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Stage 02: Workgroup Report

iGT078:

Adding an Ancillary document to the IGT UNC for the new connections process

At what stage is this document in the process?

01	Modification Proposal
02	Workgroup Report
03	Draft Modification Report
04	Final Modification Report

Insertion of an ancillary document to help clarify the new standard connections process for domestic properties

Work Group recommends iGT078 proceeds to consultation

High Impact:

Medium Impact:
iGTs and Shippers

Low Impact:

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About this document:

The purpose of this report is to make a recommendation to the Panel, to be held on 16th December 2015, on whether iGT078 should proceed to consultation and to submit any further recommendations in respect of the assessment of this Modification.

Any questions?

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5th May 2015
2nd June 2015
30th June 2015
4th August 2015
1st September 2015
6th October 2015
3rd November 2015
1st December 2015

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1. Plain English Summary

Is this a Self-Governance Modification?

The workgroup agrees that the Modification meets the criteria for self-governance.

If so, will this be progressed as a Fast Track Modification?

No.

Rationale for Change

The reason for raising this modification is to put a structure in place to serve as a platform to consolidate the current New Connections process. Following the introduction of Single Service Provision (SSP) any revisions or anomalies can be addressed.

Solution

To introduce a New Connections Ancillary document incorporating the elements of the PSR (Project Summary Report). Separately, to define the detail of the Project Summary Report file, including file type, issue reason codes and rejection codes.

Relevant Objectives

The Workgroup agrees that this Modification better facilitates Objective D) as accurate data (to support CoS) and processes that support competitive practices are the main drivers. They also believe it supports Objective F) as this change will improve governance arrangements and therefore improve administration of the Code.

Implementation

The Workgroup propose that this Modification would require a minimum lead time of six months (due to system changes) following a determination to implement, and recommended that a question should be sent to parties in terms of implementation lead time requirements during the consultation.

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2. Rationale for Change?

Although it is recognised that iGTs have different commercial drivers for how MPRNs are managed at New Connections, there is no standardised process in place. That creates difficulties as there is no baseline or uniform process that is followed by all iGTs. The introduction of the iGT New Connections document will help standardise this process. Following the planned introduction of SSP any subsequent changes can be captured and updated as appropriate.

The Workgroup agreed that the Rationale for Change was appropriate and complete, without further comment.

3. Solution

Ancillary Document

Project Summary Report Template Project Summary Notification Template

Legal Text

Following significant discussion at several meetings of the Workgroup, the current version of both the Ancillary Document and PSR file templates were agreed. Industry was engaged with at all stages of the development of both documents, and comments were incorporated during many iterations.

Comments included clarification around the fields to be included in the PSR file (including the relevance of including meter type [smart, PPM etc.]), how information was derived (e.g. whether MDD would be used for supplier short codes), file lengths, optionality of fields, file formats, record names and file hierarchy, and the supplementary notes within the Ancillary Document.

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4. Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	Positive
e) 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) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) 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.	

The Workgroup considers that this Modification would facilitate:

Relevant Objective D) More accurate data will support the CoS process and thus support competition between Suppliers.

Relevant Objective F) This change will improve governance arrangement and therefore improve administration of the Code.

5. Impacts and Costs

The Workgroup agreed that costs associated with implementing the changes would be the costs of system changes, however the workgroup has been unable to quantify the costs to date.

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6. Likely Impact on Consumers

The Workgroup agreed that there may be an improvement to the customer journey as a result of the change.

A more consistent approach may help improve data quality issues which can be experienced at the Change of Supplier (CoS) process, as a result of less inaccurate data being captured at the New Connections stage.

7. Likely Impact on Environment

N/A

8. Implementation

The Workgroup agreed that a minimum of six months' lead time would be required following a determination to implement.

Workgroup expressed a desire for the change to be implemented in line with Project Nexus, based on the current Project Nexus implementation date of 1st October 2016, although noted that the two Modifications were not interdependent.

For the avoidance of doubt it is recommended by the Workgroup that, from the implementation date, any new PSRs will take the form of the new format, and any existing and outstanding PSRs will be reissued within the new format. The Workgroup recommended that this approach should be considered within the consultation process.

9. Legal Text

Ancillary Document

Project Summary Report Template

Project Summary Notification Template

Legal Text

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Two versions of the legal text were reviewed and agreed by the Workgroup. These were necessary as the text would be different depending on whether the Modification was implemented prior to the commencement of SSP or at the same time /post the introduction of SSP.

10. Recommendation

The Workgroup invites the Panel to:

- **AGREE** that iGT078 be submitted for consultation; and
- **AGREE** that Code Administrators should issue iGT078 Draft Modification Report for consultation with a close-out of 13/01/2016 and submit results to the Panel to consider at its meeting on 17/02/2015.

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