

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:

- The Forum's forward work plan for the coming year
- News and developments across the different Codes
- A look back at our recent Retail Code Consolidation seminar
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle

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 2020 can be found on the Independent Gas Transporters Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) website [here](#).

The minutes for meetings in 2021 will be available on the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) website [here](#).

The Forum's forward work plan for 2021

At the beginning of each year, the Forum will agree the plan of the actions it intends to complete over the upcoming 12 months. In 2021, the Forum, under the chairmanship of the MRA, has agreed it will progress the following areas:

- Subject to agreement from the Code Panels, it will proceed with implementing and integrating the central CACoP website.
- It will collate information and guidance on Code processes, beginning with the market entry processes.
- It will review how the impacts of changes are assessed and documented in reports.
- The [consumer benefits analysis approach](#) will be embedded, with a review completed in May 2021.
- It will complete a review of the Applicable Code Objectives and provide recommendations for any change to Ofgem.
- A consistent approach to identifying cross-Code impacts will be discussed and developed.
- The Forum will review and update its terms of reference.

You can download a copy of the agreed 2021 Forward Work Plan [here](#). The Forum's review of 2020 can also be downloaded [here](#).

News and Developments

Update on SECMP0046 and DCP371

Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modification [SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'](#) and Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) Change Proposal [DCP371 'Last resort arrangements for Distributors to manage specific consumer connected devices'](#) are proposing to allow Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to be able to use smart metering functionality to reduce the charging rate of electric vehicle

chargers during times of exceptional network stress, where a power outage is imminent unless action is taken. This would be used by DNOs only as a last-resort option if the only alternative was a wider power outage.

The Proposer of these modifications, SSEN, has requested these modifications be placed on hold for six months. The Proposer is now exploring alternative solutions that are being developed which were not available when SECMP0046 was originally raised.

If you have any questions, please contact sec.change@gemserv.com.

The RCC SCR engagement day

The CACoP Forum hosted an online seminar on 19 November 2020, where the Code Administrators provided an update on how the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) and Faster Switching Significant Code Reviews (SCRs) would impact on Parties. The event was well attended, with over 100 attendees from across the industry joining the call. You can find the slides and a recording of the event [here](#).

The changes introduced through the RCC SCR will result in retail energy governance provisions governed in existing industry Codes being migrated to the Retail Energy Code (REC). Other provisions of the MRA and the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) will also move to more appropriate industry codes, such as the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), the DCUSA and the Uniform Network Code (UNC).

Ofgem has now issued its consultation on Retail Energy Code v2.0 and Retail Code Consolidation, which you can find [here](#).

Dates for your diary

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- 9 February 2021
- 9 March 2021
- 13 April 2021

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

Principle Focus



We have now reached Principle 6 in our look at the CACoP Principles, which requires a Proposer of a Modification to retain ownership of the detail of their solution. But how do Codes ensure this remains the case?

To ensure a Modification's solution develops as the Proposer envisioned, they, and they alone, have the final say on the Proposed Solution, including any subsequent changes or clarifications. Workgroups and other forums can provide views and feedback, help the Proposer to design the solution, and provide their views and recommendations on the solution. However, the decision in each case rests with the Proposer.

Being a Proposer can place quite a burden on the individual who has raised the Modification. They would be expected to remain engaged throughout the lifecycle of the Modification and be asked to decide how to proceed at each case. They can review the legal text delivering their change before it is issued for consultation

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.

and discuss this with the Code Administrator. Proposers can also withdraw their proposal, although another eligible Party can then adopt this, taking full ownership rights in doing so. To support the Proposer, Code Administrators will engage with them throughout the process to make sure they understand the Proposer's aims and intent. They will then support the Proposer in developing their solution, liaising with other groups and organisations as required on the Proposer's behalf.

While the Proposer owns the Proposed Solution, Codes allow the industry to raise Alternative Solutions. These alternative options are then assessed, developed and decided upon in parallel with the Proposer's solution. We'll discuss this further next time when we look at Principle 7.

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.

- 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.

If you have any questions or feedback on this Newsletter or what you would like to see in the future, please email us at cacop@gemserv.com or contact your Code Administrator.

The next edition of this Newsletter will be published in April 2021.