UNIFORM NETWORK CODE – INDEPENDENT GAS TRANSPORTER ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT

SECTION A

SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION

1   Introduction

1.1   Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document

1.1.1   The Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document sets out:

(a)   rights and obligations as between DN Operators and Independent Gas Transporters in relation to the connections between their respective DNO Systems and IGT Systems;

(b)   the basis of implementation of certain provisions of the Transportation Principal Document in relation to CSEP System Exit Points; and

(c)   matters relating to the provision by the Transporter's Agency of certain services to Independent Gas Transporters.

1.2   Scope of IGTAD

1.2.1   This Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document applies in respect of:

(a)   Unmetered Connected System Exit Points, and

(b)   IGT Systems directly-connected to LDZs at Unmetered Connected System Exit Points, and indirectly-connected IGT Systems.

1.2.2   The obligations of a DN Operator to make gas available for offtake from its DNO System by a Shipper User are contained in the Transportation Principal Document, and nothing in this Document establishes or constitutes such an obligation.

1.3   Scope of Section A

1.3.1   This Section A sets out:

(a)   provisions (in addition to those of TPD Section A) relating to the classification of Systems, System Points and points on IGT Systems for the purposes of this Document;

(b)   the basis on which gas flows between Systems are to be treated for certain purposes under this Document.

1.4   Limited Scope

1.4.1   The Parties acknowledge that:

(a)   there is (at the date of this Document) no case in which an IGT System is connected to more than one DNO System, or to a System in more than one Exit Zone; and

(b)   this Document does not address any such case as mentioned in paragraph (a).

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1.4.2   If any Independent Gas Transporter becomes aware that any such case as mentioned in paragraph 1.4.1(a) may exist or may come to exist, it shall promptly notify each DN Operator; and the Parties shall consider what Modification may be appropriate to address such case.

1.5   Interpretation

1.5.1   Subject to paragraph 1.6, where in this Document:

(a)   any term which:

(i)   is defined in the Code and

(ii)   (in the Transportation Principal Document) applies to a System Exit Point or Supply Meter (or to a User in relation to a System Exit Point or Supply Meter)

is used with reference to an IGTS System Exit Point or IGTS Supply Meter, and

(b)   such term is not separately defined for the purposes of this Document

such term shall (in relation to such IGTS System Exit Point or IGTS Supply Meter) have the meaning it would have if the IGT System were a DNO System (or part of a DNO System) for the purposes of the Transportation Principal Document.

1.6   References to Users

1.6.1   In this Document references to Users are to Shipper Users and do not include DNO Users.

2   System Classification and other definitions

2.1   Classification

2.1.1   For the purposes of the Code:

(a)   "**IGT System**" means a gas pipeline system operated by a person holding a Gas Transporter's Licence, pursuant to that licence, which is:

(i)   connected to a DNO System at an Unmetered Connected System Exit Point (in which case it is a Connected Offtake System); or

(ii)   connected to another IGT System;

(b)   a gas pipeline system is an IGT System within paragraph (a)(i) if it is connected to a DNO System at any Connected System Exit Point which is Unmetered, regardless of whether it is also connected at a Metered Connected System Exit Point;

(c)   an IGT System:

(i)   within paragraph (a)(i) is a "**directly-connected**" IGT System; and

(ii)   within paragraph (a)(ii) is an "**indirectly-connected**" IGT System;

and (unless otherwise expressly provided) references to an IGT System connected to a DNO System include both directly-connected and indirectly-connected IGT Systems;

(d)   the Independent Gas Transporter which owns or operates:

(i)   a directly-connected IGT System is a "**directly-connected**" Independent Gas Transporter; and

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(ii) a indirectly-connected IGT System is an **"indirectly-connected"** Independent Gas Transporter;

(e) an IGT System (system A, indirectly-connected) is "**downstream**" of another IGT System (system B) where gas flows or is to flow from system B to system A, and system B is "**upstream**" of system A;

(f) the Independent Gas Transporter owning and operating a downstream IGT System is a downstream Independent Gas Transporter and the Independent Gas Transporter owning and operating an upstream IGT System is an upstream Independent Gas Transporter;

(g) "**IGTS Supply Meter Point**" and "**IGTS Supply Point**" mean respectively a supply meter point and supply point on an IGT System (in other words a Supply Meter Point and Supply Point within the meanings in TPD Section A but construed on the basis that references in TPD Section A to the Total System are to an IGT System);

(h) "**IGTS System Exit Point**" means an IGTS Supply Meter Point or IGTS Supply Point (as the context may require);

(i) a reference to the "**Registered IGTS User**" in respect of an IGTS System Exit Point is to the IGTS User which is registered (pursuant to the provisions of the IGT Code corresponding to TPD Section G2) in respect of that IGTS System Exit Point.

