

RG005

IGT UNC Review of Consequential Changes resulting from Faster Switching arrangements

Background

This proposed group seeks to undertake a review of the IGT UNC with the aim of identifying Consequential Changes required as a result of development of the REC (Retail Energy Code) and Faster Switching. The scope of this review is the whole of the IGT UNC (including ancillary, guidance and process documents) including its alignment, where appropriate, with the UNC. This document is designed to support the review group request with some initial analysis into some important areas to consider.

The below table highlights actions and timescales related to the process:

Key Date	Deliverable/Milestone	Owner	Completed Yes/No	Comments	Revised Date
08/01/19	Initial kick off with considerations of key areas to cover	Mod Workstream			
TBC	Carry out a page turn exercise of the IGT UNC and REC drafts for V1 and V2, to assess areas of consequential change	IGTs and Gemserv			
05/02/19	BUUK and Gemserv to present initial findings to the group for discussion	Mod Workstream			
TBC	Continue with a page turn exercise of the IGT UNC (if second workshop required)	IGTs and Gemserv			
18/02/19	Presenting of consequential changes to RDUG, with full requirements of delivery to be clarified by Ofgem (Jon Dixon)				
02/03/19	Group to collate views to be presented at the next Panel meeting	Mod Workstream			
22/03/19	Approve findings and proposed changes	Panel			
25/03/19	Presenting of legal text of proposed changes to RDUG				

It should also be noted that any Change Proposals being raised from the start of 2019 onwards are to be considered with Ofgem's directive in mind. I.e. those moving in the direction of travel will be progressed, and those not will be halted.

Content and Key Areas

The following areas have been assessed with the aim in mind of capturing too much rather than too little. As discussions progress the key areas can be narrowed down to what is actually being affected by Faster Switching and as such the group should consider some key working criteria:

- Is the area relevant to Registration/Supplier Switching?
- Is the area referenced in REC and, therefore, should we consider if it changes the IGT UNC, for example Metering activity.
- Regardless of whether it should be referenced in REC, will removing it from the IGT UNC leave a gap in an area of obligation.
- Until we see the UNC work, we are blind as to how areas of the IGT UNC may or may not be impacted by the CDSP Faster Switching Changes.

Part CI – Supply Point Registration

In particular general Supply Point Confirmations with notification of change of Supplier and enforcement/informing of any new contractual arrangements between parties.

And also, the debate around Supplier of Last Resort and whether these obligations should remain with the IGT UNC or become more centralised with other processes within the REC.

Part D – Supply Meter Installation

Areas to discuss could potentially include;

- Provision by the Pipeline Operator;
- Interference with meters;
- Meter clamping;
- Prepayment Meters; and
- Updating Meter Information by the Pipeline Operator,

With various considerations and obligations around information in regard of Supply Meter Points.

Part K – General

With Termination making considerations for defaulting Shippers, this topic may be advisable into any decision made around Supplier of Last Resort arrangements. The section also includes obligations for Suppliers and Consumers in relation to the IGT UNC which may change as other amendments are made due to the REC.

Other areas include the disclosure of information which may be affected dependent on UNC Consequential Changes and choices of what information to provide which may be captured or used within the switching process.

Part N – CDSP and UK Link

Many changes to this section of the IGT UNC will come out of discussion from UNC Consequential Changes and related groups and as such timescales will be dependent on these updates.

Summary and Findings

The initial review of the IGT UNC has revealed a number of areas dependent on UNC updates with others up for debate as to if and how they will be affected, like Supplier of Last Resort and defaulting Shipper arrangements, as well as some which will need to be assessed with proposed changes made. These focus on the use and transfer of information related to meters and their data in cases of switching Suppliers, and thus potentially Shippers too.

A more in-depth page turning exercise will take place to ensure all Consequential Changes are captured and up for discussion with the wider IGT UNC Mod Workstream group.