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<b>Title</b>	Insert document entitled "iGT Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes" within iGT UNC
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<b>Modification Proposal Dates</b>	<i>Circulation: 18/01/2008</i> <i>Response: 08/02/2008</i> <i>Circulation of DMR: 29/02/2008</i> <i>Response to DMR: 25/03/2008</i> <i>DFMR Published: 15/04/2008</i> <i>DFMR Presented to Panel: 16/04/2008</i> <i>FMR sent to authority: 23/04/2008</i>

### The Proposal

In October 2003, a document "iGT Meter Reading (Cyclical Reads Only) & Meter Inspection File Formats" was produced following work undertaken by the Gas Forum iGT Workgroup recommending for iGT purposes that Shippers adopt the unbundled meter reading file formats for transmitting meter reads and inspection notifications to iGTs. In addition, iGTs would adopt unbundled meter read responses files. The document included basic Validation Rules, which should be performed by both the Pipeline User and Pipeline Operator.

While a number of iGTs have developed their own version of Meter Reading Validation Rules, this proposal seeks to insert an iGT Ancillary Document entitled "iGT Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes".

#### Summary

The document outlines the Pipeline User's responsibility to apply a standard set of tolerance checking to cyclic meter readings prior to submission to the Pipeline Operator.

The document also outlines the validation that Operators should undertake on the receipt of cyclic meter readings from the Pipeline User. A list of Rejection Codes to be applied to Cyclic Meter Readings and Meter Inspection File notifications is also provided.

#### **Validation Procedure - Pipeline User**

All cyclic Meter Readings supplied by Pipeline Users will be subject to tolerance checking as outlined within Section 1 of the iGT Meter Reading Validation Rules.

#### **Validation Procedure - Pipeline Operator**

- When Meter Reading files are received from the Pipeline User, the Pipeline Operator should perform first level validation against the file structure submitted (See Section 2 of iGT Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes document).
- If the file structure is rejected the complete file will be returned to the Pipeline User.
- If the file is accepted, second level validation should be carried out against the

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individual records contained within the meter reading file. A single response file will be received by the Pipeline User indicating acceptance or rejection of individual reads including rejection reason(s).

- A list of rejection reasons to be used by the Pipeline Operator are contained within the iGT Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes document under Appendix C.

Pipeline Users should receive response files within 2 Business Days of receipt of the meter reading file by the Pipeline Operator.

### Suggested timescale for implementation

6 months from notice of implementation being received from the Authority in accordance with Part L 19.2(c) of the iGT UNC.

### Respondents' views

Individual responses can be viewed [here](#).

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### Facilitation of the relevant objectives

The Proposer believes that this modification proposal would further the relevant objectives as defined in Standard Condition 9 of the Gas Transporters Licence by ensuring that more valid Meter Readings are available for the calculation of AQ values and to allow for the undertaking of I&C reconciliations.

This will ensure greater accuracy of energy and cost allocations and so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of Condition 9 will secure effective competition between relevant shippers and relevant suppliers.

### Implementation issues

One Pipeline Operator highlighted that, although not an issue for their company, other Operators may have to carry out system improvements to facilitate this Modification.

The iGT UNC Ancillary Document will be published on the iGT UNC website.

**Proposed Legal Text**

Add **iGT UNC Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes** to Appendix K2 to the iGT UNC.

iGT UNC Section E - Part 4

Insert new clauses 4.7 - 4.12

- 4.7 All Meter Readings submitted by the Pipeline User shall be subject to the tolerance checking as detailed in Section 1 of the Meter Reading Validation Rules.
- 4.8 When Meter Readings are received from the Pipeline User, the Pipeline Operator should perform validation as detailed in Section 2 of the Meter Reading Validation Rules.
- 4.9 If Meter Readings fail validation as detailed in Part E 4.8 they will be returned to the Pipeline User.
- 4.10 If the Meter Readings pass validation as detailed in Part E 4.8, validation should be carried out against individual Meter Readings. A single response file will be sent to the Pipeline User indicating acceptance or rejection of individual Meter Readings including rejection code(s).
- 4.11 A list of rejection codes to be used by the Pipeline Operator is contained within Appendix C of the Meter Reading Validation Rules.
- 4.12 Pipeline Operators will issue response files as detailed in Part E4.10 within 2 Business Days of receipt of the Meter Readings from the Pipeline Users.

iGT UNC Part E 9.3

The "Meter Reading Validation Rules" are the rules and procedures contained in the **iGT UNC Ancillary Document "iGT UNC Meter Reading Validation Rules and Rejection Codes"**. ~~document so entitled and issued by the Pipeline Operator, as from time to time amended, after consultation, by the Pipeline Operator upon notice of not less than 3 months to Pipeline Users.~~