### "CR13694 IFA Contracts" - Summary of development.

Following UK-Link Committee representation, this document provides greater detail of the minor changes associated with "CR13694 IFA Contracts".

The changes to Gemini functionality resulting from the implementation of CR13694 will provide an additional seven screens within the Gemini deal management suite. All screens will provide additional systematised help to create and maintain IFA agreements. Six of the seven screens merely provide information on Business Associates IFA contracts not previously available within Gemini and as such current processes are un-affected.

The remaining seventh screen will now allow a Business Associates to agree or reject IFA contracts via systematised functionality, a process that was previously not available within Gemini. This process is described on page 2 and changes to the process have been highlighted in bold, the accompanying screen is provided on page 3.

In order to provide a clearer picture of the changes to the current process, attached is a high level view with supporting Gemini screen shots. Included for information purposes is also high-level view of current processes that have not altered.

#### Gemini Deal Management – IFA Agreement High Level Process

An Interruptible Firm Allowance (IFA) enables an interruptible site to have a small amount of firm supply to ensure critical processes will not be affected in the event of site being interrupted.

An IFA contract year is usually from the 1st of October to the 30th of September of the following year. IFA contracts setup during the gas year will always end on 30th September i.e. end of the gas year.

All the communications from/to LDZ Planning, and notifications from/to Business Associates by Gas National Control Centre (GNCC) /Distribution Network Control Centre (DNCC) users are currently done through a non-systematised process.

#### Set-up of Initial IFA Agreements – Business Associate Acceptance of Contract.

DNCC/GNCC users receive IFA requests from Business Associates on Form P80 via fax for the LDZ/NTS sites respectively; this process prevails.

The request is validated by DNCC/GNCC Users for completeness of the data; this process prevails.

Incomplete or any incorrect information is updated by DNCC/GNCC after liasing with the relevant Business Associate; this process prevails.

All requests must first be validated for existing IFA agreement(s) for the Business Associate at the requested site/meter. If existing, then the requested IFA capacity must be aggregated with the existing IFA Allowance; this process prevails.

All IFA New/Renew requests can be withdrawn for all requests with a status of 'Valid'/'Invalid'/ 'Pending'/'Approved'/'Renew'. Only DNCC and GNCC are allowed to complete this activity. Business Associates do not get this functionality.

Any request forwarded to NTS/LDZ Planning for Approval/Rejection must remain 'Pending' until Approved/Rejected by NTS/LDZ Planning.

All requests rejected by LDZ/NTS Planning should be communicated offline by DNCC/GNCC to appropriate Business Associate. Within Gemini the status against the request will read as 'Rejected'.

Charge calculation will be triggered for all the approved requests. Charges are calculated from the contract start date to the gas year-end date for current gas year request.

DNCC/GNCC notify the Business Associate of the presence of a Gemini contract offer, which now be accepted or rejected on-line.

### Annual Renewal of IFA Agreements

Similar to system process for 'IFA Set-up', the offer of renewal contract and terms will become an online activity.

## View IFA Set-up/Renew Screen.

This screen allows only DNCC, GNCC and xoserve billing users to view and DNCC/ GNCC users to add, modify, view audit, confirm, approve, reject, withdraw and renew the IFA initial/ renewal request.

This screen also allows the Business Associate to accept or reject the approved IFA initial/ renewal request. The Business Associates can view only their own IFA Contracts details.

Business Associates are to be provided with a facility to view and accept the approved requests. The Set-up/ renew screen will used for this requirement. An "Accept" button will be shown when the screen is populated with pertinent data. The Business Associate would use this button to accept the approved request. Equally the Business Associate would use the "Reject" button to reject the request if they so wish.

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Upon acceptance of the request by the Business Associate a contract must be established with an appropriate start date dependent upon the date and time the Business Associate accepts the contract. If the Business Associate accepts the contract before 1600hrs, then the effective Contract Start Date must be 0600hrs on the following business day. If it is received after 1600hrs then the effective Contract Start Date must be 0600hrs on the second following business day. The contract end date will always be the end of the gas year i.e. 30th September.

# **Detail View Setup/ Renew Screen**

This screen facilitates the user to view the complete details of the LDZ/NTS related IFA Requests. The charge details for the IFA contracts that have been transferred will not be displayed i.e. the contracts in the live status that belong to the incoming BA.

