

UNC Modification	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>UNC 0747:</h1> <h2>Amendment of reference from AIGT to INA within the UNC</h2>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 01 Modification </div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 02 Workgroup Report </div> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 03 Draft Modification Report </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 04 Final Modification Report </div> </div>
<p>Purpose of Modification:</p> <p>The purpose of this Modification is to amend the reference for the AIGT (Association of Independent Gas Transporters) to the INA (Independent Networks Association). The AIGT no longer exists and since early 2020 has been amalgamated into the newly formed INA which includes both Independent Gas and Electricity Network businesses.</p>	
	<p>The Proposer recommends that this Modification should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject to Fast Track Self-Governance be implemented <p>This Modification will be presented by the Proposer to the Panel on 17 December 2020. The Panel will consider the Proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>
	<p>High Impact: None identified</p>
	<p>Medium Impact: None identified</p>
	<p>Low Impact: All Parties</p>

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Final Modification Report available for Panel	17 December 2020		 richard.pomroy@wutilities.co.uk
Modification Panel decision	17 December 2020		 029 2027 8552
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1 Summary

What

This is an administrative housekeeping change to amend the references within the Uniform Network Code (UNC) General Terms Modification Rules and UNC General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link from the Association of Independent Gas Transporters (AIGT) to the Independent Networks Association (INA).

The INA was introduced in 2020 and merged the existing independent associations of the AIGT and the equivalent electricity Competitive Networks Association (CNA) into one body, the Independent Networks Association (INA).

The reference to the AIGT therefore will need to be amended to reflect the change of name to INA. It is referenced on four occasions with the UNC Modification Rules and on four occasions in General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link.

For avoidance of doubt, there is no reference to the AIGT within the Independent Gas Transporter Arrangements Document (IGTAD) or within the IGT UNC.

Why

The references to the AIGT trade association need to be amended to recognise its merger with other trade bodies to create a new trade association, the INA. This trade association represents the interests of IGTs and all licenced companies are eligible to become members. To reflect these market changes and to ensure accuracy the section of Code, UNC Modification Rules, UNC General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link, needs to be amended to ensure the body responsible for nominating IGT representatives for Panel, UNC Committees and Data Services Contract (DSC) Committees is correctly referenced.

How

The references within the UNC Modification Rules and UNC General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link document needs to remove references to the AIGT and replace with the INA.

2 Governance

Justification for Fast Track Self-Governance, Authority Direction or Urgency

This Modification meets the criteria to be Self-Governance as the proposed amendments to the UNC Modification Rules and General Terms are simply correcting references and are immaterial in their impacts.

This Modification is purely administrative and as such has no impact on any party and fully meets the criteria of 'Fast Track Self-Governance'. It is simply a change of reference to the relevant trade association that represents the IGT market which requires updating. As the Code currently stands, the legal text is inaccurate and the sooner the changes can be implemented the better to ensure accurate administration of the Code.

Requested Next Steps

This Modification should:

- be subject to Fast Track Self-Governance and implemented.

3 Why Change?

The driver for the change is to accurately reflect the evolution of the AIGT trade association into the INA and to remove any misleading and inaccurate references.

No parties are materially or directly impacted by the proposed change to accurately reflect the relevant IGT trade association. However delay in applying the proposals would lead parties to assume the Association of Independent Gas Transporters remains as the AIGT if not corrected, which is misleading and therefore has an impact on the efficient administration of Code, as the IGT relevant trade association is responsible for nomination IGT representatives for the UNC Panel, UNC Committees and DSC Committees.

It is a Code matter as the text needs amending to reflect a name change to the relevant trade association of IGTs to ensure there is no delay or misunderstanding in the process to nominate relevant IGT representatives

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

AIGT reference within the UNC Modification Rules and UNC General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link

<https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/general>

Link to INA website

<https://ina.org.uk/ina-at-a-glance/>

Knowledge/Skills

None required.

5 Solution

This Modification Proposes to remove the references to the Association of Gas Transporters or AIGT and replace with the Independent Networks Association or INA as relevant within the UNC Text as follows:

UNC Modification Rules:

2.1 Defined Terms

“Independent Gas Transporters’ Representative”: the individual (if any) for the time being appointed by the ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association (a company incorporated in England and Wales, with company registration number ~~3594677~~ 06621212) in accordance with these Rules;

Paragraph 4.1.5 The ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association may, from time to time by notice to the Secretary, appoint (and revoke that appointment) an individual as the “Independent Transporter’s Representative”.

Paragraph 4.2.7 In respect of the individual who is the Independent Gas Transporters’ Representative, the ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association may, no later than 1st September in the Gas Year preceding the Gas Year in respect of which the Independent Transporters Representative’s Appointment Period commences, notify the Secretary (copying the notice to the Authority):

Paragraph 4.4.2 g) the Independent Gas Transporters' Representative, the ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association may, by notice to the Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as the Independent Gas Transporters' Representative.

