

## iGT UNC / iGT INC Draft Final Modification Report

<b>Date</b>	6 May 2009
<b>Reference</b>	iGT024VAV
<b>Title</b>	Inspection Notification and Cyclical Read File Format and Response File - Clarification of File Naming Convention - Consecutive
<b>Proposer</b>	E.ON UK - Colette Baldwin
<b>iGT UNC / Pipeline Operator</b>	iGT UNC
<b>Modification Proposal Dates</b>	<i>Circulation: 20/03/2009</i> <i>Response: 03/04/2009</i> <i>Circulation of DMR: 13/04/2009</i> <i>Response to DMR: 27/04/2009</i> <i>FMR sent to authority: 28/05/2009</i> <i>Suggested Implementation date: 06/11/2009</i>
<b>Background</b>	
<p>Modifications iGT013VV, iGT014, iGT015VV and iGT016 were directed to be made by the Authority on 1st July 2008. This suite of Modifications mandates the use of the unbundled meter reading file formats for the submission by Shippers of Meter Inspections and Cyclical Reads and for the acknowledgement of acceptance/rejection by iGTs within prescribed timescales.</p> <p>Since direction from the Authority some inconsistencies relating to file naming conventions have been identified. As currently written it is unclear whether the numbering within the file naming convention (as contained within iGT013VV and iGT015VV) should be submitted with numbers running sequentially (number higher than previous) or consecutively (1, 2, 3 etc).</p> <p>There has been industry debate surrounding the pros and cons of each numbering convention. However, Parties were unable to unanimously agree to one numbering convention over the other. To move this forward Modification iGT024V was raised proposing sequential numbering. An Alternate Modification (iGT024VA) was raised proposing consecutive numbering. Modification iGT024V has subsequently been varied to iGT024VV.</p> <p>Given the dependency of this Modification on the already approved Modifications (iGT013VV and iGT015VV), a shortened timescale for the Modification was agreed at the March Panel as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modification considered at Panel: 18th March</li> <li>• Modification Issued for Consultation: 20th March</li> <li>• Consultation Closes: 3rd April</li> <li>• DMR Issued: 13th April</li> <li>• DMR Consultation Closes: 27th April</li> <li>• DFMR Published: 6th May</li> <li>• DFMR to Panel: 20th May</li> </ul>	

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### Variation

Modification iGT024V was varied by the Proposer on 16 March 2009 to add clarity to its intention, which is to provide certainty to the file naming convention required under iGT013VV and iGT015VV. This Modification iGT024VA, an alternate to iGT024V, has been varied to iGT024VAV to provide the same clarification.

### The Proposal

This Modification seeks to mandate that the generation number must always be consecutive, per file type and per recipient. For example, Shipper sends file, generation number xxxx(x).file type (an example of a file naming convention being; GUK02.PN000001.WAO), the next file of the same type for the same recipient must therefore be consecutive.

For the avoidance of doubt consecutive means that the file number must be in numerical order with no gaps (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5,6 etc), per recipient.

The use of consecutive numbering would ensure any errors in file sequencing was readily identified by the iGT. For example, files 1-4 have been sent and accepted; if an error was made and the next file (5) was not sent from the Shipper this would soon be obvious as the next file (6) would be rejected and all files thereafter. In order to resolve this, the missing file (5) and all subsequent files would be required to be resubmitted.

### Suggested timescale for implementation

Due to the dependency on iGT013VV and iGT015VV the implementation date should align. Therefore, proposed implementation is November 2009 Release.

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### Respondents' Views

Responses received to the consultation and DMR can be viewed [here](#).

Respondee	Response to iGT024VV Consultation	Response to iGT024VAV Consultation	Response to iGT024VV DMR	Response to iGT024VAV DMR
British Gas	Support	Do Not Support	None	None
Envoy	Do Not Support	Support	Do Not Support	Support
ES Pipelines	Do Not Support	Do Not Support	None	None
GTC	Do Not Support	Support	None	None
ScottishPower	Support	Do Not Support	Support	Do Not Support
Scottish & Southern	Support	Do Not Support	None	None
SSE Pipelines	Support	Do Not Support	None	None
RWE npower	Support	Support	None	None
EDF Energy	None	None	Support	Do Not Support

ES Pipelines, whilst not supporting either Modification, prefers the numbering convention in iGT024VV above iGT024VAV.

RWE npower, whilst supporting both Modifications, prefers the numbering convention in iGT024VV above iGT024VAV.

### Facilitation of the relevant objectives

E.ON believe that implementation of this Modification will further the following code relevant objectives:

Standard Condition 9 (d): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) the securing of effective competition between relevant shippers and between relevant suppliers

Standard Condition 9 (f): so far as is consistent with sub-paragraphs (a) to (e), the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the network code and/or the uniform network code;

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### Section(s) of the Code Concerned

Section E

### Proposed Legal Text

iGT013VV and iGT015VV introduce two new Ancillary Documents to the iGT UNC (“Inspection Notification File Format and Response File” and “Use of Unbundled Meter Readings File Format and Response Files for Cyclic Meter Readings”). These Ancillary Documents will form part of the November 2009 Release of the iGT UNC and the following legal text details changes that will be made to these documents if this Modification is directed to be made.

#### **iGT UNC Ancillary Document - Inspection Notification File Format and Response File.**

The following file formats are to be used for the submission by Users of Meter Inspections and for the acknowledgement of acceptance/rejection by Operators.

##### Standard Header and Trailer

A header and trailer must be used for all files sent between Operators and Users.

##### File Naming Convention

The organisation sending the file should always use their 3-character organisation ID as set out in SPAA MDD. Also it should be for the relevant organisation within the group, for example, Users must use the reference organisation ID for the shipper Licence that is responsible for the supply point.

The generation number must always be ~~sequential~~ **consecutive**, per file type and per recipient. For example, User sends file, generation number xxxx(x).file type. The next file of the same type for the same recipient must therefore be ~~sequential~~ **consecutive**.

#### **iGT UNC Ancillary Document - Use of Unbundled Meter Readings File Format and Response Files for Cyclic Meter Readings**

The following file formats are to be used for unbundled Meter Readings and responses for cyclic Meter Readings.

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