

Introduction

Welcome to the CACoP Newsletter, the voice of the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP). This quarterly newsletter from the CACoP Forum provides you with the latest information on cross-Code issues, important dates and key events.

In this edition, we will be covering:

- Progress with the development of a central CACoP website
- News and developments across the different Codes
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle 7

If you have feedback on this Newsletter or if there are any further items you'd like us to be covering, please contact your Code Administrator – our details are available in the [Code Administration Code of Practice](#).

The Latest Forum Discussions

All the approved minutes from the CACoP Forum meetings in 2021 are available on the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) website [here](#).

Central CACoP website now in development

Many of you have highlighted to us your views that a central CACoP website would benefit you by providing a single source of cross-Code information.

Responding to this feedback, we have been developing requirements and the business case for such a website. On this website, you would be able to find:

- CACoP products, such as the Central Modifications Register and the Horizon Scanner
- CACoP Forum meeting documents and minutes
- Guidance notes that will be produced by the Forum
- The CACoP Newsletter, with an option to receive a copy directly into your inbox each quarter

The Code Panels have considered this proposal and have agreed that development should go ahead. We have now begun work on this, and are expecting this to be launched in the Summer.

Dates for your diary

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- 11 May 2021
- 8 June 2021
- 13 July 2021

Please email cacop@gemserv.com if you would like to attend and observe any of these meetings.

News and Developments

Code Panel collaboration

There have been great examples of cross-Code collaboration between the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the Connection and Use of System Agreement (CUSC). The Code Administrator representative for the CUSC Panel recently attended the BSC Panel, and the BSC Panel Chair attended the CUSC Panel.

National Grid ESO has also worked with Elexon over the last couple of months to understand its process for managing Modifications that have an impact on the Electricity Balancing Guidelines (EBGL) Article 18 Terms of Conditions. Whilst there are slight differences, the shared learning from Elexon has really helped develop a robust process in this space for the CUSC and the Grid Code.

National Grid ESO's Introduction to Code change webinars

On 19 February and 18 March 2021, National Grid ESO held its Introduction to Code Change webinars. These covered an overview of Code change, National Grid ESO's role as Code Administrator, the Code modification process and how to get involved.

The webinars were well attended by a wide representation of industry parties who fed back a significant increase in subject matter knowledge by the end of each session. National Grid ESO asked respondents how likely they were to recommend the webinar to a friend or colleague; they gave an average score of 8.5 and 9.1 out of 10 on each webinar respectively. National Grid ESO is really pleased that attendees got a lot of value out of the session and would like to thank all for attending.

Given the amount of interest in these sessions, National Grid ESO will be looking to host more in future. If you have any suggestions of topics you'd like covered, please email code.administrator@nationalgrideso.com.

If you missed the seminars, you can find all of the materials from the sessions [here](#). This includes the webinar recording, the presentation slides and the Questions and Answers document.

ESO Code Administrator Survey 2020 Summary

In 2020 National Grid ESO made considerable improvements to its service as Code Administrator, to address what its stakeholders told it they expected.

National Grid ESO is pleased to report a step change in overall satisfaction of 25% compared to 2019, while delivering a high volume of Workgroup meetings, improvement activities and working virtually.

In its [summary note](#) National Grid ESO shares the background to the survey, the key findings from the results, and the next steps it will take on listening to this feedback.

National Grid ESO would like to thank those who responded to the survey. Your feedback has enabled it to keep making improvements. By publishing this summary note, it hopes this reinforces its ambition and dedication to always being as transparent as possible in the way in which it administers Code change, as well as providing insights on the current scale of regulatory change.

National Grid ESO would like to keep making improvements and be as open as possible so if there is something else you'd like to feed back on, please [get in touch](#).

The 2021 CACoP survey is now underway

Ofgem is beginning work on the 2021 independent Code Administration performance survey. It will be reaching out to Parties across May and June to seek your feedback on the Code Administrators' performance. The results of this year's survey are expected to be available in September.

The Horizon Scanner is being updated

We have undertaken a review of the CACoP Horizon Scanner. This document summarises all the wider industry initiatives over the next five years which are expected to impact at least two of the Codes. The latest version will be available [here](#) shortly.

Shipper seat vacancies on the IGT UNC Panel

Two of the three Shipper seats on the Independent Gas Transporters Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) Panel are currently vacant, leaving Shippers underrepresented, with a risk of their voices not being heard. If you would be interested in filling one of these seats, please email igtunc@gemserv.com.

CACoP Products

The CACoP Forum has produced several items to help you navigate the cross-Code landscape:

- The [Central Modifications Register](#), updated monthly, lists all the open modifications across all the Codes.
- The [Horizon Scanner](#), updated every few months, summarises all the wider industry initiatives over the next five years which are expected to impact at least two of the Codes.

If there are any other items you would find useful and would like the CACoP Forum to consider, please let your Code Administrator know.

Principle Focus



We have now reached Principle 7 in our look at the CACoP Principles, which requires alternative solutions to be developed to the same degree as the Proposer's proposed solution.

As we saw last time, a Modification's proposed solution is owned by the Proposer, and only they can agree what this is. But what happens if another Party has a viable solution to the issue that they want considered?

If a Party wants to put forward an alternative solution, they can do so at any time before or during the Modification's Workgroup stage. This will usually be done by contacting the Code Administrator.

Code Administrators will ensure that any alternative solution raised is fully considered by the Workgroup. They will ensure that a full assessment of this option is undertaken, including performing impact assessments, developing legal text and issuing industry consultations.

Ideally an alternative option would be raised early enough to be assessed and consulted upon in parallel with the proposed solution. If it isn't, the Code Panel would be expected to amend the timetable as needed to allow a suitable assessment to be completed.

Any alternative solutions that are progressed to final decision will need to be included in the final Modification Report. All the options will then be decided upon together. Only one solution option can ultimately be approved, so Parties will need to say which solution they prefer if they decide to approve the Modification. Any alternative solution considered but not progressed to decision will also be recorded in the Modification Report.

There is no limit on the number of alternative solutions that can be raised, though we would advise Parties not to raise too many options as this can slow down the Modification's progression.

We always welcome your feedback on how we are doing and if there's more you think we could do. If you have any comments or feedback on this, your Code Administrator will be happy to listen and capture your views.