

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: Powerco Ltd, Martyn Dudley (company name and contact)

Question	Comment
<i>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?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The protocol does not make reference to submission (allocation manager) based consumption submissions. It infers that 'As-Billed' and 'As-Billed normalised' are the only two types of submission. We would like to see 'market submission' based submissions explained as well.• Estimate status: If all normalised data includes a component of sales "accrual", this by definition renders all submissions an estimate. It would be helpful to see this clarified so that if the basis of the submission is a read (and not an estimate) the status is Read – despite the inclusion of an accrual.• It would be helpful to see re-bill as a read status in order to make them more easily identifiable.• It would be helpful if the File header showed the data source on which the normalised file is based, either 'As Billed' or 'Market Submission'• Powerco would prefer that one measure of volume be used, rather than three and that kWh continue to be the unit used.• The protocol is not explicit regarding whether over/under estimates are corrected in subsequent submissions rather than through replacement files (for 'as-billed normalised'). This needs to be made clear to ensure that the requirement to correct through subsequent submissions is understood.

Question	Comment
Q2: <i>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?</i>	Powerco has no additional comments.
Q3: <i>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?</i>	Powerco has no additional comments.
Q4: <i>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?</i>	<p>The inclusion of the following information in this file would assist with approving / rejecting any Pricing or Tariff changes suggested by a retailer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Consumption of the ICP - Meter Type - Meter Owner
Q5: <i>Do you have any suggestions for other gas information exchange file formats that could be investigated or adopted?</i>	The GANZ Disconnection and Reconnection Protocol “Appendix F Information Exchange” section on Post – Notification – Reconnection Codes is the only section not covered in the GIC switching codes and there may be merit in investigating its inclusion.