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CROSS CODE STEERING GROUP
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**CCSG_26_0803**
DATE	**03 August 2026, 11:00**
LOCATION	**On Teams**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Caroline Freimuller	Retail Energy Code (REC)	CF	Committee Chair
Ben Mulcahy	Uniform Network Code (UNC)	BM	Committee Member
Stephanie Catwell	Data Transfer Services Agreement (DTSA)	SC	Committee Member
Tim Newton	Smart Energy Code (SEC)	TN	Committee Member
Andy Green	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)	AG	Committee Member
Jenny Sarsfield	Balancing Settlement Code (BSC)	JS	Committee Member
Dovile Kvedyte-Corrigan	Ofgem	DKC	Observer
Edma Hyskaj	REC Code Manager	EH	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the CCSG meeting. The DIP representative Samraj Gill (SG) and IGT UNC representative Talia Lattimore (TL) were noted as absent.

2 REVIEW OF THE 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:

- I0273 - Sharing of SSC and TPR Information for MHHS Smart and Advanced Meters – The solution is looking to make SSC for smart segment meters mandatory which would require changes to Supply and Meter Registration Service (SMRS) validation. The Chair informed JS that this would require a BSC change and REC expected to raise this to the BSC shortly.
- I0200 - Review of the REC's Address Management Service – The third working group is being held on 03 September 2026.
- I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Metering Party – The fourth working group is being held on 18 August 2026.
- R0284 - Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales – The BSC consultation has closed, the responses received were not controversial and both respondents had responded to the REC consultation so the Change will be proceeding to final vote at August 2026 Metering Expert Panel (MEP).
- R0333 - Smart Meter Communication Licence Code Changes – Aiming for implementation on 01 October 2026 after being presented at Change Panel on 04 August 2026. The Chair explained that a phased implementation was explored with part of the solution going live on 01 October 2026 and part on 01 November 2026. However, this would require an extraordinary release four working days before a standard release, so the aim was to have everything in a single release.

JS provided the following key updates on BSC Changes:

- [Pre-raise] Preventing Participants from registering Metering Systems in MHHS Market Segments for which they are not Qualified – The Chair highlighted that due to physical system restraint the BSC may physically be unable to carry out this change. It was flagged as likely impact to REC and the Chair queried if there were working groups planned. JS confirmed yes, so the Chair said REC would attend these if possible. The Chair asked if this was planned to be similar to the solution looked at under I0194 - CSS Change to Allow Prevent of Registration by Market Segment, as that was not technically possible within

CSS. JS was unsure, and said she expected this would be discussed at the working groups.

- [Pre-raise] REP009, REP002, REP002a REP002b Exceeding or Potentially Exceeding DIP 1 MB Limit. Implementing a file-splitting solution – REP900 will not be in scope as this will require a separate DCUSA change. The Chair stated that to go for November 2026 release it needs to be approved by the end of August 2026, asking if REC Technical Services have been engaged. JS took an action to make sure this has been done, but both JS and the Chair believe implementation may be delayed until February 2027.
- [Pre-raise] IF-014 Potentially Exceeding DIP 1 MB Limit - The Chair also pointed out that it was flagged as possible Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) impact, but REC were not sure what the EMDS impact was. Both the Chair and JS believe this is being discussed offline between Chris Day (BSC) and Jonny Moore (REC).
- CP1607 - Implementation of Data refresh message to ensure alignment of MHHS design – New CP being raised on 05 August 2026 due to committee discourse over the change to un-do CP1607. BSC has decided to submit a new change for the solution being developed by DIP and the other market participants. The Chair confirmed that if the change proposal undoes CP1607 then REC would withdraw R0294 - Implementation of IF-051 Data Refresh in Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) for BSC CP1607 and raise a new Change Proposal so both codes would start from fresh.

JS also provided the following key updates on behalf of the DIP representative (SJ):

- DCR00023 - Level 4 Validation – MPAN Invalid or Unknown (RCP1061) for IF-021s – Consultation begun on 21 July 2026 and will close on 10 August 2026 after which the DIP Manager will review the responses.
- DCR0018 - DIP Swagger alignment with Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS), DCR0019 - Defining the Sender Unique References (SUR) in the DIP Rules – In the scope for the August 2026 release. The scope and decisions will be sent out by the DIP manager this week.
- DCR0017 - Amendment of L4 Rejection Non Functional Timing Requirements and exemption – The consultation has closed and the DIP manager has been reviewing responses. There are possible amendments to legal text to be made and the communications in the final assessment will be published in due course.

