

## **Provision of Information to Meter Asset Providers for iGT Supply Meters – Code Administrator Paper produced October 2017**

### **Background**

The raising of UNC 0637S: Amending the permissions to release data to Meter Asset Provider organisations which is currently being consulted on by UNC parties has resulted in a check of the iGT UNC to see if the modification would have any possible consequences for the iGT UNC. This investigation has highlighted that when Mod 422 was implemented there was no equivalent modification raised for the iGT UNC. Consequently the iGT UNC does not have a section giving permission for Meter Asset Providers to request and receive certain Supply Meter information. The question is being raised as whether this is now an area that should be addressed so that there is no ambiguity in relation to request from Meter Asset Providers where these requests may relate to iGT Supply Meters.

It may be that as work on iGT039 started in 2012 before Mod 422 was implemented, that the requirement to also cover Meter Asset Provider information was missed.

### **Detail**

Modification 0422 - Creating the permission to release data to Meter Asset Provider organisations was implemented on 01 April 2013 but the mod was initially raised in early 2012. This modification created the permissions in UNC to release certain data items to MAP organisations if they provided the Meter Point Request Information (MPRN, MSN, meter model) and this matches that held on the Supply Point Register.

The Modification created the following Legal Text in the UNC Section V (updated later to replace references to Transporter with references to CDSP).

### **Section V**

#### **5 INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

##### **5.16 Disclosure of MAP Information (Annex V-9)**

5.16.1 For the purposes of this paragraph 5.16, “**Meter Asset Provider**” shall mean the provider of the Supply Meter, not having any responsibility for the maintenance of such Supply Meter; and “**MAP**” shall be construed accordingly.

5.16.2 For the purposes of this paragraph 5.16, “**Meter Point Request Information**” shall include the following information in respect of each Supply Meter Point:

- (a) meter point reference number;
- (b) meter serial number; and
- (c) meter model.

5.16.3 For the purposes of this paragraph 5.16, “**Meter Point Information**” shall mean the information as detailed in Annex V-9.

5.16.4 Subject to paragraphs 5.16.6 and 5.16.7 below, where the CDSP is requested by a MAP to provide information in respect of a given Supply Meter Point and provided the MAP notifies the CDSP of the Meter Point Request Information for each relevant Supply Meter Point comprised within such Supply Point, then, subject to paragraph 5.16.5, any such request shall be regarded as made on behalf of the Registered User and the CDSP

is (pursuant to the DSC) authorised by such Registered User to disclose the Meter Point Information to the MAP for each Supply Meter Point comprised in the Supply Point Registration for such Supply Point.

5.16.5 Meter Point Information shall only be provided in respect of a given Supply Meter Point where the Meter Point Request Information matches the records on the Supply Point Registration. Where the Meter Point Request Information fails to match the records on the Supply Point Registration the CDSP shall:

- (a) provide a response to the MAP indicating that the Meter Point Request Information supplied by the MAP has failed to match the records on the Supply Point Registration; and

(b) provide no further information in respect of this Supply Meter Point.

5.16.6 A Meter Asset Provider shall only be entitled to receive the information pursuant to paragraph 5.16.4 where it has not already received such information (or any part thereof) from data flows between suppliers, Meter Asset Managers and MAP.

5.16.7 The MAP and the CDSP shall enter into a confidentiality agreement (on terms no less onerous than those of this paragraph 5) for the purposes of receiving the information pursuant to paragraph 5.16.4. Such confidentiality agreement shall detail the permitted purpose for such information and shall include an expressed benefit on Registered Users and each Registered User shall be entitled to enforce the agreement (pursuant to the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999) as if it were the CDSP.

### **iGT Equivalent Modification**

It would appear that at that time no equivalent modification was raised for the iGT UNC with a consequence that there was no codified arrangement that required an iGT to provide the information to a Meter Asset Provider (MAP). It could therefore be argued that the CDSP may not have the authority through the Code to provide the requested information with regard to iGT Supply Meters.

### **Changes put forward by UNC 0637S**

UNC 0637S: Amending the permissions to release data to Meter Asset Provider organisations

The amendment intends to remove the 'meter model' data item from the required Meter Point Request Information for meters with a capacity up to and including 11m<sup>3</sup>. For meters with a capacity above 11m<sup>3</sup> the existing requirements will endure – meter model will be required.

The solution is an amendment to UNC TPD Section V5 (Information and Confidentiality), to confirm the meter model data item will only be required as Meter Point Request Information to obtain Supply Point data for meters with a capacity of above 11m<sup>3</sup> only. The equivalent amendment to Annex V-9 will also be required to stipulate this requirement.

### **Proposed changes to the UNC Legal Text**

#### **Legal Text**

5.16 Disclosure of MAP Information (Annex V-9)

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- (a) meter point reference number;
- (b) meter serial number; and
- (c) meter model where the meter capacity is above 11m<sup>3</sup>.

Amend Annex V-9 so that the line underneath the table reads: \* - fields to be provided by the requesting Meter Asset Provider at the time of request in accordance with paragraph 5.16.2.

Annex V-9

Table of Supply Meter and Supply Meter Point data fields available (subject to verification and Section V5.16) to the Meter Asset Provider upon request in accordance with paragraph 5.16.2..

Data Field Name

meter point reference number\*

meter serial number\*

meter model\*

MAM id

meter installation date

meter removal date

meter point status

gas transporter identification

supplier identification and full name

confirmation effective date

\* - fields to be provided by the requesting Meter Asset Provider at the time of request.

### **Possible Solution**

An iGT UNC Modification could be raised to ensure that Provision of specific meter information to a Meter Asset Provider by the CDSP will also apply to iGT Supply Points.

This may be achieved by simply adding the following to Part K of the iGT UNC, although this needs to be reviewed by the industry.

### **iGT UNC Mod**

#### **Section K**

23.8 Disclosure of MAP Information

23.8.1 For the purposes of this Clause 23.8 the provisions of Section V5.16 of the UNC shall apply.

### **Part M**

**"Meter Asset Provider"** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the UNC: