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I0274 - GAS PRESSURE AND CAPACITY INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of I0274 and gather views on the problem statement and difficulties some Energy Suppliers and Meter Asset Managers (MAMs) may have in obtaining pressure and capacity information from Gas Transporters (GTs).

This document summarises the key points with regards to the issue. More detailed information is available on the I0274 portal page.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Section 13.4.18 of the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) sets out provisions related to retrieving gas pressure and capacity information from GTs. These provisions include reference to the Gas Transporter 1 (GT1) process, which is a process that sits outside of Code.

The GT1 process allows for gas supply capacity and pressure information related to a property or business to be assessed. GT1 submissions are made for various reasons, including as part of the new connections process, and to ensure that Energy Suppliers and MAMs understand the requirements of a specific site. It should also be noted that the GTs currently use the GT1 process to comply with the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 6(8).

The Gas Enquiry Service (GES) allows for users to access essential gas market data. It provides information related to Registrable Measurement Points (RMPs) and is governed by the Retail Energy Code (REC). The GES does not currently provide pressure data and only provides meter capacity data. The Proposer is seeking to make this information available on the GES.

2.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

For some Energy Suppliers, MAMs and consumers, retrieving pressure and capacity information via the GT1 process can be time consuming. This is due to elements like response timescales and methods (batch responses vs individual responses) being varied among GTs. This ultimately has a negative impact on customers waiting on site work, such as a new connection, for example.

3 INFORMATION REQUESTED

The Code Manager wants to better understand the breadth of the issues faced by Energy Suppliers and MAMs and is therefore seeking responses to the following questions:

- What are your views on the problem statement generally?
- What difficulties have you faced when obtaining pressure and capacity information at RMP level via the GT1 process?
- Under what circumstances would you use the GT1 process to obtain pressure and capacity information at RMP level?
- Are you currently able to obtain pressure and capacity information via other means? (i.e. not the GT1 process)

4 FORUM ACTIONS

Forum Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **NOTE** the contents of the paper; and
- **FEEDBACK** on the problem statement and issues faced obtaining gas pressure and capacity information.