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## Background

Following a Shipper's initiative in 2005 to improve iGT Governance, a workgroup was set up under the Gas Forum iGT workgroup which looked at the issues that shippers and iGTs had been developing over a number of years which sat outside formal governance through code. A subgroup was created which looked at iGT File Formats and they created a standard RPC Invoice Format. The format was incorporated in to a Code of Practice document that was developed collaboratively by iGTs and Shippers. None of the file formats that were base-lined by the group have yet been incorporated into the iGT UNC.

# The Proposal

The introduction of a standard RPC Invoice template for use by all iGT for their RPC invoicing which will ensure that all parties are using the same document. This will enable any new entrants (either iGTs or Shippers) to have certainty over the formats and will ensure that standard industry information such as short codes and the AQ values maintained outside of the code can be used without changing the template. A standard template will enable shippers to bring in robust processes for invoice validation.

(See Appendix 1 for template)



## Suggested timescale for implementation

6 months from Authority consent

#### How will the proposal operate?

This modification seeks to require iGTs to use this standard format for their RPC invoicing in place of their current invoice formats which are not managed under any governance regime. The format should be included into an Ancillary Document to the code.

## 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.

This proposal will facilitate "the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and suppliers" by assisting shippers and iGTs to use a standard format and a set of rules for the creation and delivery of RPC invoices.

The competitive market is hampered by the lack of the standardisation across iGT processes; this will assist any new entrants by giving certainty over the RPC invoicing process and formats to be used, and it will assist shippers' ability to more accurately validate transportation invoices by allowing them to develop systems to manage this process.

#### **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.

An addition to Section G 3.2 will be required:

## Section G:

3.2 The Pipeline Operator will submit to each Pipeline User Invoice Documents in respect of each Billing Period in accordance with this Part G. For RPC Invoices the Pipeline Operators will use the RPC Invoice Template

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