

iGT UNC / iGT INC Consultation Response

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Reference	IGT 043 Modification Proposal Consultation
Title	Consolidation and Alignment of IGT Invoicing
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Position on the Modification	Support Modification

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. For those answered Yes to, please provide a detailed explanation below the table.

<i>Relevant Objective</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
a. the efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system to which this licence relates	N/A
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	Y
c. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), the efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations under this licence	Y
d. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers	Y
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	Y
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	N/A
g. so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (f), the 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	N/A

* Regulation 2009/715/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009

Relevant Objectives to be better facilitated:

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Likely impact on environment?

N/A

Implementation issues including impact on your systems

This change will have an impact on both shipper and transporter systems, and will require a level of lead time. We would suggest a lead time of no more than 6 months.

Additional Information and Comments

Although there have been previous modifications that have sought to standardise invoice file formats, due to a number of issues, there still remain anomalies with the file content in some instances.

There still remains a lack of standardisation across common file formats, and this modification seeks to address these problems, which result in parties having to adopt manual processes, this ultimately has the knock on effect of increasing handling of files

ScottishPower welcome the further standardisation of invoicing, and feel that the additional fields detailed in the proposal are essential in order to provide Shippers with the necessary information to conduct efficient invoice validation, and to manage this process in a consistent manner for all IGTs.

The standardisation of this template and the inclusion of I&C invoices will allow parties to develop more advanced processes and/or systems to process RPC invoices. This benefits both Shippers and iGTs.

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