

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
- News and developments across the different Codes
- An answer to why some Codes issue more consultations than others
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle 5

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](#).

Retail Code Consolidation SCR changes – a CACoP seminar

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 Master Registration Agreement (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 Distribution Connection and

Use of System Agreement (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.

Ahead of Ofgem's forthcoming consultation, the CACoP Forum will be holding an online seminar on **Thursday 19 November 2020 from 10:00-13:00**. Here, the affected Codes will explain and provide context to these changes and the impact these will have on the Code parties.

If you would like to attend this seminar, please contact your Code Administrator or email cacop@gemserv.com.

News and Developments

Allowing DNOs to control electric vehicle chargers during times of network stress

Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modification [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 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.

Changes to the DCUSA will be needed to capture the governance of the new arrangements, and DCP371 'Last resort arrangements for Distributors to manage specific consumer connected devices' has been raised to progress these changes. 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. The Codes are holding joint Working Group meetings to develop the changes. They will also be consulting further on these changes before the final decisions are made.

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

Assessing the consumer impact of change

The CACoP Forum has been developing a proposal to enhance the assessment of modifications on the end consumer. This

approach will see Code Administrators drawing out the impacts of a modification's issue and solution on the end consumer and assessing the benefits the change would have in five areas.

The Forum has agreed to roll out this new approach, which will now be added into proposal forms and Modification Reports. Guidance on this new approach will be available on the CACoP webpages on the Code Administrators' websites soon.

The Cross-Code Survey will not take place this year

Ofgem has decided not to circulate the annual Cross-Code Survey this year, following discussions with Code Panels and the CACoP Forum on this. Most Panels suggested that now is not the right time due to the ongoing impacts with COVID-19. Ofgem also has concerns that too few responses would be received for the data to be robust, and could distract the Industry from focusing on priorities at this time.

Ofgem is hoping to run the next survey in 2021, although this will be reassessed closer to the time.

Development of a central CACoP website

The CACoP Forum is in the process of developing a central CACoP website, following feedback received from Code parties. The Forum is currently scoping the requirements and business case for such a website. Feedback will then be sought from the Code Panels over the coming weeks, before the Forum makes a final decision on whether to proceed to implementation.

Target Charging Review SCR modifications

CUSC modifications

The Target Charging Review (TCR) SCR is nearing its final stages. We have some important updates on the modifications for you.

All the below Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) modifications on the TCR have now been sent to Ofgem for their final decision – the final reports are available to read by following the links below:

- [CMP317 'Identification and exclusion of Assets Required for Connection when setting Generator Transmission Network Use of System \(TNUoS\) charges' and CMP327 'Removing the Generator Residual from TNUoS Charges \(TCR\)'](#)
- [CMP339 'Consequential changes for CMP317/327 \(TCR\)'](#)
- [CMP324 'Generation Zones – changes for RIIO-T2' and CMP325 'Rezoning – CMP324 expansion'](#)
- [CMP333 'BSUoS – charging Supplier Users on Gross Demand \(TCR\)'](#)
- [CMP335 'Transmission Demand Residual – Billing and consequential changes to CUSC Section 3 and 11 \(TCR\)' and CMP336 'Transmission Demand Residual – Billing and consequential changes to CUSC Section 14 \(TCR\)'](#)
- [CMP343 'Transmission Demand Residual bandings and allocation for 1 April 2022 implementation' and CMP340 'Consequential changes for CMP343'](#)

Ofgem will publish its decisions on these modifications in the coming months.

DCUSA modifications

On 30 September 2020, Ofgem approved the TCR modifications to the DCUSA.

The modifications approved are as follows and their decision letters can be found by following the links below:

- [DCP358 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review Implementation: Determination of Banding Boundaries'](#)
- [DCP359 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review Implementation: Customers – who should pay?'](#)
- [DCP360 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review Implementation: Allocation to Bands and Interventions'](#)
- [DCP361 'Ofgem Targeted Charging Review Implementation: Calculation of Charges'](#)

Ofgem letter on CMP280

On 2 October 2020, Ofgem published an open letter on electricity storage network charging arrangements and determination on CMP280 '[Creation of a New Generator TNUoS Demand Tariff which Removes Liability for TNUoS Demand Residual Charges from Generation and Storage Users](#)'. This letter can be found [here](#).

Shipper seat vacancies on the IGT UNC Panel

Two of the three Shipper seats on the 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.

Why do some Codes have more than one consultation?

At the 2019 CACoP engagement day, attendees asked why some Codes have two consultations on modifications while others only have one. The CACoP Forum has considered this question and can explain this difference in approach.

The Codes that require two consultations are those whose assessments involve a Working Group. These Codes include the BSC, the SEC, the CUSC, the Grid Code and the UNC.

Under these Codes' modification procedures, the Working Group is usually required to consult the industry as part of its assessment before the

Modification Report is presented to the Panel. The Panel is then required to consult on the finalised Modification Report before making its final decision. These requirements are hardwired into the respective Codes and would require modifications to change.

The CACoP Forum acknowledges the discrepancy between Codes in this area. However, the Forum considers that raising the modifications needed to change this would not be a priority for the industry at this time, so has concluded not to progress this further.

Principle Focus



CACoP Principle 5 requires Codes to support a 'pre-modification' process to better encourage industry debate and support in shaping solutions. In this quarter's Principle Focus, we take a closer look at this.

Many Codes present a Party with opportunity to discuss a proposal before it is formally submitted for decision. Such examples include the BSC's Issues process, the MRA's Issues Resolution Expert Group or the SEC's Development Stage. This allows a Party to enter the change process without a fully formed proposal, if they wanted to seek input from the wider industry first.

Code Administrators will support you with any issue you may have, and will, as a minimum, be able to advise you on the route it should take. In many cases, they can also provide expert advice to you up front, for you to take on board.

All of the Codes provide avenues for Parties to feed in to the development of such proposals. This can be through industry meetings (such as Working Groups) or consultations and impact assessments.

Working Groups and other discussion forums are usually open to any interested party to attend and are advertised on the Code's website in advance. In this post-COVID world, such meetings are usually held online, with materials made available five Working Days beforehand. Some Codes will schedule ad-hoc meetings for particular proposals, as needed for that change, while others schedule regular sessions to cover multiple proposals at once.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary

The RCC SCR CACoP Seminar will be held online on 19 November 2020 – please email cacop@gemserv.com if you would like to attend.

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- **10 November 2020**
- **8 December 2020**

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