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UNIFORM NETWORK CODE – INDEPENDENT GAS TRANSPORTER ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENT

SECTION D

IGT CODE RULES AND DATA EXCHANGE

1 General

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Section D sets out provisions for the purposes of ensuring that the DN Operators and National Grid NTS are able, in the absence of a meter at the Connected System Exit Point:
 - (a) to determine and allocate on a Daily basis to Users quantities of gas treated as offtaken at Connected System Exit Points and to carry out Offtake Reconciliations in respect of such quantities; and
 - (b) to determine amounts of LDZ Capacity held by Users at Connected System Exit Points.
- 1.1.2 It is understood that DN Operators will make available to National Grid NTS (to the extent necessary for the purposes described in paragraph 1.2) the benefit of the arrangements set out in (and data obtained under) this Section D.

1.2 Purpose

- 1.2.1 The Transportation Principal Document provides that, for the purposes of certain provisions ("relevant TPD provisions") of TPD Sections B, C, E, F, G5, G6, H and certain other provisions of the Transportation Principal Document, references to Supply Points and Supply Meter Points of certain classes include CSEP Supply Points and CSEP Supply Meter Points of those classes.
- 1.2.2 The requirements in this Section D apply for the purposes of ensuring that the relevant TPD provisions are capable of operating in respect of such CSEP System Exit Points.
- 1.2.3 The requirements in this Section D apply in respect of directly-connected and indirectly-connected IGT Systems.

2 Requirements for IGT Code

2.1 IGT Code provisions to follow TPD

- 2.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Document and unless specifically provided for in the IGT UNC, each Independent Gas Transporter shall adopt (in its IGT Code) and implement rules and processes, which are the same as those from time to time of the Transportation Principal Document (including the UK Link Manual as it applies pursuant to the Transportation Principal Document), as respects:
 - (a) the maintenance of a Supply Point Register in respect of IGTS Supply Meter Points;
 - (b) the identification of an IGTS User as being responsible for each IGTS Supply Meter Point at all times at which gas can be offtaken from that IGTS Supply Meter Point;

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- (c) the classification of each IGTS Supply Meter Point or IGTS Supply Point (as the case may be) as:
 - (i) a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 Supply Meter Point;
 - (ii) a Larger or Smaller Supply Point or Larger or Smaller Supply Meter Point;
 - (iii) a DM or NDM Supply Point; or
 - (iv) a DMC or DMA Supply Point;
- (d) the allocation of IGTS Supply Meter Points to End User Categories;
- (e) requirements for the obtaining of Meter Readings from IGTS Supply Meters, by reference to the Class of the IGTS Supply Meter Point, including requirements as to the installation, operation and maintenance of Supply Meter Installations, the data to comprise or accompany a Meter Reading, the frequency of cyclic Meter Reads and the circumstances in which other Meter Reads are required, the validation of Meter Readings, the estimation of Meter Readings or Metered Volumes, and the maintenance of Meter Information; and
- (f) the determination of the Annual Quantity of a Supply Meter Point and Supply Point;

(as if, in each case, each IGTS Supply Meter Point were a Supply Meter Point on the relevant DNO System and in the relevant Exit Zone).

- 2.1.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 2.1.2, it is acknowledged and agreed that (as provided in the IGT Agency Services Agreement) the provisions of an IGT Code in relation to the registration of New Supply Meter Points and the provision of Supply Meter Installations may differ from those of the Transportation Principal Document to reflect differences (which do not prejudice the objective set out in paragraph 1.1.1) in the processes applied by Independent Gas Transporters in relation to those matters.
- 2.1.3 Any question as to what provisions of the Transportation Principal Document are to be replicated in the IGT Codes pursuant to paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 shall be determined by the UNC Committee unless following such a determination, the Authority has upon application by any Independent Gas Transporter given Condition A11(18) Disapproval to the UNC Committee's determination (in which case such question shall be determined in accordance with the Authority's decision). For this purpose, if the UNC Committee fails to make such a determination in relation to a provision of the Transportation Principal Document within 60 days (or such longer period as the UNC Committee may decide) after the question was referred to it, the UNC Committee shall be deemed to have determined that the relevant provision is not to be replicated in the IGT Code.

