

Cadent's position on single-service CSEPs.

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This briefing note sets out Cadent's position in regards allowing iGTs to connect single service CSEPs and is based on advice from the Legal and Regulation functions.

Background

Cadent own and operate four gas transportation networks in the UK and have an obligation under the Gas Act to connect to its network, and convey gas by means of the network to, any **premises** or **pipeline systems operated by an authorised transporter**, to their network. The term pipeline system is not defined either within the Gas Act or comparable legislation, although section 9 of the Gas Act makes the distinction between connections to premises and connections to pipeline systems. It follows that, a single service connection from a Cadent main to a premise does not constitute a pipeline system.

Cadent's position

According to Section 10(6) of the Gas Act, any time a pipe is supplied and laid by the owner or occupier of a premise (for example, by a UIP), it shall vest in and become property of the gas transporter to which it has been connected (i.e. Cadent). This provision leaves no room for discretion (save for the qualification below); as a matter of law the connection must become the responsibility of, in this case, Cadent.

Where a single premise is expected to take a load equal to or greater than 75,000 therms per annum, the rules under paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 10 are excluded, and while there is some room for interpretation, Cadent has taken a pragmatic view based on facilitating competition, that the connection is not subject to the rules on vesting.

Therefore, Cadent *will allow* for single-service CSEPs to be connected to the network but only where the single premise is expected to take a load of 75,000 therms or greater. It is the connecting iGT's responsibility to ensure that an accurate polygon is uploaded to Cadent's Webmaps system, to identify the premise as being served by the iGT.

Definitions

CSEP means Connected System Exit Point and is a point at which an iGT network is connected to Cadent's network.

Gas Act shall mean the Gas Act 1986 (as amended).

Single-service CSEP is a CSEP which feeds only one property, which must be expected to take => 75,000 therms per annum.