

iGT UNC / iGT INC Final Modification Report

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Title	Changes to the Window for the Submission of Valid Meter Readings
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Modification Proposal Dates	<i>Circulation: 18/09/2009 Response: 09/10/2009 Circulation of DMR: 30/10/2009 Response to DMR: 20/11/2009 DFMR published: 11/12/2009 DFMR considered at Panel: 20/01/10 FMR sent to authority: 27/01/2010 Suggested Implementation date: June 2010 Release</i>

Background

Pipeline Users are required to carry out validation prior to the submission of a Meter Read to the Pipeline Operator. Owing to such validation, Pipeline Users highlighted that the timescales for meter read submission were not sufficient to allow them to ensure as many meter readings as possible could be validated and submitted to the Pipeline Operator. As a result Modification iGT012 was approved in April 2008, with implementation on 7th November 2008, increasing the timescale for the submission of valid reads from 10 Business Days to 15 Business Days.

Although this increase has allowed a higher proportion of valid Meter Reads to be submitted and accepted by Pipeline Operators, ScottishPower believe this would be further improved if the timescale were extended. A UNC Modification (UNC0242) was raised to amend the UNC to allow the Pipeline User to submit meter readings to the Pipeline Operator up to 25 Business Days after the Meter Read Date. This Modification was subsequently approved by the Authority and implemented on 6 July 2009.

The Proposal

The rules for submission of valid meter readings are contained in Section E Clause 3 of the iGT UNC. At present this requires Pipeline Users to submit Meter Readings to the Pipeline Operator up to 15 Business Days after the Meter Read Date.

Since the processing and validation of meter readings can be a complex process and Pipeline Users can, at times, struggle to ensure all actual meter readings are submitted within the existing timescale it is proposed that Section E Clause 3.1 is amended to allow Pipeline Users to submit meter readings up to the 25th Business Day after the Meter Read Date.

This will allow a much higher proportion of valid meter readings to be submitted and

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thereafter accepted by Pipeline Operators. It would provide for a greater number of meter reads to be accepted for the purposes of setting Annual Quantities (AQ), which will improve the accuracy of AQ calculations at Supply Points.

Additionally, a greater number of Meter Readings will be available to allow for the reconciliation of I&C Supply Points, consequently improving the accuracy of the allocation of energy through the reconciliation process.

For clarity, ScottishPower do not propose that this amended timescale will apply to the provision by the Pipeline User of Opening Meter Readings.

Suggested timescale for implementation

ScottishPower believe that the implementation of this Modification will have minimal impact upon system and processes. It will require only the extension of the window of acceptance of Valid Meter Readings. Hence, ScottishPower would suggest a timescale in line with a documentation change following Authority consent (i.e. at least 2 months).

Respondents' Views

Responses received to the consultation and the DMR can be viewed [here](#).

Respondee	Response to Consultation	Response to DMR
British Gas	Support	Support
Envoy	Do not support	None
E.ON UK	Support	None
GTC	Support	None
ScottishPower	Support	Support
SSE Energy	Do not support	None
SSE Pipelines	Do not support	None
RWE npower	Support	Support

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Facilitation of the relevant objectives

ScottishPower believe that implementation of this Modification will further the following code relevant objectives:

Standard Condition 9 (d): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers

Standard Condition 9 (f): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (e), the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the network code and/or the uniform network code.

Section(s) of the Code Concerned

Section E

Panel Decision

The iGT UNC Modification Panel held on the 20th January 2010 agreed by majority that it recommended the Modification for implementation.

Four Panel Members expressed support for the Modification while two Members voted against the Modification. Those in favour agreed that the Modification would support Standard Condition 9 (a), (b) and (c) by providing more accurate readings into the system.

Those against did not believe that the Modification would support Standard Condition 9 (a), (b) and (c) as it failed to provide a solution to the source of the problem.

The Panel recommended an implementation in the first scheduled release not less than two months from the date of the Authority decision.

Proposed Legal Text

Amend Section E, Clause 3.1 as follows:

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the Registered User to ensure that Meter Readings are provided to the Pipeline Operator, not later than ~~45~~ 25 Business Days after the Meter Read Date. Where the Pipeline Operator has a Computer System, Meter Readings are required to be provided to the Pipeline Operator by way of System Communication by the means and in the form described in the Manual and accompanied by the details specified in the Manual.