2.2 Modifications

The Transporters and the Independent Gas Transporters shall make arrangements to ensure the coordination of modifications of the Code and the IGT Codes as respects the matters referred to in paragraph 2.1.1 above.

- 3 Data exchange
- 3.1 Data provision by Independent Gas Transporter
- 3.1.1 The Independent Gas Transporter shall provide to the DN Operator:

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- the standing information, and any change in such information, specified in paragraph 3.1.2;
- (b) the meter reading information specified in paragraph 3.1.3,

in the timescales and with the frequency and otherwise as necessary to enable the DN Operator to give effect to the relevant TPD provisions.

3.1.2 The standing information is:

- (a) the identity of each IGTS Supply Meter Point and IGTS Supply Point;
- the classification (as provided in paragraph 2.1.1(c)) of each IGTS Supply Meter Point and IGTS Supply Point;
- (c) the identity of the IGTS Registered User for each IGTS Supply Point;
- (d) the End User Category to which each IGTS Supply Meter Point belongs;
- (e) the Annual Quantity of each IGTS Supply Meter Point;
- (f) the Batch Period of each Class 3 IGTS Supply Meter;
- (g) the Meter Read Frequency of each Class 4 IGTS Supply Meter; and
- (h) the Supply Point Registration Date or other effective date in respect of any change in any of the foregoing.

3.1.3 The meter reading information is:

- the Meter Reading and associated data and Read Date for each Meter Read in respect of an IGTS Supply Meter;
- (b) the type (cyclic or otherwise) of each such Meter Read;
- (c) information concerning any determination (by a meter examiner or otherwise) of meter error, or estimation of a meter reading or consumption.
- 3.1.4 The requirements of paragraph 3.1.3 are subject to Section E in respect of Class 1 and Class 2 IGTS Supply Meter Points.
- 3.1.5 The identification (under paragraph 3.1.2(e)) of a User as an IGTS Registered User in respect of an IGTS Supply Meter Point shall operate as notice by that User to the DN Operator for the purposes of TPD Section J6.3.1.

3.2 Data provision by DN Operator

- 3.2.1 The DN Operator shall provide to the Independent Gas Transporter the information specified in paragraph 3.2.2, in the timescales and with the frequency and otherwise as necessary to enable the Independent Gas Transporter to comply with its obligations under paragraph 2 and 3.1.
- 3.2.2 The information is:

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- (a) the definitions of End User Categories;
- (b) for each Day, and for each End User Category or LDZ (as applicable), the values of the Annual Load Profile, the Daily Adjustment Factor and the Weather Correction Factor; and
- (c) where an IGTS User nominates an IGTS Supply Point, details of Supply Point Capacity (in relation to a NDM CSEP Supply Point) and Supply Point Transportation Charges in respect of the CSEP Supply Point.

3.3 Transporters' Agency

- 3.3.1 Each DN Operator and each Independent Gas Transporter shall appoint the Agency Company as its agent to provide and receive the information specified in paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.2.2 (and shall not provide such information other than by the Transporters' Agency).
- 3.3.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that:
 - the services of the Agency Company to be provided respectively to Independent Gas
 Transporters and to DN Operators include the provision of the information specified in
 paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 respectively;
 - (b) by virtue of such services, each Independent Gas Transporter and DN Operator will (provided it complies with the requirements in paragraph 2 and the arrangements made with the Agency Company, and subject to paragraph (c)) comply with the requirements of paragraph 3.1 and 3.2:
 - it is the responsibility of the Independent Gas Transporter to enforce the IGT Code in relation to IGTS Users; and
 - (d) paragraph (b) will not apply in relation to an Independent Gas Transporter to the extent that the failure of a IGTS User to comply with the IGT Code results in any failure of the Independent Gas Transporter to provide information in accordance with paragraph 3.1.
- 3.3.3 Each Party acknowledges that the Agency Company may provide to the other Parties information received from the first Party or its Users to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Section D.