

Transfer of Meter points between iGTs and GTs

Background

- Functionality to change Network Owners will exist in new UK Link systems.
- Users have indicated that they would prefer this functionality is not used from Day 1 for iGT to GT Meter Point transfers.
 - Users have expressed concerns regarding existing embedded validations in their systems for iGT Meter Point Reference Numbers (MPRN) (using the range of MPRNs with start digits between 74 and 79).
- As a consequence, the industry has requested that a process be defined for transfers between iGTs and GTs.



User Process Rules

- By not using the Network Owner ID functionality it is assumed:
 - New MPRNs will be created.
 - No history will be migrated from old to new Meter Points.
 - Previous Meter Points will be Isolated and set to Dead.
- Users will retain responsibility to ensure Supply Point Register (SPR) is maintained:
 - Confirmation of new Meter Point
 - Withdrawal of the Meter Point
 - New and old MPRN dates being aligned (e.g. confirmation effective date aligned with withdrawal date from old Meter Point)
 - Update of asset data for new Meter Point
 - Removal of asset data for old Meter Point



Transporter Process Rules

- The incumbent Transporter will be responsible for providing to the Transporter Agency with a complete list of Meter Points to transfer.
- In order to maintain control, proposed new Meter Points must be created by recipient Transporter.
- Where the User fails to act the Transporter Agency (on behalf of the Transporter) will act on the User's behalf.
 - 'Forced Confirmation' allowed in specific circumstances.
 - Update Meter Asset information.
 - Priority will be setting up the new Meter Point.
 - No permissions exist for withdrawal by Transporters of old Meter Points on User's behalf.



Transporter Agency Process Rules

- The Transporter Agency will pre-notify impacted Users of Transfer of Asset and effective date.
 - Old to new Meter Point mapping for transferring assets in their ownership.



Existing and Potential New UNC Modifications

- Requirement for potential Forced Confirmation in circumstances where a
 User fails to act to confirm the new Meter Point:
 - This would be a new User Pays Modification.
- Requirement for potential updating of Meter Assets where a User fails to make the updates:
 - UNC Modification 0455 'Updating of Meter information by the Transporter' allows for Transporters (and their agent) to update Meter Assets.



Challenges

- Manage communications with consumers Are the Users responsible?
- Tagging of Meter Points to align with new MPRN Is this required?
- Risk of dual billing against a Meter Point if the User fails to act.
- Change of Shipper process during transfer Risk that new incoming Shipper will have a reduced / no notice period to transfer to new Meter Point.



Context diagram (iGT to GT)



