

MRA Code Update

1. Purpose

This paper outlines for the DCUSA Panel of any relevant activities and developments occurring in relation to the MRA. The paper includes an update from the recent MRA Development Board meeting held on 25th May 2017 and the Issues Resolution Expert Group held on 14th June 2017.

2. MDB Update

MDB_17_05, the following may be of interest to you. The table below is a summary of the CPs, which were voted on:

Change Proposal	Summary	Implementation Date	Outcome
MAP CP 0289 – To reference Schedule 38 in MAP 24	Update MAP 24 (Smart Prepayment Change of Supplier Exceptions Process) to reference SPAA Schedule 39 rather than Schedule 38.	29th June 2017	Accepted
DTC CP 3511 – Provision of Last Meter Inspection Date	Seeks to mandate the losing Supplier to provide the date that the meter was last inspected on a Change of Supplier (CoS).	2nd November 2017	Deferred

Changes going for Impact Assessment:

10 Working Days:

- MAP CP 0290 – Market share calculation for distribution of unallocated prepayment key transaction.

30 Working Days:

- DTC CP 3512 – Amending J1924 – Asset Condition Code

80 Working Days:

- SPF 0101 – Moving the GDAA into the MRA

MDB will next meet on 29th June 2017.

3. IREG Update

IREG met on 14th June 2017 and discussed the following:

MIF215 - P283 Metering Commissioning Flow

An update on the development of the metering commissioning data flows was given. This included:

- A meeting was held on 8th June via teleconference to discuss the Meter Operator (MOP) to MOP Data Flow. Attendees were representatives from MOPs and the Association of Meter Operators (AMO). Discussions also focused on the change of agent (CoA) process.
- Elexon will be holding another workgroup open to all relevant parties on 20th June. Ahead of that meeting, Elexon requested feedback on various associated scenarios for consideration at the workgroup.

MIF218 - Accuracy of Industry Contacts database

- Gemserv updated IREG with the progress of resolving functional issues with the database and the data cleanse exercise. Gemserv advised that it has not received many responses to the data cleanse exercise; the responses are being uploaded to the data base soon. Gemserv is attempting to contact all organisations missing from the contact database to verify the Contract Manager contact details with an aim to complete all activities by the end of June.
- IREG discussed the option for a new Master Registration Agreement (MRA) Agreed Procedure (MAP) to define the role of the Contract Manager. IREG noted that the Erroneous Transfer Work Group (ETWG) is looking at the role of the Contract Manager and as such agreed that this aspect should wait until that work has concluded.

MIF219 – Accuracy of Working Practice Product Set (WPPS)

- Gemserv presented the prioritisation of the updates to the WPPS. In addition, draft changes were presented for WP 16¹, WP 28², WP 36³ and WP 20⁴. IREG agreed the prioritisations and requested that the control spreadsheet is provided to IREG ahead of each meeting so that they can track the progress and reassess the priority and workload. IREG agreed that v a request for information on the DTC Change Proposals (CPs) covering WP16, WP28 and WP36 removal and add into the relevant Annex IREG agreed that a WPPS CP should be raised to remove WP 20 due to the information now being within the Data Transfer Service technical specifications.

¹ WP 16 'MPAS – Differentiation between Supplier Full or Partial Refresh (D0204)'

² WP 28 'Usage of Service Reference and Service Level Reference'

³ WP 36 'NHH DA requirement and MPAS usage of file and instruction number'

⁴ WP 20 'Use of Checksum with UFF flows'

MIF220 – ECOES letter production for MPAS Agents and DNOs

- IREG noted that clarification had been received from two of the respondents to a previous request for information (RFI), which sought views on whether the Electricity Central Online Enquire Service (ECOES) letters should be retained and for how long. Based on this feedback, IREG recommended closing MIF220 and raising an ECOES change to implement retention of the letters for a maximum of five Working Days. IREG noted that it will be asked to approve the changes to the ECOES User Requirement Specification (URS), with expected implementation in January 2018.

MIF223 – DTC changes to facilitate P348 and P349

- IREG were advised that MIF223 has been closed following the raising of DTC CP 3513 and DTC CP 3514. These CPs will be considered by the MRA Development Board (MDB). IREG noted that Ofgem is still in purdah, so has yet to decide on the associated Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) and Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) changes.

MIF225 MRASCo Intellectual Property

MIF225 seeks to address gaps in the MRA to ensure that provisions for Intellectual Property Rights are sufficiently covered. IREG were concerned that there may be impacts or implications:

- on Supplier Agents, such as MOPs who are non-MRA Parties;
- on other non-MRA parties such as Data Transfer Service (DTS); and
- where joint workgroups are held to develop solutions.
- IREG requested that the output of any legal review that has taken place to assist with their considerations.

MIF226 MAP215 Post Implementation review

The Proposer highlighted the issues they have experienced with the Disconnections process:

- some Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) not following process;
- developers approaching Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) via own contacts and not through the formal process.

IREG agreed that an RFI should be issued to identify any issues parties have with the process and where their public-facing contacts for Disconnections can be located.

⁵ MAP 21 'Disconnections'

MIF227 – Referral from MAP10 to MAP12

MIF227 seeks to address inconsistency issues with the referral between MAP10⁶ to MAP12⁷. The Proposer presented two options:

- clarify that the exclusion identified in MAP10 is for domestic premises only; or
- update MAP12 so that it is used for any premise.

IREG considered whether this should be limited to Non-Half Hourly Metering Points. However, they noted that there are already domestic Half Hourly Metering Points which numbers are likely to increase with some of the barriers to elective half hourly removed. As such, IREG recommended and the Proposer agreed that the MIF be updated to cover both scenarios.

IREG also considered whether Co-operative Objections were still needed. They agreed that they were, as if there is a late registration, then the objection may be raised after the Supplier Start Date. They also noted that it was prudent to see what the outcomes are of Ofgem's Switching Programme, which aims to deliver faster, more reliable switching.

MIF228 Metering Point Address – DTC v MAP 09

MIF228 seeks to address the risk that will be introduced in MAP 09⁸ and the DTC following the implementation of MAP CP0283 and DTC CP 3508, respectively. The risk is that any mismatches in the Metering Point Address Line results in a rejection. IREG recommended that a DTC CP be raised to introduce a new rejection code for when the address is not in Standard Address Format.

MIF229 Changes to the D0268 to rectify interoperability issues in the HH market post P272

MIF229 proposes changes to the D0268⁹ Data Flow to rectify interoperability issues in the sub 100kW Half Hourly (HH) Market post P272. The proposed solution is to add auxiliary communications content to the flow; and change the structure of the D0268 to meet changing industry requirements around storing communication details.

IREG supported the approach and recommended that a Solution Pre-Assessment (SPF) is raised to gather industry views.

MIF 217 – Balance Assignment Protocol

A follow on joint IREG and SEG meeting, has been set up for 22nd June 2017 to further discuss development of a Procedure, Process and new Data Flows for both the MRA and SPAA solutions.

⁶ MAP 10 'Resolution of Erroneous Transfers'

⁷ MAP 12 'Customer Requested and Co-operative Objections'

⁸ MAP 09 'Address maintenance using the Standard Address Format'

⁹ D0268 'Half Hourly Meter Technical Details'

IREG will next meet on 12th July 2017.

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