

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:

- Cross-Code changes and projects taking place
- A proposal for an engagement day covering the consequential changes arising from the Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle 4

If you have any 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 [CACoP](#).

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](#).

Arrangements during the coronavirus pandemic

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus, Code Panels continue to act pragmatically and proportionately in response to any issues that Parties may be experiencing. Code Administrators are taking steps to provide you with any support you need and point you towards the processes you need to follow. If you feel any derogations are needed during this time, please look at the specific derogation processes available to you under each Code. Please also get in touch with your Code Administrator, who will be able to advise you of the best way forward.

All Code Administrators continue to provide a fully remote service. Teleconferencing and remote participation capabilities are being made available for every meeting, to ensure you can still join meetings during this unprecedented period. All Code Administrators are committed to providing as full a service as possible during this time, within the government's restrictions.

For details on your Code Administrator's arrangements during this time, please contact them directly.

News and Developments

Secure Data Exchange Portal

The Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) is a secure mechanism that will enable Suppliers and Distribution Network Operators to transfer customer personal data between each other to satisfy their obligations in the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) and the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA). You can find details of the MRA changes [here](#), and the SPAA changes [here](#).

Following decisions of the MRA Development Board (MDB) and the SPAA Change Board in May 2020, a two-month delay to the implementation of the SDEP was approved. Consequently, the mandate on MRA parties and SPAA Supplier parties to use the SDEP has been delayed from 25 June 2020 to **21 August 2020**.

A recording of a webinar providing an overview of the SDEP and the requirements for completing the accession process is available on the MRASCo website [here](#). You can also find a copy of the slides and the Q&A from the session [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the SDEP, please contact support.sdep@gemserv.com.

Allowing DNOs to control electric vehicle chargers

Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modification Proposal [SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'](#) is proposing to allow Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to be able to use smart metering functionality to reduce the Changes to the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) will be needed to capture the governance of the new arrangements. [DCUSA Change Proposal \(DCP\) 371 'Last resort arrangements for Distributors to manage specific consumer connected devices'](#) has now been raised to consider these further. Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) changes may also be required.

The SEC and the DCUSA are working together with the Proposer to develop the full set of changes, in order to produce a single holistic solution to present to the Authority (Ofgem) for decision. Both Codes will be consulting further on these changes before the final decisions are made.

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

Project MARI

European Balancing Guidelines (EBGL- Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195) Article 20 states that Transmission System Operators (TSOs) are required to introduce a platform to facilitate balancing manually activated frequency restoration reserves (mFRR) by July 2022. The Manually Activated Reserve Initiative (MARI) was launched by the European Network of System Operators (ENTSO-E) as part of the European implementation project of the European mFRR platform.

Grid Code Modification [GC0145 'Updating the Grid Code to include the Manually Activated Reserve Initiative \(MARI\)'](#) and BSC Modification [P407 'Project MARI'](#) seek to provide the requirements within these Codes so that participants of this standard EU Balancing Product can be clear of the specifications required.

Both modifications were raised in May, and the Panels agreed that they should be run together as a joint Workgroup. They have since had two Workgroup meetings, with four more planned before issuing a Workgroup Consultation in October. The Workgroup Report is planned to be presented to Panels in January 2021. The Final Modification Report is then planned to go to Panels in March 2021 following consultation, and then to the Authority for a decision.

The Workgroup is currently seeking more representation from Service Providers, Aggregators and Demand Side Response.

A short overview webinar on MARI is available [here](#). For further information or to join the Workgroup, please email grid.code@nationalgrideso.com or bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

Targeted Charging Review

On 21 November 2019 Ofgem published the Targeted Charging Review (TCR) Significant Code Review (SCR) Decision and Impact Assessment. Alongside this, Ofgem published directions to DNOs and to the National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO). These required the DNOs and the ESO to raise modifications to the DCUSA and the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) to address the issues outlined in the TCR Decision.

14 code modifications were raised across the CUSC, the DCUSA and the BSC across three policy areas:

- Demand Charge Residual (Implementation Date 1 April 2022)
- Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) Gross Charging (Implementation Date 1 April 2021)
- Transmission Generation Residual (TGR) to Zero (Implementation Date 1 April 2021)

Most of these changes are nearing completion and the Authority will be making decisions on these in the Autumn.

More information on the TCR, including the Project Initiation Document, can be found [here](#).

CACoP Engagement Day – Retail Code Consolidation SCR changes

Ofgem launched the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) Significant Code Review (SCR) in November 2019. This has the aim of consolidating and rationalising industry Code provisions in the retail energy market, following the introduction of the Retail Energy Code (REC). It also looks to create Code governance arrangements that drive innovation and positive outcomes for consumers.

The changes introduced through the RCC SCR will result in retail energy governance provisions governed in existing industry Codes being migrated to the REC. Other provisions of the MRA and the SPAA will also move to more

appropriate industry codes, such as the BSC, the DCUSA and the Uniform Network Code (UNC).

The detail of these changes will result in thousands of pages of legal text, but in reality this may have very little impact on Code parties and wider stakeholders. The CACoP Forum is therefore proposing a cross-Code engagement day to explain and provide context to these changes and the impact these will have on the Code parties.

We are expecting to announce details of the event shortly, which we expect to take place in October 2020.

Principle Focus



CACoP Principle 4 requires the CACoP to be reviewed periodically and be subject to amendments by users. In this quarter's Principle Focus, we take a closer look at this.

When the CACoP was established, it was envisaged that it would be reviewed on a regular basis by the relevant Code Administrators and by users of their Codes. Notable changes arising from these reviews have included the introduction of Principles 13 (cross-Code co-ordination) and 14 (supporting prospective innovators), and amendments to the metrics reported under Principle 12.

At the CACoP Forum, we review and discuss cross-Code issues and co-ordinate solutions to these. We also discuss ways to make navigating the Code landscape easier. Potential enhancements to the CACoP will naturally arise from these discussions.

If you have a change you believe needs to be made to the CACoP, please get in touch with your Code Administrator. They will be able to take your suggestion and present it to the Forum for consideration.

The CACoP Forum endeavours to formally review the CACoP annually, picking up any enhancements identified over the year. If it agrees any changes are needed, these will be consulted upon with Code Parties. The Forum will take your comments into consideration before issuing its proposed changes to Ofgem for final approval.

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.

Dates for your diary

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- 11 August 2020
- 8 September 2020
- 13 October 2020

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

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.