

IGT UNC Modification Panel and
all IGT UNC Operators / Relevant
IGT UNC Operators

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Dear Colleague,

**Switching Significant Code Review: Significant Code Review Authority
Modification Proposal
Direction to IGT UNC Operators and Relevant IGT UNC Operators**

We refer to our update¹ published on 31 January 2022, which sets out the proposed process for the suite of industry code modification proposals now being raised by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)² pursuant to its Switching Significant Code Review (SCR)³.

Pursuant to and in accordance with (1) Standard Condition 9(12CB) of the Gas Transporter Licence; (2) Clause 10.1.3(b) of the Independent Gas Transporter Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) Modification Rules (the Code Modification Rules)⁴, and (3) the Switching SCR, the Authority hereby:

- I. submits to the IGT UNC Modification Panel the enclosed Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal⁵; and**

¹ Link [here](#) to the update

² The terms "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

³ Link [here](#) to the Launch Statement for the Switching SCR

⁴ Part L of the IGT UNC

⁵ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

II. directs all IGT UNC Operators⁶ and Relevant IGT UNC Operators⁷ to comply with the below timetable in respect of each stage of this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal pursuant to Clauses 31 and 32 of the Code Modification Rules.

In line with the Authority's SCR guidance⁸, we have worked with code administrators and stakeholders on all of the Authority-led code modification proposals related to this SCR. Whilst we consider that there has already been thorough consultation outside of the processes set out in the Code in relation to this Authority Modification Proposal, including through the Switching Programme Regulatory Design User Group (RDUG), we have been working with colleagues in Genserv to coordinate the procedures for consideration of this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal, and those procedures shall include further consultation carried out by the code body.

Please ensure that the enclosed Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal is published on the IGT UNC website.

DIRECTION TO ALL IGT UNC OPERATORS⁹ AND RELEVANT IGT UNC OPERATORS¹⁰ PURSUANT TO CLAUSES 31 AND 32 OF THE CODE MODIFICATION RULES

Pursuant to Clauses 31.1, 31.2 and 32.4 of the Code Modification Rules, the Authority hereby directs all IGT UNC Operators¹¹ and Relevant IGT UNC Operators¹² (1) to comply with the below timetable in respect of each stage of this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal in place of any timetable set out in the Code Modification Rules; and (2) with reference to Clause 31.2(b) of the Code Modification Rules, that all other steps are not to apply to this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal:

Code Modification Rules Clause	Procedural step	Deadline for completion
31.1(a) and 32.1	"32.1 Where the Authority submits a Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal to the IGT UNC	Consultation: 25 March 2022

⁶ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

⁷ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

⁸ Link [here](#) to the Authority's SCR guidance

⁹ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

¹⁰ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

¹¹ As defined in the Code Modification Rules

¹² As defined in the Code Modification Rules

	Modification Panel, the Code Administrator will add the Modification Proposal as an Agenda item for the IGT UNC Modification Panel to discuss at its next scheduled meeting. Subsequent to such discussion the Code Administrator will prepare a report to the Authority (...)"	to 27 April 2022, to inform Panel Meeting on 27 May 2022; Report to be submitted to the Authority by 30 May 2022
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In relation to directing the implementation date of this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal pursuant to Clause 31.2(c) of the Code Modification Rules, we will advise on this in due course. As you are aware, if the Authority decides to approve this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal then implementation will need to take place in time for the CSS Go-Live Date. With reference to the Retail Energy Code (REC) Transition Schedule, the CSS Go-Live Date will be designated by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, and is currently expected to be 18 July 2022. We therefore recommend that the proposed implementation date be noted in the relevant Modification Panel report/recommendation as "CSS Go-Live Date, to be designated by the Authority in due course."

Decision stage

As set out in our update¹³, and following discussions with colleagues in the code bodies, we are submitting all Authority-led proposals in relation to the Switching SCR to the panels of all relevant industry codes at slightly different times in order to align with the specific panel meetings being targeted for each code. This means that there will not be a single date for Authority decisions on all of the Authority-led modification proposals under the Switching SCR.

Our target date for decision in relation to this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal is early June 2022, although we will endeavour to issue a decision as soon as possible following our receipt of the Code Administrator's report in relation to this Significant Code Review Authority Modification Proposal, as referred to above.

¹³ Link [here](#) to the update

This is an Authority-led end-to-end SCR¹⁴. We will confirm when we have made our final decision and the Switching SCR has ended. We will only end the SCR at the point that we are confident that no further code changes are required for the Switching Programme.

Finally, we would like to once again extend our thanks to Gemserv for their support in developing the legal text for the SCR modification proposals on the timelines that have been required by the programme.



**Nicola Garland,
Head of Delivery, Switching Programme
Duly authorised on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**

23 March 2022

¹⁴ We set out in paragraph 8.26 of our Outline Business Case in Feb 2018, link [here](#), that the Switching SCR would follow an Ofgem led end-to-end process