the organisers stated the next actions would be to look into what they are hoping to address in this new Forum and the right stakeholders to involve.

JR noted that representatives from only 2 IGTs were present at the Forum. They added that they will also give an update at an Independent Networks Association (INA) regulatory sub-group to make all IGTs aware. LG suggested that this Forum could be put on the Horizon Scanner. JR agreed and noted the crossovers with the future work of the CCDSG.

JR noted that Gemserv were originally planning to attend the Forum on behalf of the IGT UNC Code Administrator but had later been uninvited. AB added that no Gemserv representative was in attendance, as they had also planned to attend on behalf of SEC. EM added that the work of the Forum will likely be linked to future Code reform and consolidation work. JR agreed and stressed the importance of future collaboration between the Joint Office and IGT UNC on potential Code digitalisation. JR noted that the IGT UNC was referenced both verbally and in the meeting slides and added that they had provided feedback to the Forum organisers that full representation should be welcomed at future meeting, including the IGT UNC Code Administrator.

The next IGT UNC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday 22nd November 2024.

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Annex 1 – Actions Table

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