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CROSS CODE STEERING GROUP
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**CCSG_26_0330**
DATE	**30 March 2026, 11:00**
LOCATION	**On Teams**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Caroline Freimuller	Retail Energy Code (REC)	CF	Committee Chair
Tim Newton	Smart Energy Code (SEC)	TN	Committee Member
Jenny Sarsfield	Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)	JS	Committee Member
Ben Mulcahy	Uniform Network Code (UNC)	BM	Committee Member
Stephanie Catwell	Data Transfer Services Agreement (DTSA)	SC	Committee Member
Sean Dryden-Woods	Data Integration Platform (DIP)	SDW	Committee Member
Richard Colwill	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)	RC	Committee Member
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	Ofgem	DKC	Non-Voting Committee Member
Michelle Niits	National Energy System Operator (NESO)	MN	Observer
Edma Hyskaj	REC Code Manager	EH	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the CCSG meeting.

Apologies were provided by the IGT UNC, and the Chair confirmed they had spoken to the usual representative offline and there were no IGT UNC updates to be flagged.

2 REVIEW OF NEW CHANGE PROPOSALS – ALL CODES

The Chair invited Members to provide an overview of the new Change Proposals raised under their Codes since the last meeting. New Change Proposals were flagged under the next agenda item.

3 CROSS CODE CHANGE TRACKER

The Chair invited Members to provide updates on the Cross Code Change Tracker, the Chair updated the tracker on screen at the meeting, and the latest version is available on the Portal.

The Chair provided the following updates on REC Changes:

- R0321 - DNOs Create Export MPANs for new housing developments – Flagged for information due to potential government initiatives.
- R0284 - Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales – A finalised version of the solution has been uploaded on the REC Portal.
- R0300 - Amendments to D0312 to align with BSC CP1622 – Both consultations are open. BSC consultation closes on 17 April 2026, the REC consultation closes on 21 April 2026. Due the change no longer being labelled as urgent, concern has been raised by the REC Technical Expert Panel that the June 2026 implementation date may now be too soon. REC also will submit a response to the BSC consultation, as the report has mentioned that CP1622 and R0300 do not need to be in the same release which is incorrect.

SDW provided the following key updates on DIP Changes:

- DCR0015 - Introducing Level 3 and Level 4 Response Codes into the DIP Rules – The design documents lacked clarity which impacted how applicants, potential users, and existing DIP Users develop their systems to manage both synchronous and asynchronous validations.
- DCR0017 - Amendment of L4 Rejection Non-Functional Timing Requirements and exemption – The Chair flagged the change as it may impact REC Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Service Definition.

BM provided the following key updates on UNC Changes:

- 0919S – Housekeeping amendments to TPD Sections B, G and M – Following the UNC Panel on 27 March 2026, the implementation directed is on 14 April 2026.
- 0843 – Establishing the Independent Shrinkage Charge and the Independent Shrinkage Expert – Authority estimated date of decision has been revised to 15 April 2026.
- 0890S - Addition of Consumption Adjustment and Updated Meter Readings to initiate an AQ Calculation Month – An indicative and unconfirmed implementation date has been tied to the November 2026 Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) Major release.
- 0894A - Facilitating Biomethane entry into the GDN by exporting methane from the GDN into the NTS via Compression – Authority Decision Date is estimated to be on 30 April 2026.
- 0927S – Moving the Market Participant Identity Verification Approach Document out of the UK Link Manual and into the CDSP Service Document – Following the UNC Panel on 27 March 2026, the change has been allocated to the Distribution Workgroup to report to June 2026 UNC Panel.
- 0928S – Enabling Amendment of Hydrogen Sulphide Limits in Network Entry Agreements – Following the UNC Panel on 27 March 2026, the change has been allocated to the Gas Quality Workshop to report to August 2026 UNC Panel.
- 0929R - Consideration of an Independent Gas Quality Expert under the Uniform Network Code (UNC) - Following the UNC Panel on 27 March 2026, the change has been allocated to the Gas Quality Workshop to report to September 2026 UNC Panel.

TN provided the following key updates on SEC Changes:

- MP184 – Changing the way twin elements are used - additional MPANs for Export capability – Change Board rejected the request for a new Impact Assessment (IA). There is a possibility the change could be withdrawn.

JS provided the following key updates on BSC Changes:

- P511 - Eligibility Boundaries for Generation Participation in P415 – Presently there is no cross-code impact.

JS explained that there are issues around a review of timescales of processes to ensure they are still fit for purpose post MHHS, that could have cross-code impacts, particularly with REC. However, they have not been properly established or developed and will be brought to the attention of CCSG members when they have gone through the appropriate issue processes.

RC provided the following key updates on DCUSA Changes:

- DCP467 - Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects – It was planned for a Request for Information (RFI) to be sent out, however based on the information from the REC impact assessment this RFI may no longer be necessary. RC to reach out to The Chair offline to discuss further timescales for this and R0306. The Chair confirmed the responses to the REC impact assessment were focused on wanting a centralised solution rather than each Distribution Network Operator (DNO) having its own solution.
- DCP419 - Pre-Notifications of Planned Supply De-Energisations – The Chair requested an update on this issue. RC confirmed conversations had been ongoing with the proposer and Ofgem about the feasibility of updating the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIG).

No updates were raised by the committee members for DTSA.

4 AUTHORITY UPDATE

DKC provided the following update to Members:

Ofgem had a consultation on the proposed code text for the future code modification process and stakeholder advisory forum that was published as part of the implementation of energy code reform second decision on 6th of March. The deadline to submit responses is 17 April 2026.

DKC requested that any interested parties with an expression of interest to join code consolidation work group for phase two participate as the deadline for joining was on 17 April 2026.

For awareness, DKC informed members Ofgem are aiming to publish their decision notice on prioritisation consultation that they had earlier this year by early May 2026 which had been pushed back. The Chair asked if this meant the implementation of prioritisation was also going to be pushed back, which DKC took away to confirm.

Any interested parties were asked to email: industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk.

5 REVIEW CCSG RESPONSE TO PROPOSED INDICATORS OF OFGEM PERFORMANCE CALL

The Chair thanked members for their contributions to the CCSG response, highlighting that the main issues raised concerned comfortability with a register where modifications would be held centrally by Ofgem to confirm any modifications where Ofgem had particular interest or expected there to be on-going monitoring post implementation. The Chair and members agreed unanimously to remove it as another brand-new register could be unnecessary. The Chair confirmed whether members were happy to submit the response with the revised comments and adjustments. Members agreed unanimously, with the Chair taking an action to submit by the end of the week.

6 AOB

No AOB was presented by members.