

Appendix A Format for submissions

To assist Gas Industry Co in the orderly and efficient consideration of stakeholders' responses, a suggested format for submissions has been prepared. Submitters are also free to include other material on proposed file formats if they feel this is relevant.

Submission from: Contact Energy, Danny McManamon (company name and contact)

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<p>Q1: Do you have any comments on the proposed file format 'GIEP1 – Network detail consumption information'? Do you have any further suggestions or modifications to the file format?</p>	<p><u>As Billed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumption Start and End Date descriptions: Contact's interpretation is that the consumption start and end dates for an 'As Billed' file should reflect exactly what has been invoiced to the consumer during the report month. Therefore the consumption start date will not in all cases match the three rules supplied in the document. In some cases there may be an unbilled period between the previous report periods consumption end date and the current report periods consumption start date due to a gap between the previous consumer's end (final) date and the current consumer's start (entry) date. <p>e.g.</p> <p>Previous customer closes account 07/01/2011 (Final bill from 20/12/2010 to 07/01/2011)</p> <p>New customer moves in 15/01/2011 and is not billed until 15/02/2011.</p> <p>GIEP1 produced for 201101 period (<i>at beginning of February 2011</i>)</p> <p>Start Date – 20/12/2010 End Date – 07/01/2011</p> <p>GIEP1 produced for 201102 period (<i>at beginning of March 2011</i>)</p> <p>Start Date – 15/01/2011 End Date – 15/02/2011</p> <p>Period 08/01/2011 – 14/01/2011 is never billed and never reported.</p> Reversal Status: There may be some situations where a new bill with an adjustment for a previous retail bill is processed and the days are negative. Suggest changing the wording of the sentence <i>"If a new bill, with an adjustment for the previous retail bill, is processed, the number of days should be positive"</i> to <i>"If a new bill, with an adjustment for the previous retail bill, is processed, the number of days should be negative or positive depending on the direction of the adjustment (i.e. the number of days should match the days on the bill to the customer)"</i>. Unbilled Status: It would be beneficial for the following fields to also be provided for a 'UB' line in order to enable easier identification of the period the 'UB' relates to and the ICP details (e.g. Gas Gate) at the time the report was generated – Detail Record, Gas Gate, Distributor ID and Report Month. Meter ID: Where there has been a meter change during the reporting period but no tariff change (therefore only one line for Fixed and one for variable) what Meter ID should be included in the file?

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GIEP1 (Continued)	<p><u>Normalised – Read Status Categories</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversal Status: The phrase “pre-date” could potentially cause confusion, suggest that this is removed and the sentence just reads “<i>For the RV the start date must always be less than or equal to the end date.</i>” Correct example: DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,31/10/2010,,,,RV,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,1,F,-31,-31.00,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,30/11/2010,,,,RD,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,1,F,61,61.00,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,31/10/2010,-1.116,-1116,-310,RV,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,0.1,V,-31,-31.00,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,30/11/2010,0.9,900,250,RD,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,0.1,V,61,25.00,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 Incorrect example: DET,0000680207QT1F0,31/10/2010,1/10/2010,,,,RV,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,1,F,-31,-31,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,30/11/2010,,,,RD,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,1,F,61,61,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,31/10/2010,1/10/2010,-1.116,-1116,-310,RV,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,0.1,V,-31,-31,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 DET,0000680207QT1F0,1/10/2010,30/11/2010,0.9,900,250,RD,TWA35610,UNLG,,4G23,0.1,V,61,25,201011,100188833,1200001211,,,25MGM8979 As billed normalised: Suggest changing the sentence “<i>These will be shown as billing reversals, re-bills and consumption adjustments, as appropriate</i>” to “<i>These will be shown as billing reversals, re-bills and consumption adjustments using the appropriate status codes (Normalised - RD,ES,FL,RV or VA. As Billed RD, ES, FL, RV or UB) as detailed above.</i>” General Suggestion: An appendix of examples at the end of the document would help to clarify any areas that could be open to interpretation.

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Q2: Do you have any comments on the proposed file format 'GIEP2 – Network summary consumption information'? Do you have any further suggestions or modifications to the file format?	The field size for the detail field Chargeable Days (Type- Num(4)) could possibly be too small.
Q3: Do you have any comments on the proposed file format 'GIEP7 – General installation status change'? Do you have any further suggestions or modifications to the file format?	
Q4: Do you have any comments on the proposed file format 'GIEP8 – Network price category and tariff change'? Do you have any further suggestions or modifications to the file format?	<p>General: Currently distributors notify retailers of load group changes via Registry Notification files therefore we do not see any benefit to allowing distributors to send GIEP8 files to retailers. Suggest changing the wording of the first sentence from <i>"The purpose of this file is for retailers and distributors to notify each other when load group and tariff changes occur in accordance with the agreements they have with each other"</i> to <i>"The purpose of this file is for retailers to notify distributors when load group and tariff changes"</i></p> <p>Possible additional fields: The current file specification does not have enough detail for all situations. Adding the following fields (not mandatory) may encourage the use of the GIEP8 – Previous Price Category, Annual Usage (GJ), Meter Type, Pressure, and ACMH.</p>

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<p>Q5: <i>Do you have any suggestions for other gas information exchange file formats that could be investigated or adopted?</i></p>	<p>All file types could benefit from examples being provided (maybe as an appendix to each type) in order to assist with consistent usage where due to the nature of the industry there is some ambiguity in the application of the file formats.</p>