

iGT UNC / iGT INC Modification Proposal

Urgency	Non-urgent (delete as appropriate)
Reference	IGT002V
Status	For Consultation
Title <i>The proposer should give each modification proposal a title which clearly reflects the intent/content of the modification proposal it self.</i>	Portfolio Extract
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iGT UNC / Pipeline Operator <i>Confirm whether the Modification Proposal is to the iGT UNC or an iGT's Individual Network Code.</i>	iGT UNC (delete as appropriate)
Modification Proposal Dates	Circulation: 24/09/2007 Responses due: 15/10/2007 Circulation of DMR: 05/11/2007 Response to DMR: 26/11/2007 Circulation of draft FMR: 17/12/07 Draft FMR considered by Panel: 16/01/2008 FMR sent to authority: 21/01/2008

Background

This section should explain the context within which the proposal sits and some background information.

At present the iGTs use various formats for providing portfolio data, provide a varying degree of information and normally only provide a portfolio extract on an adhoc basis, when requested by a Shipper/Supplier. In order to harmonise the format, information provided and the frequency of updates a standard Portfolio Extract file format has been developed via the iGT File Formats Sub-group (a sub-group of the iGT Workgroup).

The proposed Portfolio Extract has been fully discussed and developed within the industry and is supported by Shipper/Suppliers and iGTs. This Modification Proposal simply seeks to formalise the file format into Network Code Governance. Given this, it is suggested that this modification proceed directly to consultation.

iGTs have advised that they will refresh this data on a daily basis so they can provide the information as regularly as required. However, it was agreed that a monthly extract would be provided, on a consistent date to be decided by the iGT, for example, the Portfolio Extract should be released by the Transporter to the Shipper not later than the 'x' working day of each month.

It is recognised that some iGTs currently provide Portfolio Data via other mediums, for example, websites, and from 3rd November 2006 SCOGES went live to include some iGT data. Therefore, it is not the intention of this Modification Proposal to replace any existing arrangements. Shippers will, where available, continue to utilise any such facilities.

Variation

Please note this Modification is a variation to and replaces the original iGT002. This variation is not a material change. The Portfolio Extract was subject to review at a Development Group (9th August 2007) and the output was some changes to data items within the Portfolio Extract template. The principle and purpose of the Modification remains unchanged.

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The Proposal

Purpose of the proposal - what problem is it addressing.

This Modification Proposal seeks to introduce a standard Portfolio Extract format, with key mandatory data fields, to ensure the format and key information is harmonised across the iGT Community. The receipt of timely and meaningful Portfolio data from all iGTs will allow Shippers and Suppliers to conduct regular data reconciliations. This will highlight any data issues/errors and allow them to be rectified timely. In turn this will result in better billing and data quality within the industry.

Also, as mentioned above, the file format for the Portfolio Extract has been fully developed and agreed within the iGT File Formats Sub-group, therefore, the purpose of this Modification is simply to formalise the file format into Network Code. The agreed file format will be sent electronically in either csv or excel format.

How will the proposal operate?

This section should explain, specifically, how the proposal will change the operation of the Network Code.

The introduction of this Modification will insert an obligation into Network Code to specify that the iGT provide a Portfolio Extract, via an industry developed file format (electronically in either csv or excel format), to Shippers on a monthly basis.

Facilitation of the relevant objectives

How this proposal will, if implemented, better facilitate the "code relevant objectives", as defined in Condition 9 of the Gas Transporters Licence.

The implementation of this Modification Proposal will result in a standardised approach in providing a Portfolio Extract across iGTs. This will lead to an improvement in data held by Shippers and Suppliers, which will further achieve the relative objectives of the Gas Transporters standard licence condition 9 to secure effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers.

Further, since the Portfolio Extract has been developed and agreed via the iGT File Formats sub-group and it is clear from other industry forums, such as the iGT Workgroup and as a result of the paper produced by the Gas Forum dated August 2005 entitled "iGT issues and Governance Options", that the alignment of iGT processes, where possible, is highly desirable from both Shipper/Supplier and iGT perspectives. This has been further emphasised by the recent implementation of the iGT UNC, which has harmonised and aligned a number of iGT processes.

Proposed Legal Text

Wherever possible, a proposal should contain proposed draft legal text to reflect how the Network Code would change if the proposal were implemented.

To be provided by the iGTs

Completed forms should be returned to the iGT UNC Representative, Gemserv Ltd, at igt-unc@gemserv.co.uk or faxed to 020 7090 1001

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