

iGT UNC Request

At what stage is this document in the process?

RG004:

Review of iGT Governance and Administration Arrangements



Purpose of Request:

This Proposal seeks to undertake a review of the iGT UNC governance and administration arrangements and produce a summary of the Workgroups findings to the iGT UNC Panel for consideration.



The Proposer recommends that this request should be assessed by a Workgroup.

This request will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 21st March 2018.



High Impact:

Pipeline Users, Pipeline Operators



Medium Impact:



Low Impact:



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Any questions?

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About this document:

This document is a Request, which will be presented by the Proposer to the panel on 21st March 2018.

The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation, and agree whether this Request should be referred to a Workgroup for review.



1 Request

Why is the Request being made?

Following implementation of Project Nexus, iGTs became signatories to the Central Data Service Provider arrangements, with all iGT Supply Meter Points being recorded and administered within a consolidated central system. As a result of this, a majority of modifications in the UNC are resulting in corresponding changes requiring to be made in the iGT UNC. The result of this is that since Project Nexus significant iGT UNC Modification Workstream business has involved the assessment of the impacts of UNC modifications on the iGT UNC, resulting in parties raising mirror modifications to make the corresponding changes to the iGT UNC, or to make minor changes to iGT UNC references to the UNC due to the insertion or deletion of legal text within the UNC which has resulted from UNC modifications. This is resulting in most iGT UNC work being purely administrative and is resulting in industry resources not being used in the most efficient manner, and the lack of much genuine new iGT change is resulting in reduced attendance and business being discussed at the iGT UNC Workstream meetings. This request is being made for a workgroup to understand how the two codes could be better aligned, and potentially how the iGT UNC could be amalgamated into the UNC to create one code.

This review group will aim to produce a report that could have one of a number of potential recommendations, prior to a modification being raised in this area. Suggested potential recommendations are as follows:

- To amalgamate all common areas of the iGT UNC and the UNC into the UNC and to make all
 those areas that are not common to both codes, such as IGT invoicing and new connections an
 ancillary document to the UNC. This could have the effect of making the iGT UNC redundant;
- To create a common UNC and iGT UNC modification process so that when a modification is
 raised under the UNC it takes into account the iGT UNC and requires any changes to the iGT
 UNC legal text to be produced at the same time as the changes to the UNC legal text,
 effectively negating the need for mirror and cross-referencing modifications to be raised under
 the iGT UNC; or
- To amend the iGT UNC to reference the UNC at a much higher 'section type' level rather than
 at the clause level, so that when a UNC modification is implemented which results in the legal
 text changing the clause numbering within a section of the UNC, an iGT UNC modification is not
 required to reflect this new numbering.

Scope.

It is proposed the scope of this review will be the whole of the iGT UNC (including ancillary, guidance and process documents), its alignment with the UNC and, potentially, how all of its arrangements could be moved into the UNC, with the creation of further ancillary documents to the UNC.

Impacts & Costs.

No impacts or costs are envisaged to be incurred as a result of this work undertaken by this Request Proposal directly. A resulting modification may impact significantly on the iGT UNC governance and administrative arrangements. It is not envisaged that any recommendation made by this group will impact on central systems.



Recommendations

The objective of this Request Proposal is to produce a recommendation to the iGT UNC Modification Panel. It should be referred to a Workgroup as this will enable a thorough and collaborative review of options, and enable a consolidated recommendation to be provided to the iGT UNC Panel based on industry input.

Additional Information.

A request to review the arrangements will also be made under the UNC in the near future. Therefore, it is likely to be preferable to undertake these discussions in a joint review group after initial consideration by the iGT UNC Modification Workstream.

2 Impacts and Costs

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

Impacts

Impact on Central Systems and Process	
Central System/Process	Potential impact
UK Link	• n/a
Operational Processes	• n/a

Impact on Users	
Area of Users' business	Potential impact
Administrative and operational	• n/a
Development, capital and operating costs	• n/a
Contractual risks	• n/a
Legislative, regulatory and contractual obligations and relationships	All obligations relating to the iGT UNC may move to be under the UNC

Impact on Transporters	
Area of IGT business	Potential impact
System operation	• n/a
Development, capital and operating costs	• n/a
Recovery of costs	• n/a
Price regulation	• n/a



Impact on Transporters	
Contractual risks	• n/a
Legislative, regulatory and contractual obligations and relationships	All obligations relating to the iGT UNC may move to be under the UNC
Standards of service	• n/a

Impact on Code Administration	
Area of Code Administration	Potential impact
Modification Rules	May become part of or be placed under the UNC
iGT UNC Panel	Less business to discuss and potentially redundant
General administration	Less administration and potentially redundant

Impact on Code	
Code section	Potential impact
All sections	Moved to the UNC directly or as ancillary documents

Impact on iGT UNC Related Documents and Other Referenced Documents	
Related Document(s)	Potential impact
IGT UNC Ancillary & Guidance Documents	Documentation update and move to under UNC
iGT Network Codes	Documentation Update

Other Impacts	
Item impacted	Potential impact
Security of Supply	• n/a
Operation of the Total System	• n/a
Industry fragmentation	• n/a

3 Terms of Reference

Background

As outlined above, it is proposed to conduct a review of the iGT UNC and how the arrangements within it could be incorporated directly within the UNC

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the Request
- Benefit of alignment with UNC
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup including a draft modification where appropriate.

The Workgroup Report should consider the following:

- · Review of available options;
- Assessment of option benefits from an industry perspective;
- · Consideration of any identifiable risks, issues and dependencies

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by Gemserv and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice.

4 Recommendation

The Proposer invites the Panel to:

DETERMINE that Request RG004 progress to Workgroup for review.