

iGT UNC / iGT INC Consultation Response

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Reference	iGT050 Modification Proposal Consultation
Title	iGT & Shipper Metering Communications Ancillary Document
Respondee	Cher Harris SSEPL
Position on the Modification	Do Not Support Modification

Facilitation of the relevant objectives

How this proposal will, if implemented, better facilitate the “code relevant objectives”, as defined in Standard Condition 9 of the Gas Transporters Licence. For those answered Yes to, please provide a detailed explanation below the table.

<i>Relevant Objective</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
a. the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates	
b. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraph (a), the coordinated, efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters	
c. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this licence	Y
d. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers	Y
e. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (d), the provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers	
f. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (e), the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the network code and/or the uniform network code referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5 respectively of this condition	
g. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (f), the compliance with the Regulation* and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators	

* Regulation 2009/715/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009

Relevant Objectives to be better facilitated:

C: by standardising file formats for communicating metering information to the Gas Transporter, Objective C should be facilitated

D: By having a standard file format and defined process, Shippers should find it easier to provide accurate meter information to the Gas Transporter.

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Likely impact on environment?

None

Implementation issues including impact on your systems

New IT functionality will need to be built to support these additional files formats and business processes, as our current system will not be able to support them and they will be too complex and high volume to process manually on an on-going basis. Therefore we will require 18 months implementation lead time, from Authority decision.

Additional Information and Comments

Single Service Provider (IGT 039) will enable Shippers to communicate with the IGT's agent using full RGMA processes and file formats. This is expected to be implemented in 2015. As such, this proposal should be viewed as an interim solution. In this respect, we feel that Mod 50 goes above and beyond what is required to enable 3rd party meter information to be communicated to the GT in a standard format.

The introduction of 8 new file formats and associated processes will be costly and timely to implement. In addition, it will require a significant amount of industry testing prior to going live.

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