UNC General Terms Section D – CDSP and UK Link

Annex D-2 Committee Representatives

3.3 IGT Representatives

Paragraph 3.3.1 ~~The Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Network Association (AIGTNIA) shall appoint two (2) representatives to each DSC Committee by notice to the Code Administrator.

Paragraph 3.3.2 In the event the AIGTNIA:

- (a) only appoint one (1) representative, then the individual nominated will be appointed as an IGT Representative, and will hold two (2) votes as provided for in GT Section D4.3.1;
- (b) appoint no representatives, National Grid NTS, and the DN Operators collectively, shall each appoint one (1) additional representative.

Paragraph 4.3 The AIGTNIA shall not later than 1 September in Appointment Year Y-1, notify the Committee Secretary of the identity of the individuals to be appointed as the IGT Representatives for Appointment Year Y.

Paragraph 7.1 d) an IGT Representative, the AIGTNIA may, by notice to the Committee Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as an IGT Representative.

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this Modification impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

This Modification does not impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or any other significant industry change project as it is merely correcting a reference to the relevant IGT trade association.

Consumer Impacts

None as simply an administrative change due to a change of name for the relevant IGT trade association.

Cross Code Impacts

The IGT UNC does not reference the Association of Gas Transporters or Independent Networks Association, therefore there are no Cross Code impacts.

EU Code Impacts

None

Central Systems Impacts

None as this Modification correcting a reference to the relevant IGT trade association.

7 Relevant Objectives

Impact of the modification on the Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
a) Efficient and economic operation of the pipe-line system.	None
b) Coordinated, efficient and economic operation of (i) the combined pipe-line system, and/ or (ii) the pipe-line system of one or more other relevant gas transporters.	None
c) Efficient discharge of the licensee's obligations.	None
d) Securing of effective competition: (i) between relevant shippers; (ii) between relevant suppliers; and/or (iii) between DN operators (who have entered into transportation arrangements with other relevant gas transporters) and relevant shippers.	None
e) Provision of reasonable economic incentives for relevant suppliers to secure that the domestic customer supply security standards... are satisfied as respects the availability of gas to their domestic customers.	None
f) Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code.	Positive
g) Compliance with the Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None

This Modification would further Relevant Objective f) *Promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the Code*, as it removes any ambiguity in the identity of nominating trade organisation for IGT representatives for UNC Panel, UNC Committees and DSC Committees.

8 Implementation

As Fast Track Self-Governance procedures are proposed, implementation could be sixteen business days after a unanimous vote in favour of implementation by the Modification Panel, subject to no Objection being raised.

9 Legal Text

Suggested Legal Text

Suggested amendments to remove the references to the Association of Gas Transporters and/or AIGT and replace with Independent Networks Association or INA as relevant within the following UNC Text as follows:

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4.1.5 The ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association may, from time to time by notice to the Secretary, appoint (and revoke that appointment) an individual as the “Independent Transporter’s Representative”.

4.2.7 In respect of the individual who is the Independent Gas Transporters’ Representative, the ~~Association of Independent Gas Transporters~~ Independent Networks Association may, no later than 1st September in the Gas Year preceding the Gas Year in respect of which the Independent Transporters Representative’s Appointment Period commences, notify the Secretary (copying the notice to the Authority):

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3.3.2 In the event the AIGTINA:

(a) only appoint one (1) representative, then the individual nominated will be appointed as an IGT Representative, and will hold two (2) votes as provided for in GT Section D4.3.1;

4 Appointment

4.1 National Grid NTS shall not later than 1 September in Appointment Year Y-1, notify the Committee Secretary of the identity of the individuals to be appointed as the NTS Representatives for Appointment Year Y.

4.2 The DN Operators shall not later than 1 September in Appointment Year Y-1, notify the Committee Secretary of the identity of the individuals to be appointed as the DNO Representatives for Appointment Year Y.

4.3 The ~~IGTINA~~ shall not later than 1 September in Appointment Year Y-1, notify the Committee Secretary of the identity of the individuals to be appointed as the IGT Representatives for Appointment Year Y.

7. Vacancies

7.1 Subject to paragraph 8.2, where pursuant to paragraphs 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 or otherwise, a vacancy shall arise, in the case of:

- (a) a Shipper User Representative, a replacement shall be appointed as a Shipper Users Representative for the relevant Class in accordance with paragraph 2.2;
- (b) a NTS Representative, National Grid NTS shall, by notice to the Committee Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as a NTS Representative;
- (c) a DNO Representative, the relevant DN Operator shall notify the Committee Secretary of the identity of a replacement to be appointed as a DNO Representative;
- (d) an IGT Representative, the ~~IGTINA~~ may, by notice to the Committee Secretary, identify another individual to be appointed as an IGT Representative.

10 Recommendations

Proposer's Recommendation to Panel

Panel is asked to:

- Agree that Fast Track Self-Governance procedures should apply
- Agree that this Fast Track Proposal should be implemented