

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 27th April 2017 and the Issues Resolution Expert Group held on 10th May 2017.

2. MDB Update

MDB_17_04, 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 0285 – Reformatting of MAP18	Update MAP 18 (The MRA Agreed Procedure for the GDCC) such that paragraphs are numbered. This provides for a more robust and clear baseline against which future changes can be drafted.	29th June 2017	Accept Modified
MAP CP 0286 – Reformatting of MAP20	Update MAP20 (The MRA Agreed Procedure for the Recovery and Distribution of GDAA Quarterly Payments) such that paragraphs are numbered. This provides for a more robust and clear baseline against which future changes can be drafted.	29th June 2017	Accept Modified
MAP CP 0250 – Updating MRA Schedule 14 to reflect the latest version of the MPRS	Proposes to remove the Cost of Transactions drafting from MAP14. This will prevent contractual agreements from being included within formal governance.	2nd November 2017	Accepted
MAP CP 0288 – Publication of Approved Party Information	To allow for the publication of information on the MRASCo Website relating to those MRA parties who are within and have completed Controlled Market Entry (CME).	2nd November 2017	Accepted

MAP CP 0287 – Review of Debt Assignment Protocol	This CP seeks to amend MAP13 and the ‘DAP Flows’ (D0306, D0307, D0308 and D0309). This is to reflect an IREG review of the process and to resolve issues with mismatch of customer names and to improve the overall timetable of events.		Deferred
MAP CP 0249 – Amend MRA Clause 30 to facilitate the issue of a new Data Flow for Meter Payment Mode	This change seeks to amend the drafting of MAP18 in line with initial recommendations from the MRASCo Security Expert Group (SEG), to provide clarity to parties regarding their rights and obligations, as well as providing a robust baseline against which further security related changes can be developed.		Deferred
DTC CP 3510 – Data Flows Updates for Assignment of Debt in Relation to Prepayment	This change seeks to amend the Debt Assignment Protocol (DAP) Data Flows (D0306, D0307, D0308 and D0309) in line with the changes to MAP13 (Procedure for the Assignment of Debt in Relation to Prepayment Meters). A number of superfluous Data Items have been removed along with mandating the use of the Data Flows over the Data Transfer Network (DTN).		Deferred
DTC CP 3509 – New Address Flow	The new Data Flow is to be sent on confirmation of a Change of Supplier (CoS) Loss to notify the New Supplier by the Old Supplier as whether the meter is being operated as a Pay As You Go (PAYG) or not.	February 2018	Accept Modified
MAP CP 0283 – Secure data transfer changes to MAP09	This seeks to remove references to sending data outside of the DTN, and to include reference to a new Data Flow, to allow address update requests from Supplier to Distribution Business to be sent across the DTN.	February 2018	Accept Modified

Changes going for Impact Assessment:

10 Working Days:

- MAP CP 0289 – To reference ‘Schedule 38’ in MAP24MAP CP 0288 – Publication of Approved Party Information.

MDB will next meet on 25th May 2017.

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3. IREG Update

IREG met on 10th May 2017 and discussed the following:

P283 Metering Commissioning Flow

Elxon provided an update on the development of the metering commissioning data flows. The update included:

- A notice that the MIF has been updated to better reflect the issue and solutions under development.
- A draft data flow was developed at the last P283 workgroup, to be sent from the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to the Meter Operator (MOP). The data flow will provide the MOP with details of the DNO commissioned measurement transformers and feeders. Two options are being considered for how the measurement transformer ratio information would be populated. Elxon will be holding two more P283 workgroups. and will continue to update IREG.

MIF218 – Industry Contacts Database

Gemserv updated IREG with the progress of resolving functional issues with the database and the data cleanse exercise. Gemserv aim to complete all activities by the end of June

MIF 220 – ECOES letter production for MPAS Agents and DNO's

IREG reviewed the responses to a request for information(RFI). The RFI sought DNO and Independent DNO (IDNO) feedback, to determine if the letters serve a purpose and how long the letters should be retained if at all. The responses showed there was still some support for retaining the letters. However, it was not clear what the rationale was for retaining them. Clarity on the rationale will be sought from the respondents.

MIF222 – Amending J1824 – Asset Condition Code

MIF222 seeks to update the valid set of Asset Condition Codes. Following discussion around certain code naming conventions and noting the Proposers desire to have these changes implemented in February 2018 this will proceed to Change Proposal.

MIF223 – DTC changes to facilitate P348 and P349

Elxon presented an overview of the two changes to the DTC to facilitate Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) modifications. IREG noted that Ofgem has previously indicated a preferred option, which will not require the DTC changes. However, there is no certainty on which CUSC and associated BSC modification will get approved. As such, it was deemed necessary to progress with the potential DTC changes to give MRA parties early visibility in case of the need for implementation in February 2018.

MIF224 – MAP 14 manual allocation issues

MIF224 seeks to resolve issues for Pre-Payment Meter Infrastructure Providers (PPMIPs) in the allocation of money as part of manual allocation processes, where the recipient is not a recognised key meter Supplier and/or the amount to allocate is less than costs to do so. A MAP CP will be raised to deal with each issue separately. The Pre-Payment Metering Forum (PPMF) will be consulted on the small value allocation issue ahead of that CP being raised.

MIF 217 – Balance Assignment Protocol

IREG and SEG met in a joint meeting on 10th May 2017. Representatives from BEIS, OFGEM and Citizens Advice were also present and discussed the following: The Proposer presented revisions to the process following the last meeting, including draft Data Flows for both the MRA and SPAA solutions. The group suggested that the Proposer consider presenting scenarios, along with the baseline processes, so that the group can determine if the solution is fit for purpose. A follow-on meeting will be scheduled to review the scenarios.

IREG will next meet on 14th June 2017.

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