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Dear Rory

Proposed change of implementation date for iGT047 and its associated Ancillary document

At the iGT UNC Modification Panel meeting held on 19th February 2014, the Panel requested that I write to you about the current position of the above Modification.

The Authority approved the implementation of iGT047 (inclusion of data items relevant to smart metering into existing industry systems) on the 19 July 2013. Following that decision it was agreed that the modification should be implemented in the June 2014 release of the iGT UNC.

Recognising that there was still some discussion about how data would be transmitted between iGTs and Shippers as well as the file formats that would be adopted, the elements related to these aspects were included in an Ancillary document to the iGT UNC rather than in the main section of the Code. In that way any changes to these elements could be agreed by the Panel rather than needing to raise subsequent modifications for approval by the Authority.

Extensive discussion has been held over the last six months on these elements and particularly whether alternative methods could be used to transmit information between parties specifically either via email or via the IX network (operated by xoserve). Following the latest consultation on proposed changes to the Ancillary document a number of parties made it clear that they would prefer only one method to be used. Subsequent discussion suggested that the IX network would be preferable but there was concern that if the June implementation was maintained then it could not be guaranteed that all iGTs would have an IX connection in place in time and hence the industry would have to revert to the use of email. For shippers in particular, this was considered to be undesirable and instead it has been proposed that implementation be deferred to the 1st October 2014.

The January Panel has extensively discussed this issue and there is now general agreement that the document should refer to use of the IX network for file transmission unless parties agree otherwise on an individual iGT-Shipper basis. In order to give sufficient time for all

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IX installations to be completed, the Panel also agreed that implementation should be deferred. Overall the view was that the data volumes associated with smart meters on iGT networks would be low for some time and, as such deferment will not cause any significant problems. However it will allow all parties to only have to develop a single file transmission solution which should have savings for the industry, as well as efficiencies for shippers who will also be using the UNC IX system.

Following the consultation a Panel report was produced which can be found on the [iGT UNC website](#) alongside the consultation responses. The Panel voted unanimously to agree the latest changes to the Ancillary document and to defer implementation to a special release of the iGT UNC on the 1st October 2014.

As this is a change to a previously notified implementation date we are now writing to inform you both of the Panel decision and to ask for your support to the proposed change to the Implementation date.

I would be grateful if you could give this matter your attention and let me know when we might expect to receive the Authority's decision.

Yours sincerely

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Modification Panel Chairman

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