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Sharing IX Equipment

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Organisation:

Fulcrum IGT

Abstract:

Does the UNCC have any objections to Fulcrum iGT IX kit being used by a new Fulcrum MAM? In preparation for being set up as an MAM, Fulcrum Metering Services (FMS) has commenced Xoserve's accession process. As part of the standard requirements for any UNC party, this includes having access to the IX network. Fulcrum indicated their intention of utilising their existing IX Gateway equipment, mirroring the approach whereby several Shipper accounts can be hosted on a single IX installation.

The Fulcrum iGT Licence is restricted to the ownership and operation of only pipeline and meters it installs and not the adoption of any other meters or pipeline. Given the limited scope of the iGT, the number of file flows via the IX network is very low and consequently there is huge storage capacity on the server. This spare capacity makes justifying the cost of installing and maintaining an additional IX installation cost prohibitive and the time line to install a new gateway a substantial risk to the launch of the FMS business. This has led to the proposal to share an existing installation on the confirmation that levels of security passwords etc. will ensure the data bases on the server are screened and accessible only by the relevant iGT or MAM.

The UNC specifically provides for Shippers to share IX equipment but to-date has made no statement on iGTs and MAM's sharing. Xoserve have indicated there are no technical barriers. Xoserve have suggested that the views of the UNCC be sought. If the UNCC has no objections, Xoserve would be minded to accept the request for FMS & Fulcrum iGT to share the same IX.

UNCC Members are therefore being asked whether they have any objections to the proposed sharing arrangement.

Best regards

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