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ELECTRICITY OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	EOMF_23_0308
DATE	08 March 2023, 13:00
LOCATION	By teleconference

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the second meeting of the Electricity Operational Metering Forum (E-OMF) and introduced the Secretary (BM).

2. REVIEW OF ACTIONS LOG

E-OMF_22_0914_01: PA to raise SNE to PME Converted Earthing Systems with DNOs at the next STIG meeting.

PA advised that following the STIG meeting the ENA is currently drafting guidance for parties **– Open.**

E-OMF_22_1214_01: Energy UK Representative to share the Energy UK Supplier guidance for RTS with E-OMF parties.

BM advised that the guidance had been shared and was available on the Portal Metering Hub – **Closed.**

E-OMF_22_1214_02: PA to raise B05 Non-Withdrawable Fuse Cutout with DNOs at the ENA.

PA advised that most DNOs did not have these fuses on their networks and that they were typically found on the UKPN network. PA advised that UKPN had confirmed that it would action Non-Withdrawable Fuse Cut-outs when found by MEMs. PA advised that the ENA would look to add further guidance to the B05 process **– Closed.**

E-OMF_22_1214_03: Code Manager, ENA, and DCUSA to investigate raising a change to the Guidance for Service Termination Issue Reporting to include contact information for DNOs in relation to 200Amp fuses with Lower-Rated Tails.

BM advised that the Code Manager was currently reviewing the guidance in line with an action at the RECMEP. SC asked if the contact information for DNOs could be issued prior to being included within the guidance. RB advised that he would develop a process map and share with the group following the meeting for review **– Open.**

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3. METERING CHANGE UPDATE

EH presented an overview of the new change portfolio view and provided attendees with an overview of the Change Proposals currently progressing through the REC Change Process related to Metering.

- R0047 – Metering Code of Practice Consolidation Review
- R0017 – Invalid Requests for Site Technical Details
- R0021 – Allowing REC Accredited MEMs to De-Energise and Re-Energise Supply Points Independent of the Supplier
- R0026 – Whole current (WC)/Current Transformer (CT) certificates
- R0053 – 24/7 Emergency Metering Service

4. CONSOLIDATED METERING CODE OF PRACTICE RELEASE PLAN

EH provided an overview of the release plan for the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) advising that the presentation slides and the recording from the webinar were now available on the REC Portal. EH confirmed that the second version of the Frequently Asked Questions would be published on the REC Portal on 10 March 2023.

EH advised that the Code Manager podcast for March 2023 would be covering the Metering Audit Scheme. EH provided an overview of the post go-live support which would be offered to parties, highlighting that parties should contact the service desk with queries. WL asked when parties would be able to view the CoMCoP, EH advised that the document was available to view on the REC Portal.

5. INTRODUCTION TO THE CONSOLIDATED METERING CODE OF PRACTICE SCHEME AUDITOR

ED advised that Wilcock had been awarded the contract to provide the Scheme Audit for the CoMCoP. ED provided attendees with an overview of the mobilisation work taking place ahead of the start of the CoMCoP Scheme Audit year commencing on 01 April 2023. ED advised that the Audits would be run the same as the Gas Audits in the previous year and confirmed that a full Audit would take place every two years. ED advised that Audit questions were currently being drafted and would likely be shared by the end of the week commencing 06 March 2023. ED confirmed that parties would be allocated an Auditor after go-live.

6. UPDATE FROM IWG SUBGROUP MEETING RE REVIEW OF A19 GUIDANCE

PA provided attendees with an update from the IWG Subgroup. PA informed attendees that the group had reviewed bulletin S001 and were looking to make updates to the A19 Asset Condition code as a result of the three incidents on Black Plastic cut-outs. PA provided attendees with an overview of the draft changes to A19. RH advised that he had been involved with the drafting

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and was comfortable with the wording presented. RH advised that some wording around damage, distress and discolouration had been removed to be included within a different code.

RH advised that any surface voltage detected on the cut-out would need to be confirmed with a two-pole voltage testing device prior to being reported to the DNO. ME asked if the guidance should be limited to just black plastic cut-outs and suggested that it may be worth expanding to include other colours. RH advised that the three incidents had occurred on black plastic cut-outs which is why the guidance was specific, however, RH confirmed that the guidance did state that other colour cut-outs could be tested for surface voltage.

SB asked if there was a stated value for sustained voltage. RH advised that DNOs did not want to specify a voltage in the guidance as each DNO would have their own internal process. RH advised that surface voltage should be reported to the DNO, and they would make the decision whether or not to visit the site. The Code Manager agreed to share the guidance with E-OMF attendees post meeting and to liaise with the ENA around the publication of the guidance.

ACTION: E-OMF_0308_01: Code Manager to publish the Surface voltage found on plastic cut-out guidance with E-OMF parties post meeting.

