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Reference	UGI034 / GTC0343 / GPL042 Consultation
Title	Mandatory Use if Defined File Formats For Change of Supply and Change of Supply Meter Readings
Respondee	Heidi Martin RWE Npower
Position on the Modification	Do Not Support Modification
<p>Facilitation of the relevant objectives</p> <p>RWE Npower argues that this modification proposal wouldn't better facilitate competition between Shippers/Suppliers, as Shippers/Suppliers still have to contend with multiple interfaces within the iGT industry. RWE npower feel that the current situation is untenable in light of the projected growth of the iGT market and this modification proposal just reaffirms the status quo and does nothing to improve the situation.</p>	
<p>Additional Information and Comments</p> <p>RWE Npower is unable to support the implementation of this modification proposal as it diverges from our preferred solution either being the provision of a single service provider or the standardisation of files/flows across the entire iGT networks.</p> <p>We can understand the Proposer's rationale behind wanting to put the file formats into a governance framework as it ensures that any changes are subject to a robust change management process and usually we would support such a change.</p> <p>However, as the Proposer mentions in the modification proposal, work is still ongoing within the iGT004 Development Group with it due to report its recommendations in early 2008. We believe that it would be premature and short sighted if this modification proposal was implemented as it could be superseded by some new initiatives. Therefore, RWE Npower believe that this modification proposal should either be rejected or withdrawn until the Development Group has reached its conclusions.</p> <p>RWE Npower appreciates that the Proposer is attempting to codify file formats and processes that are currently in use with some Users. However, consideration must be given to Users that would need to develop these file formats which could result in system change. Therefore, we believe this modification proposal if implemented should have an implementation lead time of 6 months from Authority decision.</p>	

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To conclude, RWE Npower is unable to support the implementation of the proposal as it goes against the principles and work that we have been involved in, in attempting to create a standardised approach across all iGTs including new entrants.

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