

iGT 046 – Modification Rules Revision Terms of Reference

Purpose

This Development Group has been established to progress modification iGT 046 raised to iGT UNC.

Background

Modifications raised under the UNC and also under the iGT UNC will not conclude their assessment stages together and therefore will not be referred to the Authority for a decision at the same time. The consequences are that this could result in the implementation of modifications being either out of step with each under the different codes or the delay of the implementation in one code to align delivery timescales with the other where Pipeline Users systems are impacted.

The iGT UNC modification rules were based loosely around the UNC modification rules, but in the absence of a regular workgroup that could be used to develop and consult on modifications additional steps were included in the iGT UNC Modification Rules to allow for extra off-line review by Pipeline Operators and Users. The introduction of the Standing Workgroup now creates a regular workgroup where modifications can be referred for further development and so the additional consultation stage is no longer required.

The proposal seeks to remove the additional steps that are not a feature of the UNC Modification Rules to align the assessment of modifications that are raised at the same time under both codes.

The Development Group is asked to deliver:

1. A final report outlining the findings of the Group, including recommendations for any changes to the iGT UNC (and note any changes required to UNC).
2. Draft modification proposals for changes to iGT UNC.

Reports of progress will be provided to the iGT UNC Modification Panel at each meeting held throughout the period of the Development.

Composition

IGTs, Shippers and Suppliers, iGT UNC Representative, Ofgem, Large Transporters, Others (e.g. xoserve) by invitation.

The Development Group will be chaired by the iGT UNC Shipper Representative – Colette Baldwin

Information Sources

iGT UNC, UNC Modification Rules, Ofgem Best Practice Guidelines, iGT Modification Rules Best Practice Guidelines

Limits

The Development Group is established to progress the proposal which seeks to align the rules with that of the large transporters, more specifically where modifications have been raised and agreed by

the Panel to proceed that they go through the modification processes and conclude at roughly the same time to enable them to go to the Authority together.

Code Release dates – should they be aligned

Implementation timescales – should they be aligned

Influence on Development and Review processes to be mindful to try and work to the same end date.

User Pays changes and self governance changes do not form part of this review.

Timetable

Need 2 meetings –

To be agreed Meetings to be held in accordance with the Chairman's Guidelines

Approval

These terms of reference are subject to approval by Panel. However, the Development Group may recommend changes to the Terms of Reference if required.