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## View – IFA Contracts Screen

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## **Detail View IFA Contracts Screen**

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## <u>View IFA Terminate Requests Screen in support of the current IFA Termination</u> process.

DNCC/GNCC can query the respective LDZ/NTS related IFA termination requests defined for Business Associates. The complete details of the LDZ/NTS related IFA termination request will be displayed in the detail view screen.

This screen facilitates the DNCC/GNCC users to view, add, and view audit for validation of the LDZ/NTS related IFA termination request. Business Associates can query their IFA termination requests only. There are no changes to the underlying process.

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View IFA Termination Screen

## <u>Details View IFA Termination Screen – in support of the current IFA Termination</u> process.

This screen facilitates the Business Associates to view the complete detail of IFA termination request only.

The detail View Screen should display the complete details of the LDZ/NTS related IFA termination request. There are no changes to the underlying process.



#### Details View IFA Termination Screen

#### **IFA Terminations High Level Process**

DNCC/GNCC users raise the IFA termination request for the relevant Business Associates. The definition of the IFA termination request will be as per the entries present in Form P103 that is received offline from the Business Associates.

IFA terminations will result in the terminations of the IFA contracts set-up. The contract will no longer be effective from the contract end date. The Business Associate or DNCC/GNCC can initiate an IFA termination.

#### **Business Associate Initiated:**

DNCC/GNCC receive requests from Business Associate for termination of their IFA contract on Form P103 via fax.

The request is validated offline by GNCC/DNCC for completeness of the data.

Incomplete or any incorrect information in the request is updated by GNCC/DNCC after liasing with the relevant Business Associate.

DNCC/GNCC enters the following IFA request details into Gemini;

- a. Contract Number
- b. Date of Termination
- c. Reason

The above details of the request must be validated against the IFA details held within Gemini system.

DNCC/GNCC will be provided with a facility to change the contract end date, for terminating the same IFA Contract by placing another termination request. The previous IFA Termination request must be rejected on placing a new IFA Termination request as the process must not consider rejected requests.

Business Associates will be notified offline by GNCC/DNCC for any corrections required to the termination request.

Contracts must be terminated effective from the requested 'Date of Termination'.

DNCC/GNCC will notify Business Associates offline about the terminated contracts, Business Associates can also see this information within appropriate Gemini screens.

#### Transporter Initiated:

The following are the reasons for Transporters initiating an IFA termination

- 1. Interruptible site being changed to firm site
- 2. Site is no longer live
- 3. DM site being changed to NDM
- 4. DM site being changed to SSMP (Single Supply Meter Point) with a firm component

All contracts must be terminated with immediate effect and all IFA Requests must be rejected.

DNCC/GNCC will notify Business Associates offline about the terminated contracts, Business Associates can also see this information within the View IFA Terminate Screen.

### View IFA Transfer Screen - in support of the current IFA Transfer process

DNCC/GNCC/xoserve Billing users/BA can query the transferred IFA contracts. The complete details of the LDZ/NTS related IFA transfer will be displayed in the detail view screen.

This screen facilitates the DNCC/GNCC/xoserve/BA to view the transferred the LDZ/NTS related IFA contracts. Business Associates can view their IFA contract transfer details only. There are no changes to the underlying process.

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View IFA Transfer Screen

#### IFA Transfers High Level Process

Transfer of the IFA contract from one Business Associate to another results in a change to the IFA contract details.

A Business Associate transfer is the only scenario where an IFA transfer can occur; National Grid initiates this.

National Grid initiates a transfer as a result of any changes that either come into the System Control 2004 System (SC2004) from Sites & Meters or manual changes made within SC2004 for Unique Sites.

SC2004 sends the changes in form of an interface file to Gemini.

The details of the IFA contracts and IFA Requests in Gemini must be validated against the records of the interface file sent by SC2004.

Transfer must be affected for the appropriate IFA contract within Gemini with the Start date of the transfer being the next gas date i.e. the next gas date of processing the request.

Business Associates will be notified offline by the GNCC/DNCC users for the transfer of the IFA contract.

No financial reimbursements are made to either the original Business Associate or to the new Business Associate.

IFA Contract capacity must not be allowed to change during the transfer.

Contract number must remain same after the transfer of contract.

The status of the original contract must be retained as 'Transferred'.

Rolling balance of the Business Associate IFA quantity must be maintained.