

## iGT UNC / iGT INC Consultation Response

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### Response to Questions

GTC would support option a, ***“To send SMU/SMR files between iGTs and shippers using email only (up until Single Service Provision go-live – October 2015)”***. The reasoning behind our support is as follows:

- The risk of IX installations being in place in time for go live is a realistic risk and, therefore, I believe that IX should not be considered for this method of communication.
- Notwithstanding the above, the IX connection will not be in place for industry testing which, should IX be the mandating method of communication, would add further development complications to an already tight development schedule with a missed opportunity to test the files via the ultimate communication method.
- It is my understanding that the IX as a method of communication was intended for the use of smart data communication between iGTs and Xoserve only and the suggestion of IX being the default method of communication for the SMU/SMR files, albeit included in a draft version of the Ancillary Document, is against current industry practice for communication between iGTs and shippers. Therefore, in line with general industry communication, I believe that the default should be email.
- If IX proves to be the mandated method of communication there is a risk that GTC may not meet the June implementation.
- Industry work towards SSP has been a key project for the iGTs and we all have been keen to progress developments that will result in smoother and more efficient communication and costs benefits to shippers and to the industry as a whole. To attempt to streamline communications by the use of IX at this stage, and thereby deviate from general current practice, would realise no real benefit.