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iGT UNC Modification Proposal iGT002

I am writing as the Chairman of the iGT UNC Modification Panel to request the Authority's View on a Modification as allowed under section L21 of the Code.

The iGT UNC Modification Panel met on Wednesday 20 June. They considered a Modification Proposal (iGT002, Portfolio Extract) but were unable to reach a majority decision on whether to send it for Industry Consultation or for Development/Review. As a result the Proposal will be referred to the next Panel meeting on 18 July. If at that meeting the Panel cannot agree, it will be issued for Consultation in accordance with the iGT UNC Modification Rules.

The Panel agreed, ahead of the next meeting, that it would be useful to seek the Authority's view on the Proposal.

The Modification was raised by ScottishPower, a User party to the iGT UNC. The portfolio extract was developed in the Gas Forum/AiGT File Format Group with involvement/participation from both Shipper/Suppliers and iGTs. The proposer believes that this Modification Proposal will result in a standardised approach in providing pivotal data to Shippers/Suppliers which ultimately will enhance data quality within the iGT market, thus securing effective competition between relevant parties. As the portfolio extract was developed in the File Format Group, the Proposer, along with other Pipeline Users, believes that this Modification Proposal should proceed directly to Consultation.

The Pipeline Operators note that this is one of many reports that iGTs provide to Shipper/Suppliers and therefore proposed that a review of all current data extracts and future requirements is undertaken as the current arrangements are an inefficient use of resources. They also note that they have to provide, and Shippers can access, information via SCOGES. The Pipeline Operators' representatives on the Modification Panel voted for the Proposal to go to Development.

As the Panel were unable to agree on how this Modification should proceed they agreed to approach the Authority to seek their view on whether the Modification Proposal should proceed to Consultation or Development.

I look forward to your view.

Yours sincerely

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