ACTION: E-OMF_0308_02: Code Manager to work with the ENA to publish the Surface voltage found on plastic cut-out guidance.

7. DNO SITE INVESTIGATION BEST PRACTICE DUE TO REPORTED INCIDENT AT SUPPLY POSITION

RH advised that he had been having bi-lateral discussions with DNOs to discuss the best practices for reporting an incident at the supply position. RH asked DNOs if they could send pictures of incidents to MEMs to make the investigation into the issue simpler. WL advised that he fully agreed with sharing pictures and advised that Northern Powergrid had been encouraging operatives to take pictures when issues have been identified.

8. CASCADE OF NEW DNO POLICY VIA REC COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

RH advised that better communication of new DNO policies would improve the customer experience, and suggested that the REC could be the appropriate channel. RB agreed with the point, advising that he fully supported better communications. Attendees suggested that updates to the policy could be communicated as technical bulletins. WL highlighted that there were unnecessary bulletins currently available on the Portal Metering Hub and asked if the Code Manager could review the contents of the page to ensure only important information remains. It was noted that DNO policies should be included in the information provided for Meter Operators under clauses in the MOCoP, which is audited annually.

ACTION: E-OMF_0308_03: Code Manager to review the safety and technical bulletins that are currently present on the Portal Metering Hub.

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9. PEN CONDUCTOR CONNECTED THROUGH ELECTRIC METER

RC provided attendees with an overview of a Safety Bulletin which had been produced by OVO and shared by the Code Manager covering what to do on sites where the PEN Conductor had been connected through the Meter. RC advised that this situation contravened the ESQCR Regulations. SC advised that a B07 should be sent to the DNO and that an advisory notice should be left at the site.

10. MHHS UPDATE

HT provided the group with an update on the MHHS Programme:

- **MHHS Stakeholder Advisory group** extended to open working group to agree solutions for REC consequential changes to be included in MHHS code drafting – first meeting 11am-1.30pm, 15 March 2023.
- **MHHS code drafting consultation -** First tranche:
    - Metering Services, includes REC drafting to Schedule 14 and CoMCoP.
    - Data Services, no REC drafting.
    - Industry consultation managed by the MHHS Programme, open until 5pm on 13 March 2023 - Code Artefacts on Collaboration Base.
- **MHHSP-Qualification** being developed under the programme's Qualification Working Group - Next meeting Wednesday 14 March 2023.
    - REC and BSC working together to define Qualification approach.
    - REC Code Manager planning for qualification of Metering.

11. MEM OPERATIONAL CONTACTS

WL advised that under MOCOPA DNOs had access to MEM Operational contacts and asked if this could be provided under the REC. BM advised that the Code Manager had been investigating providing these contact. BM confirmed that the information had been requested from the REC Performance Assurance team and he was awaiting a response, BM agreed to take an action to investigate.

ACTION: E-OMF_23_0308_04: Code Manager to investigate providing MEM Operational Contacts on the Portal Metering Hub.

12. AOB

The Chair invited attendees to provide AOB. There was no AOB and the meeting was closed.

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APPENDIX A – ATTENDEES

Attendee	Initials	Company
Catherine Ward (Chair)	CW	Code Manager
Presenters		
Bradley Mercer	BM	Code Manager
Elise Handy	EH	Code Manager
Eric Dodd	ED	Wilcock
Paul Abreu	PA	Energy Networks Association
Richard Hill	RH	British Gas
Richard Cockerill	RC	OVO
Harriet Truss	HT	Code Manager
Warren Lacey	WL	Northern Powergrid
Attendees		
Adam Deacon	AD	Lowri Beck
Aiyesha Andrade	AA	RECCo
Bilal Leli	BL	Energy Assets
Carl Dennis	CD	Shell Energy
Colette Baldwin	CB	Code Manager
Dave Griffin	DG	Cullis Engineering
Eric Fowler	EF	Power Data Associates
Garry Ashworth	GA	Energy Assets
Gemma Dixon	GD	Code Manager
Iain Nicholl	IN	BSC
Jonathan Holland	JH	Code Manager
Keith Hozack	KH	Engage Services
Laura Stone	LS	Code Manager
Mark Earle	ME	Morrison
Nick Dodridge	ND	EDF Energy

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Nikhel Jethwa	NJ	SSE
Paul Abreu	PA	Energy Networks Association
Paul Morris	PM	UK Power Networks
Paul Hollowood	PH	Northern Powergrid
Paul Witton-Dauris	PWD	Code Manager
Rebecca Lowe	RL	RECCo
Richard Cockerill	RC	OVO
Richard Hill	RH	British Gas
Shelley Rouse	SR	Code Manager
Simon Burnett	SBr	Morrison
Steve Brand	SB	Lowri Beck
Steven Chambers	SCb	EDF
Steve Cockrell	SC	Siemens
Tim Tawse	TT	Octopus Energy
Warren Lacey	WL	Northern Powergrid

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