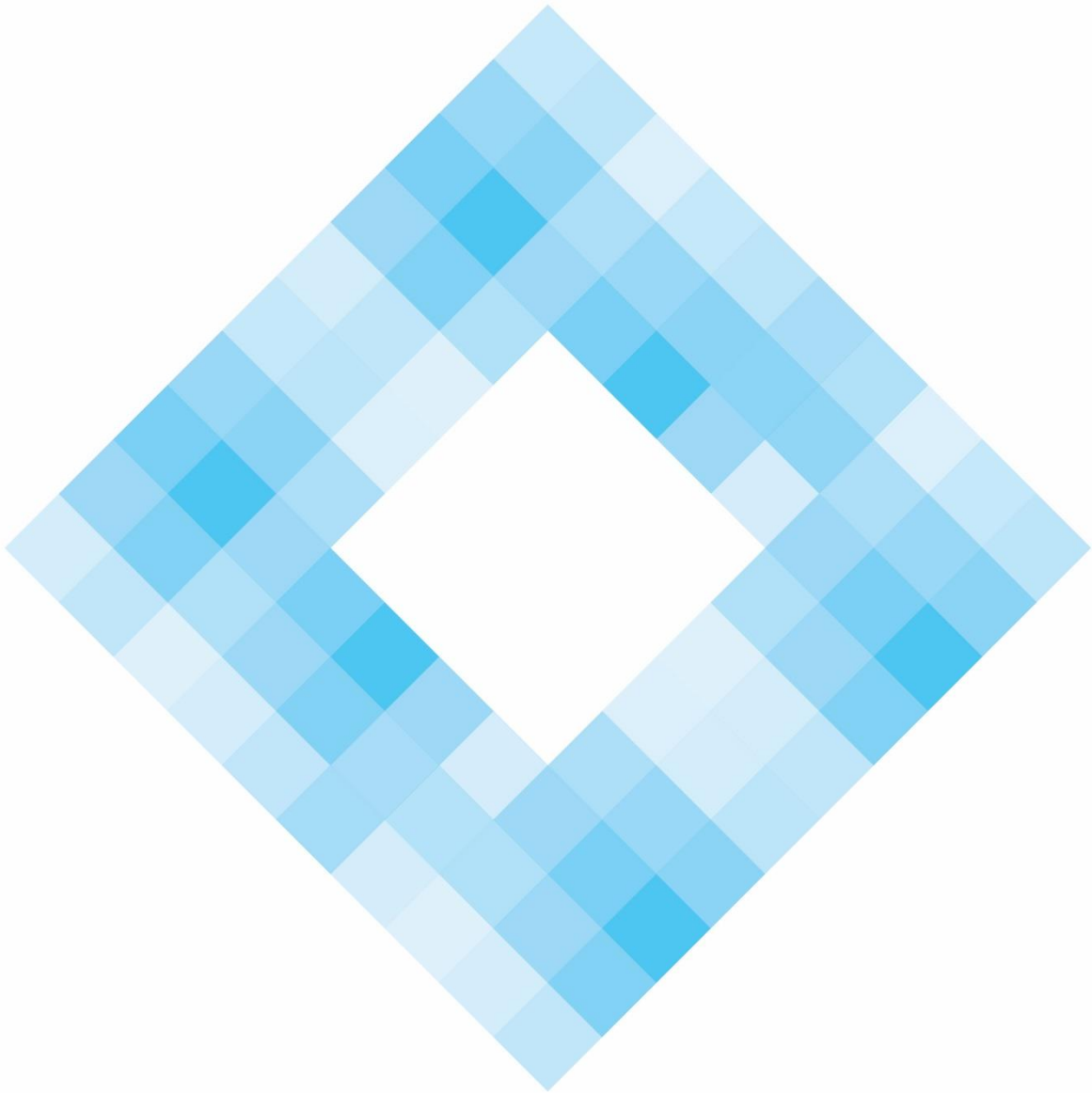


IGT UNC Consequential Changes – Summary Document

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Summary

BACKGROUND

Ofgem are introducing a large scale reform within the energy industry to introduce a new Retail Energy Code (REC). This is to amalgamate the large and cumbersome retail codes for both gas and electricity to introduce the first dual-fuel retail Code.

As part of the package of reforms taking place within this space the introduction of a new central system for switching customers has been commissioned. The Central Switching Service (CSS) will be introduced under the REC and will now process all customer switches for both gas and electricity, taking the current arrangements down from three week switching to 5 day switching.

This has resulted in all energy codes carrying out internal reviews on areas of consequential changes to accommodate the new reforms, with many codes now pointing over to the REC for their switching arrangements.

Consequential changes within the IGT UNC

SUMMARY

The IGT UNC has been through an extensive review in order to prepare the Code for the consequential changes of the Ofgem Switching Programme and the implementation of the Central Switching Service (CSS) which will move all switching arrangements into its governance. The below section will give a summary of changes made, section by section of the Code, giving a commentary on the detailed changes of the Code.

DISCLAIMER: The consequential changes work that has been carried out as part of this project has been based on an assessment that the IGT UNC only incorporates CSS Supply Points only, and that non-CSS Supply Points (currently NTS sites) are not applicable to the IGT UNC. Should a future decision be made, such that Shared Supply Points on LDZ Networks are treated as non-CSS Supply Points, then significant changes will be required to the IGT UNC to introduce the non-CSS Supply Point Registration processes.

