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iGT UNC / Pipeline Operator	iGT UNC
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The Proposal

The proposal seeks to create a change plan, which will create a monthly release schedule of draft and formal modification proposals. The timetable will set out the latest date for changes to be raised so that they can be presented to the monthly Panel meeting whilst giving the industry sufficient time for impact assessment and to provide feedback to their Panel representatives. The timing of responses and presentation of DMRs and FMRs to the Panel will also be scheduled in to the change plan. The intention is to give greater certainty over when to expect documents for review and when the responses are due.

The proposal seeks to introduce the good practice that has been established in other industry codes such as SPAA, the BSC and the MRA and recognises that having a defined timetable will enable better resource planning, particularly for smaller organisations, encouraging full consultation and participation in the iGT UNC change process.

Nothing in this proposal seeks to remove the rights of parties to raise a modification that meets the urgency criteria that Ofgem is able to determine.

Each iGT Pipeline User and Operator will nominate a Change Administrator, and these will be notified to the iGT UNC Representative.

A change plan will be prepared annually by the iGT UNC Representative once the Panel meeting dates have been agreed for the coming year.

The change plan will be published on the iGT UNC Website, giving the dates of proposal releases, Panel meetings and response timescales, including the publication and receipt of the DMR and FMRs.

The timetable will indicate the timeline of a proposal that goes into consultation directly from the Panel.

Once a proposal is received by the iGT UNC Representatives, the proposal will be released to the industry Change Administrators by email and published to the iGT UNC website.

Should the Modification Panel determine that the modification should proceed to development, the timetable will be suspended for the agreed duration of the review group and will restart once the Panel determines that the modification is suitable for consultation following receipt of the workgroup's report.

Should it be necessary to change the timetable in view of any changes to the iGT UNC Modification Rules or changes to the published Modification Panel dates, the Modification Panel will agree and publish a new timetable.

Proposer's suggested timescale for implementation

A minimum of 2 months from notice of implementation being received from the Authority in accordance with Part L 19.2(a) of the iGT UNC.

Facilitation of the relevant objectives

The Proposer considers this proposal will facilitate "the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and suppliers" by ensuring that all participants have full transparency and a good degree of predictability of the modification process. It will enable smaller participants to resource-plan their participation throughout the year by having a clear timetable indicating when proposals will be released for impact assessment, which Panel meeting will manage those modifications and the planned timetable for the entire process. It will enable them to brief their Panel representatives adequately in advance of the Panel meeting enabling their views to be fully represented.

The Proposer considers it will also ensure the "efficient administration of the network code" in that a co-ordinated release schedule of change documentation will ensure that Pipeline Operators are able to target their resources more accurately in the management of changes to the network code.

Implementation issues

None

Respondents' views

Individual responses can be viewed [here](#)

Respondee	Response to Consultation
E.ON UK	Support
IPL/QPL	Not in Support
SSE Energy Supplies	Support
SSE Pipelines	Support
Scottish Power	Support

Proposed Legal Text

Part L

2.1 - Add the following definition

"Change Administrator" means a person appointed by each Pipeline Operator and each Pipeline User to receive Modification Proposals in accordance with Part L 2.6

Administered by



Add new clause 2.6

2.6 Each Pipeline Operator and each Pipeline User shall notify to the Representative a Change Administrator including details of their electronic mail address.

Add new clauses 5.12 & 5.13

5.12 Every year in January the iGT UNC Modification Panel shall agree dates for the twelve meetings to be held in the calendar year commencing at the following January.

5.13 Within 10 Business Days of the iGT UNC Modification Panel dates being agreed pursuant to clause 5.12, the Representative shall publish and maintain on the iGT UNC website dates for Modification Panel meetings together with dates for the subsequent publication of Modification Proposals, Draft Modification Reports, Draft Final Modification Reports, Final Modification Reports and Close Out Dates for Modification Proposals proceeding to Consultation in accordance with Clause 15.5(c).

Modify clause 10

10 Publicity

10.1 The Representative will on receipt of a Modification Proposal allocate a unique reference number to the same and having done so will publicise that Modification Proposal by sending to:

(a) each Change Administrator

~~(a) each Pipeline User;~~

~~(b) each iGT UNC Operator;~~

(eb) each Affected Person; and

~~(dc)~~ the Authority.

a copy of such Proposal by no later than the 5th Business Day after the Representative receives the same. At the same time the Modification Proposal shall also be published on the iGT UNC website.

10.2 The Representative will provide a copy of a Modification Proposal to any person upon request.

Part M

Add the following definition

"Change Administrator" shall have the meaning in Part L 2.1