

Modification

At what stage is this document in the process?

IGT137:

Alignment of the IGT UNC to the UNC in advance of Faster Switching



Purpose of Modification:

This Modification proposes to realign the Independent Gas Transporter Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) to mirror the Uniform Network Code (UNC) version that is being developed for the Switching Programme in modification UNC 0708 - Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching.

This will ensure that the IGT UNC will be consistent with the latest version of the UNC.

The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:

- subject to self-governance
- assessed by a Workgroup



This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 28th February 2020. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.

The proposer notes that the implementation date of this modification should align with that of UNC 0708: Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching.



High Impact:

None



Medium Impact:

None



Low Impact:

IGTs, Shippers



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Timetable

The Proposer recommends the following timetable:		
Initial consideration by Workgroup	13 th March 2020	
Workgroup Report presented to Panel	27 th March 2020	
Draft Modification Report issued for consultation	1st April 2020	
Consultation Close-out for representations	22 nd April 2020	
Final Modification Report available for Panel	29 th April 2020	
Modification Panel decision	29 th May 2020	



1 Summary

What

The Ofgem Switching Programme (OSP) was formed to introduce a programme of work to develop a faster, more reliable switching service for gas and electricity consumers to switch Suppliers. A combined gas and electricity Central Switching Service (CSS) has been established to facilitate the Supplier initiated switching process, known as Faster Switching.

In readiness for this, Ofgem directed Transporters to prepare a version of the UNC in advance of the direction for implementation of Faster Switching. This advance version of the UNC includes all the changes that would be needed to facilitate Faster Switching. As part of the work carried out for the Legal text changes, a re-ordering of the UNC was recommended to put the rules into a more logical sequence and ease identification of future CSS/REC changes to the UNC. This change will be implemented through UNC modification 0708- Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching.

A number of areas in the IGT UNC directly reference the UNC and may require amendments to reflect changes to the UNC legal text as a result of UNC0708. Without these changes, references contained within the IGT UNC may become inaccurate.

Why

This Modification seeks to incorporate changes within the IGT UNC which are required to ensure consistency between the UNC and IGT UNC.

How

This modification seeks to update references where necessary in alignment with UNC Modification 0708 – Re-ordering of the UNC in advance of Faster Switching.

2 Governance

Justification for Self-Governance

This Modification is proposing to align specific references of the IGT UNC to mirror the proposed changes of the UNC ahead of Faster Switching. Therefore, this Modification makes no changes to IGT UNC parties' rights or obligations, and has no material impact on competition or IGT UNC governance and therefore, should be considered as suitable for Self-Governance.

Requested Next Steps

This modification should:

- be considered a non-material change and subject to self-governance
- be assessed by a Workgroup.

The Proposer believes that the change mapping should be comprehensively cross checked with developments in UNC 0708.



3 Why Change

Promotes efficiency and consistency in implementation across the codes. Additionally, if this change is not implemented, there is a risk that legal documentation that utilises references contained in the IGT UNC will be inaccurate.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

None

Technical Skillsets

Knowledge of the IGT UNC.

Knowledge of the UNC.

5 Solution

This modification proposes to amend impacted references in the IGT UNC to UNC TPD Section B, G, J, and Annex B-3 where necessary to ensure consistency across IGT UNC, UNC TPD drafting and the Ofgem Switching Programme.

Primary actions will be updating references to legal text where required.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

No impact as it is only re-aligning text.

Consumer Impacts

None. There are no new, amended, or removed obligations that would affect consumers.

Cross Code Impacts

There are no direct cross code impacts from this modification. However, the implementation date of this modification and that of UNC 0708 should be identical to retain integrity of the IGT UNC.

EU Code Impacts

None

Central Systems Impacts

No system changes are envisaged as this is a re-ordering of the existing text only and no obligations are added, changed or removed.



7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:			
Relevant Objective	Identified impact		
(A) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system	None		
(B) Co-ordinated, efficient and economic operation of	None		
(i) the combined pipe-line system; and/or			
(ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters			
(C) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations	None		
(D) Securing of effective competition:	None		
(i) between relevant shippers;			
(ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or			
(iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation			
agreements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers			
(E) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to	None		
secure that the domestic customer supply security standards are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers			
(F) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code	Positive		
(G) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding	None		
decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators			

The Proposer believes this Modification proposal furthers Relevant Objective F) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code as it aligns the IGT UNC to match the latest version of the UNC that will be submitted to support the Faster Switching changes.

8 Implementation

The implementation date of this modification proposal should align with the implementation of impacted changes to the UNC Transportation Principal Document under UNC 0708.

9 Legal Text

Text Commentary

The IGT UNC legal text contains a dependency of the legal text drafting of the UNC.

Text



To be provided

10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that self-governance procedures should apply
- Refer this proposal to a Workgroup for assessment.