PART A – INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

Minimal changes made to one reference. This change has corrected a point across to an area of the UNC effected by their Codes review.

PART B - CAPCITY

Changes have been made to this section on DM capacity. This looks to keep DM capacity within the IGT UNC, however, the rewording recognises that the term 'Supply Point Confirmation' is no longer applicable.

This section also introduced the new defined term of Deregistration (formally Withdrawal).

PART C – SUPPLY POINT ADMINISTRATION

Extensive changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC following the complete reorganisation of the equivalent UNC section G. Part CI, CII, CIII, CIV and CV deal mainly with Customer Switching and this has been the main focus of work within the consequential changes Review group in order to move these obligations from the IGT UNC to the new CSS governance arrangements.

Large scale reform has also taken place to restructure across the whole of Part C (CI to CV inclusively), removing large sections of now redundant Code and in some cases moving existing text to more appropriate sections to ensure the logical reading of the legal text.

PART CI – SUPPLY POINTS

There has been a swathe of reference changes within this section in order to keep this aligned to the UNC including renaming this section to reflect the registration will no longer be governed under the IGT UNC. New clauses have been added to this section to introduce the Retail Energy Code and the Central Switching Service. Clause 2 recognises the introduction of Annex G-1 in the UNC to record Registration Details to be held on the Supply Point Register

A new section has been added to include 'Changes in Supply Point classification'.

Clause eight (Supply Point registration) has been extensively changed within the section to point across to the new arrangements within the UNC. Subsequent clauses (9 – 13) have stripped out current IGT UNC processes/obligations and as these are now obsolete.

Sections 10 and 11 which deal with the IGT specific processes for new domestic and non-domestic supply points have been retitled and changes made to recognise the new terminology.

Any areas pertaining to confirmation and withdrawal have either been stripped out (for Domestic premises) or moved to another section for continuity.

Areas have been created (clauses 13 – 20) to introduce the new CSS processes into the IGT UNC, however these all point across to the arrangements set out in the UNC.

PART CII - DM CAPACITY AND OFFTAKE RATE

An introduction section has been added to the Part of the IGT UNC to note 'All references to paragraphs in the UNC refer to paragraphs within Annex-B3 of Section B of the UNC unless specifically started otherwise.'

Various reference changes have been made throughout this section in order to align this to the new UNC text.

PART CIII - INTERRUPTIBLE SUPPLY POINTS

Minimal changes have been made to this section to align new Retail Energy Code defined terms to existing processes. These include 'Referable Registration Nomination' and 'Base Registration Nomination'. Other minor reference changes have been carried out.

PART CIV - SUPPLY POINT DEREGISTRATION AND ISOLATION

Major changes have been made to this Part of the IGT UNC following the demise of the Withdrawal process and the introduction of the 'Deregistration' process within the CSS. This has resulted in large sections of the existing Code have been removed and replaced with alternative text incorporating the new processes. The Re-establishment section (6) has also been extended in conjunction with an IGT UNC Modification (IGT125F) to recognise that a previous UNC Modification had not been applied to the IGT UNC as it should have been.

PART CV - NEW SUPPLY METER POINTS AND OTHER SITEWORKS

Major changes have been made to this Part of the IGT UNC following the new introduction of the CSS processes. The existing IGT UNC (CIV 2.5 through 2.9(d) which has been deleted is now replaced by a UNC point across (G3.4.4 through 3.4.9).

PART D – SUPPLY METER INFORMATION

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC.

PART E – METER READING

Changes have been made to this section to align the IGT UNC with changes made to the Metering section of the UNC. These changes to the UNC were extensive and therefore references and additions have been added to the IGT UNC to accommodate this change. The specific areas of change within the IGT UNC are:

- Meter Information;
- Validity of Meter Readings;
- Validation of Meter Readings;
- Cyclic Reading: Class 3 Supply Meters;
- Opening Meter Readings; and
- Other non-cyclic meter reading requirements.

PART F – DAILY AND ANNUAL QUANTITIES AND SHRINKAGE

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC.

PART G – PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION CHARGES, INVOICING, PAYMENT AND CODE CREDIT

Minor changes have been made to this section. Specifically, the changes are located within the Late Payment section. These changes have been made to ensure alignment with the UNC and in order to interface with the Retail Energy Code. The reference to ‘Supply Point Confirmation’ was removed as this has now been subsumed into the CSS.

PART H - SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC.

PART I - EMERGENCIES

Minimal changes have been made to this section to align new Retail Energy Code defined terms to existing processes. These include ‘Referable Registration Nomination’ and ‘Base Nomination’.

PART J - DELIVERY AND OFFTAKE OF GAS

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC.

PART K - GENERAL

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC. However, it has been identified that there may need to be later change made to this section to add the REC/CSS as a User Type in the Permissions section.

PART L – MODIFICATION RULES

No changes have been made to this section of the IGT UNC.

PART M – DEFINITIONS

Changes have been made to this section to introduce new Defined terms into the IGT UNC in line with the consequential changes of the CSS, as well as delete those that have been removed from the Code due to CSS. A thorough comparison activity has also taken place to ensure that all definitions that point over to the UNC still exist.

PART N – CDSP AND UK LINK

Minimal changes have been made to this section to ensure alignment with the UNC's latest legal drafting for their consequential change review.

