

iGT UNC / iGT INC Modification Proposal

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Urgency	Non-urgent
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Status	For Consultation
Title	Supply Point Confirmation
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Urgency	N/A
Background	<p>In 2006 the Customer Transfer Programme mandated the provision of the identity of the incoming Supplier in the Ceased Responsibility Notice (TAS T17 file), to the outgoing Shipper.</p> <p>To further improve the communication of customer information between suppliers during the customer transfer process, the Proposing Shipper is also provided with the Outgoing Supplier identity in the Proposing Shipper Notice of Transfer (T16 file). In both cases the Supplier identities were made mandatory data items to ensure compliance with CTP and on the basis that the User was obliged to submit a T03 file, containing the initial Supplier I.D.</p> <p>Section G: 2.1.2, Version 3.4 (the version in place immediately prior to the implementation of the iGT UNC) of the Independent Pipelines Network Code, states that:</p> <p>“In order for a User (the “Proposing User”) to become the Registered User in respect of a supply point, the Proposing User must make a Supply Point Confirmation in respect of a Proposed Supply Point.”</p> <p>In respect of New Supply Points, and on receipt of the T02 Work Completion Notification file, the Proposing User is to fulfil this obligation by submitting a T03 Work Completion Confirmation file.</p> <p>Section G: 2.5.9 states that “Every Supply Point Confirmation shall specify (in addition to what is required under paragraph 2.6 or 2.7) the identity of the proposed Supplier, and in any case whereupon a change in the identity of the Supplier a User continues to be the Registered User in respect of a Supply Point, such User shall submit a Supply Point</p>

Reconfirmation in respect of the change of Supplier”.

In respect of New Supply Points and in the absence of a T03 Work Completion Confirmation file, IPL / QPL are unable to provide the mandatory Outgoing Supplier I.D. in the T16 file.

This is causing file validation and processing to fail for some Users.

The Proposal

IPL / QPL do not feel that the current Short Form Code makes sufficient provision for Users to provide information as previously specified in the earlier IPL Network Code. IPL / QPL therefore propose to reinstate Sections G:2 and G:4.3.10 of the Independent Pipelines Limited Network Code version 3.4, into the IPL & QPL Short Form Codes.

It is the aim of this proposal to increase the robustness of the Change of Supplier process by better facilitating the communication of information between Suppliers during the customer transfer process.

In addition this proposal will protect Users’ file validation and processing by ensuring that subsequent data flows from the Operator are complete.

Suggested timescale for implementation

How will the proposal operate?

Users will again be obliged to submit a T03 file in response to a T02 file unless reasonable evidence is provided that they are not the Proposing Shipper.

Facilitation of the relevant objectives

This proposal will facilitate the Relevant Objectives of the GT Licence (Condition 31) by identifying the supplier to the customer’s premises, and will also improve the efficiency, accuracy and timeliness of the change of supplier process.

Proposed Legal Text

Appendices: Section G:2 and G:4.3.10 Independent Pipelines Limited Network Code version 3.4

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