

## iGT UNC / iGT INC Draft Final Modification Report

<b>Date</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
<b>Urgency</b>	Non-urgent
<b>Reference</b>	iGT032
<b>Title</b>	Voluntary Withdrawal Process
<b>Proposer</b>	Colette Baldwin E.ON UK
<b>iGT UNC / Pipeline Operator</b> <i>Confirm whether the Modification Proposal is to the iGT UNC or an iGT's Individual Network Code.</i>	iGT UNC
<b>Modification Proposal Dates</b>	<i>Circulation: 22/10/2010  Response: 12/11/2010  Circulation of DMR: 03/12/2010  Response to DMR: 24/12/2010  DFMR published: 18/01/2011  DFMR considered at Panel: 16/02/2011  FMR sent to authority: 23/02/2011  Circulate Authority's determination: dd/mm/yyyy  Suggested Implementation date: dd/mm/yyyy</i>
<b>Background</b> We are now seeing the removal of gas from the newer housing stock where customers who are early adopters of new technologies (such as microgeneration, or renewable generation) to provide alternative heating and cooking facilities, and in some instances there has been the demolition of iGT sites in both catastrophic or planned circumstances leading to the removal of the gas service for a site.	
<b>The Proposal</b> <i>Purpose of the proposal - what problem is it addressing?</i> The modification will introduce the requirement for the Pipeline Operator to confirm when a Supply Point Withdrawal, raised by a supplier who wishes to withdraw from a site and confirms there is no future requirement for gas at the premises, has become effective. This will confirm to the Registered User that they are no longer responsible for the Supply Point or any future transportation charges from the Pipeline Operator or capacity and commodity charges from the Large Transporters.	
<b>Facilitation of the relevant objectives- Proposers View</b> <p>Currently if a shipper wishes to withdraw from the a site, the Pipeline Operator may stop sending the notification to the large transporter on the weekly SPA update file, however, there is no official acknowledgement of this, nor confirmation that the supply point is no longer in their ownership, and actually some iGTs continue to reflect the supply point in the ownership of a Pipeline User even when it is not capable of off-taking gas.</p> <p>Introducing this change will ensure that all iGTs operate a consistent process to reflect the changed status of the supply point, confirm a ceased responsibility date and ensure that Pipeline Users get confirmation that their liability for any future transportation charges has ceased.</p> <p>In the future where there is more interaction with third party meters on iGT networks, it is important to ensure that the iGT is kept informed where meters have been removed and where there is no future requirement for gas to be off-taken at that Supply Point.</p>	

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The consistent approach to this process will ensure efficiency in the administration of the network code and by ensuring that all systems are updated in a timely manner will ensure that the Pipeline Operator has an accurate picture of where gas is capable of flowing on their networks.

Will better facilitate relevant objectives a, b and f.

### How will the proposal operate?

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

The Pipeline User, having submitted a valid Supply Point withdrawal request to the Pipeline Operator (in any agreed format), the Pipeline Operator will confirm to the Registered User within 2 business days that they have updated their records to reflect the same, as well as updating the Large Transporter, within 7 calendar days, of the Supply Point Withdrawal. The Pipeline Operator will additionally provide details for each Supply Meter Point within the Supply Point of the date on which gas ceased to flow and a Valid Meter Reading for that date.

### Suggested timescale for implementation

As this will involve system changes, we recommend the next release 6 months following the Authority's decision.

### Responses to Modification Proposal

6 responses were received to the Modification Proposal and 1 response received to the DMR consultation. These can be viewed [here](#).

Respondee	Response to iGT032	Responses to DMR
Fulcrum Pipelines	Qualified Support	-
GTC/GPL/UGI	Support	-
Scottish Power Energy Management Limited	Support	-
SSE Pipelines	Qualified support	-
SSE	Qualified support	-
EDF Energy	Support	-
Npower	-	Qualified Support

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### Facilitation of the relevant objectives

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

**Summary of Responses to the Modification Proposal**

Relevant Objective	Relevant	Not Relevant
a. the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates	5	
b. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraph (a), the coordinated, efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters	4	
c. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this licence	1	1
d. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers	1	1
e. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (d), the 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	2	
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 referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5 respectively of this condition	5	

*Any additional comments:*

*See individual responses*

### Likely impact on environment?

*How this proposal will, if implemented, impact on greenhouse gas emissions? If there is likelihood, please also advise if an assessment of the quantifiable impact of the proposed modification on greenhouse gas emissions is required?*

It is unlikely that this will have an impact on the environment.

### Implementation issues including impact on systems

System changes will be required by the iGTs and by Shippers.

Next release 6 months from Authority Consent.

### View of affected Operator(s) on whether or not the Proposal should be implemented

- One Pipeline Operator has raised INC Modification Proposal to facilitate the process proposed in this Modification Proposal.
- Some concerns raised with regards to whether isolation is sufficient to prevent future gas flows.
- For more specific detail please refer to the individual Operator Responses.

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### Other Information

None.

### Proposed Legal Text

#### C IV Supply Point Withdrawals & Isolations

Proposed Text

2.4 When a Supply Point Withdrawal has become effective in accordance with Clause 2.1:

2.4.1 the Pipeline User shall cease to be the Registered User and the Supply Point (and the Supply Point Registration) shall be cancelled;

2.4.2 the Pipeline Operator shall provide to the Pipeline User within 2 business days of receipt of the Supply Point Withdrawal a notification complying with the following:

- (i) specify the identity of the Pipeline User;
- (ii) specify the relevant Supply Point Registration Number;
- (iii) specify the date that the Supply Point Withdrawal has become effective;
- (iv) specify for each Supply Meter Points comprised in the Withdrawing Supply Point:
  - (a) the Supply Meter Point Reference Number;
  - (b) the date on which gas ceased to flow;
  - (c) a Valid Meter Reading obtained on the date that gas ceased to flow;
  - (d) whether the Supply Meter Installation remains connected at that Supply Meter

Point; and

2.4.3 the Pipeline Operator will notify the Large Transporter accordingly within 7 days of receipt of the Supply Point Withdrawal.