BM provided the following key updates on UNC Changes:

- 0887 - Facilitating Bi-Directional Connections Between IGT Pipelines and the NTS – Set for implementation on 14 August 2026. The Chair took an action to make sure that IGT UNC were aware of this date for IGT176, due to TL being on leave.
- 0923 - Disapplication of TPD Section D7 (DSR Options) for 2026 only – Rejected by the Authority.

TN provided the following key updates on SEC Changes:

- DP206 - Allowing Generators to apply for Export MPANs - Discussions with the proposer to gather further information and remains on hold.
- MP169 - Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter – Discussions with the proposer to gather further information and remains on hold. It is likely this will remain on hold until the Consumer Consent Solution is finalised, as the Proposer believes this may impact on MP169
- MP325 - SMCL2 Code Changes Housekeeping and process changes impacting SEC from new Smart Meter Licence and Transfer of DCC Licensee from Capita to DCC2.0 – Consultation has closed and a few comments have been received by suppliers.

AG provided the following key updates on DCUSA:

- P441 - Complex Site Classes Creation – There was a workgroup for 04 August 2026 to review the second consultation responses. Attempted to get it to Panel for August 2026 but appears unlikely due to concerns raised on IT which would require further development. The initial implementation date was proposed for November 2026 however, due to the consultation feedback the implementation timescale has shifted to 6 – 12 months. JS confirmed ongoing communication with Ofgem and BSC to discuss alignment of the changes. The Chair queried if it was known when Ofgem planned to consult as it was originally planned for July 2026 – JS said they did not know but would provide an update after their planned meeting with Ofgem.

No updates were raised by the committee member for DTSA.

3 AUTHORITY UPDATE

DKC informed members on updates on policy streams and publications:

DKC advised members on the Phase One Decision, Transitional Measures and Code Changes. By the end of August 2026, the decision of the April 2026 Phase one consultation is expected to be published. It will cover how Ofgem intend to proceed with policy proposals on changes to BSC

and REC as well as transitional licence arrangements and the licence terms. This has been based on their analysis of consultation responses and best practise in establishing legally sound transitional measures for the energy code reform process.

The other publication expected to release on 07 August 2026 is concerned with a second implementation decision, and that is a final template code text for code modification and Strategic Advisory Forum (SAFs). They are due to be published in the forum with an e-mail to relevant stakeholders due to be sent out on the day with a link to the publication and key information for your consideration. This publication will set out more of the processes required to implement Energy Code Reform phase one. Therefore, it supports the wider Energy Code Reform programme and sets out the processes required to ensure the full programme can be delivered and governed successfully.

4 AOB

The Chair reminded members that the pre-release the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) for November 2026 is being published by 04 September 2026 and any EMDS impacting changes would need to be approved by the end of August 2026.

At the previous CCSG meeting, the Chair said they would confirm the deadline for EMDS changes for February 2027 release. The pre-release is planned to be published by 27 November 2026, so changes would need to be approved by mid-November 2026. This is earlier than usual due to Christmas Holiday.

The Chair advised that any changes that include EMDS needs to be brought to CCSG even if they have no cross-code impact so that it can be flagged to REC Technical Services by the Chair.

4.1 CODE REFORM AND THE CCSG TERMS OF REFERENCE

JS brought forward concerns that the language in the CCSG terms of reference (TOR) appears to be Code Manager language and responsibility focused. JS explained that there may be a need for transitional arrangements as the language is not relevant to all members. The Chair confirmed they had seen the draft TOR and had provided feedback regarding the remit of CCSG itself versus the remit of the lead code and CCSG acting as the space for ensuring the lead code is doing what it is supposed to do. The Chair confirmed they would pass along the feedback from JS also.

The Chair confirmed they expected the draft the legal text would be brought to CCSG for review no later than 07 September 2026, and that they would be subject to a consultation. The TOR are being drafted by a separate cross-code group working on Code Reform and Ofgem, so the Chair encouraged members to speak to their code member on that group to get sight of the TOR earlier if they wished.