2.1.2 Pursuant to the classification adopted by the Independent Gas Transporter under Section D:

(a) an IGTS Supply Meter Point is classified as a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 IGTS Supply Meter Point;

(b) an IGTS Supply Point is classified as a Smaller IGTS Supply Point or Larger IGTS Supply Point and an IGTS Supply Meter Point is classified as Smaller or Larger accordingly;

(c) an IGTS Supply Point is classified as a DM or NDM IGTS Supply Point;

(d) a DM IGTS Supply Point is classified as a DMA or DMC IGTS Supply Point;

(e) a DM IGTS Supply Point is classified as Firm or Interruptible.

2.1.3 For each IGTS System Exit Point there is (pursuant to TPD Section A3.3.5) a corresponding System Exit Point.

2.2 Other interpretation

2.2.1 In this Document:

(a) "**DNO System**" means a LDZ to which an IGT System is connected at an Unmetered Connected System Exit Point;

(b) a reference to a "System" is to a DNO System or an IGT System.

(c) a reference to a DN Operator is, unless the context otherwise requires, to the DN Operator to whose DNO System an IGT System is connected;

(d) a reference to a "CSEP" is to an Unmetered Connected System Exit Point;

(e) a reference to the provisions of an IGT Code corresponding to particular provisions of the Transportation Principal Document are to such provisions established by the Independent Gas Transporter pursuant to Section D.

2.2.2 In this Document, in the context of:

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(a)   a particular DNO System or CSEP, a reference to an IGT System is to an IGT System which is connected to that DNO System or CSEP;

(b)   a particular IGT System, a reference to a DNO System or CSEP is to the DNO System to or CSEP at which that IGT System is connected.

3   Gas flows at CSEPs

3.1   General

3.1.1   An Independent Gas Transporter shall not cause or permit gas to flow into an IGT System:

(a)   at a Connected System Exit Point; or

(b)   from an upstream IGT System

unless there is in force an IGT Registration and, in the case of a directly-connected IGT system, a CSEP Registration in accordance with IGTAD Section B in respect of that IGT System.

3.2   Users responsible for flows

3.2.1   Where gas flows from a System to a directly-connected IGT System at a CSEP, that gas is offtaken from the DNO System by Shipper Users pursuant to and as provided in TPD Section J, and delivered to the IGT System by IGTS Users pursuant to and as provided in the IGT Code.

3.2.2   Nothing in the Code confers on an Independent Gas Transporter any entitlement to offtake gas from a DNO System, except in accordance with commissioning arrangements provided for in the CSEP Connection Arrangements referred to in IGTAD Section B.

3.2.3   The Independent Gas Transporter will take all reasonable steps to secure that no gas is offtaken from the DNO System at a CSEP other than by a Gas Shipper (or by the Independent Gas Transporter in accordance with the commissioning arrangements referred to in paragraph 3.2.2).

3.3   Point of Offtake

3.3.1   The CSEP Registration will identify (by description or a diagram or both) a point of offtake at each Individual System Exit Point comprised in a Connected System Exit Point.

3.3.2   The point at which risk and title in gas pass from the DN Operator to Shipper Users, and from Shipper Users to the directly-connected Independent Gas Transporter, at a Connected System Exit Point shall be the point of offtake.

3.4   Liability in relation to transportation arrangements

3.4.1   Neither the DN Operator nor the Independent Gas Transporter shall be liable to the other for anything done or omitted to be done in connection with their respective arrangements made with gas shippers for the conveyance of gas, and in particular (but without limitation):

(a)   the Independent Gas Transporter will not be liable to National Grid in respect of any failure by any Shipper User to comply with any provision of the Code;

(b)   the DN Operator will not be liable to the Independent Gas Transporter in respect of any failure by any IGTS User to comply with any provision of the IGT Code;

(c)   the DN Operator will not be liable to the Independent Gas Transporter in respect of any failure of DN Operator to make gas available for offtake from the DNO System (or to do so at any particular pressure or specification) at any or all of the Individual System Exit Points comprised in a CSEP;

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(d)   the Independent Gas Transporter will not be liable to the DN Operator in respect of any failure of the Independent Gas Transporter to accept gas tendered for delivery into the IGT System (or to do so at any particular pressure or specification) at any or all of the Individual System Exit Points comprised in a CSEP.

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