ELECTRICITY OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**E-OMF_25_0514**
DATE	**14 May 2025, 14:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the Electricity Operational Metering Forum (E-OMF).

2. AUDIT UPDATE

ED provided Members with an overview of the number of audits conducted, plus the number on non-conformances during the period from 01 January – 31 May 2025. The paper will be published as a post-meeting paper and can be accessed here.

ED highlighted that half of the audits had non-conformances, this tends to suggest a lack of understanding regarding the audit process compliance requirements. ED discussed the defects found in the audits, emphasising the need for better presentation of information, and answering the right questions. ED mentioned there are issues with public liability insurance being presented, detailed safety information, procedures related to guidance on service terminations and Distribution Network Operator (DNO) operations.

RH raised a concern around closed questions in the audits, suggesting that people might think 'yes' or 'no' answers are sufficient enough without providing evidence. ED agreed this is an issue and mentioned a rewrite of the questions is coming shortly to make them more interrogative.

ED highlighted the introduction of Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a category has led to companies that are not specifically meter installers needing accreditation, and that definitions for compliance do not seem to be consistent or in place. RG mentioned SIPs must be qualified Metering Equipment Manager's (MEMs) but may only perform SIP activities. WL explained if his organisation authorises a SIP to carry out work on their network, they will need to be an acceded REC Party. PM noted the training requirements for SIPs should be the same as a MEM, emphasising the need for variable records of training and qualifications. ED advised companies who use SIPs need to be able to provide evidence of the training their SIPs are undertaking.

3. SEALING PLIERS UPDATE

ED informed Members that they have not conducted many site audits; they are more for renewals. ED advised the low number of site audits has highlighted an issue with sealing pliers. ED asked Members to consider if this is a consistent issue in their audits and how they are being addressed.

4. METERING HUB UPDATE

RG provided Members with an update on the REC Metering Hub, showing the new additions that have been made. RG explained the new additions are Metering activities, Expert Panel documents, Accession guidance, Safe Isolation Provider guidance and Metering FAQ's. RG encouraged Members to explore the new and improved REC Metering Hub and provide feedback.

5. OVERSIZED FUSES FLOW CHART

RB discussed the issue of oversized fuses, stating it is the customers responsibility to contact the DNO for fuse downgrades or upgrades. RB mentioned there are several scenarios being discussed around upgrading fuses, but each scenario is being met with some disagreement.

Members agreed closing this agenda item and take it back to the Energy Networks Association (ENA) for further discussion.

6. FUSE UPGRADES ON DNO CUT-OUTS TO FACILITATE LCT CONNECTIONS

The Chair provided members with an update from the February E-OMF presentation of Fuse Upgrades on DNO cut-outs to facilitate Low Carbon Technology (LCT) Connections, found on slide 1 here.

PA highlighted the fuse upgrade work is being conducted to help facilitate a quicker installation of a LCT for the Customer.

7. NATIONAL ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR – ENERGY INSIGHTS

The Chair provided members with an overview of National Energy System Operator- Energy Insights, found on slide 2 here.

The Chair presented the March report, highlighting the sources of electricity generation, gas usage and the carbon intensity of electricity generation.

Several Members highlighted this was useful information to be shared with Members.

8. DESNZ SMART METER STATISTICS IN GREAT BRITAIN – QUARTERLY REPORT TO END DECEMBER 2024

The Chair provided Members with an overview of DESNZ Smart Meter Statistics in Great Britain – Quarterly Report to end December 2024, found on slide 5 here.

The Chair presented the smart meter statistics from the government report, showing the number of smart meters installed, operating in smart mode, and the decline in installation volumes during the first half of 2024.

9. CHANGE TRACKER UPDATE

LB provided members with an overview of Change Tracker Update, found on slides 6-8 here.

WL noted R0152 – Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) is due to be presented at the June 2025 MEP for final decision and asked what the final decision involves. LB explained the vote will be on the proposed approach, solution and proposed implementation date.

10. AOB

WL highlighted that their colleague has raised several times that they wish to be removed from the distribution list for the Operational Metering Forums, however they still receive emails relating to them. JR agreed to remove them from the distribution list.

The Chair highlighted there will be a Gas Metering Operational Forum on 11 June 2025, which will feature a presentation from the Fife Academy on Hydrogen training for the Fife and SGN Hydrogen trial.

There was no further AOB, and the meeting was closed.

APPENDIX A – ATTENDEES

Attendee	Initials	Company
Steve Brand (Chair)	SB	Code Manager
Presenters		
Eric Dodd	ED	Wilcock
Rebecca Griffiths	RG	RECCo
Lydia Bentley	LB	Code Manager
Attendees		
Luke Freeman	LF	AES Smart
John Hustler	JH	AES Smart
Richard Hill	RH	British Gas
Adam Deacon	AD	Calisen Metering
Michael Gorewoda	MG	E.ON
Steven Chambers	SC	EDF Energy
Nick Dodridge	ND	EDF Energy
Michael Turrington	MT	EDF Energy
Lee Walker	LW	Elexon
Bilal Leli	BL	Energy Assets
Paul Abreu	PA	Energy Networks
Keith Hozack	KH	Engage Services
Stuart Pyle	SP	Imserv
Nurika-Porche Harewood	NPL	Indigo Networks

Mark Earle	ME	Morrison Data Services
Richard Brady	RB	National Grid
Warren Lacey	WL	Northern Powergrid
David Brown	DB	Power Data Consultants
John Orr	JO	Scottish Power Energy Networks
Nik Wills	NW	Stark
Meg Wong	MW	Stark
Jesse Garcia	JG	UK Power Networks
Paul Morris	PM	UK Power Networks
David Antcliff	DA	Utilita
Rebecca Lowe	RL	RECCo
Martin Brailsford	MS	Gemserv
Glenn Sheern	GS	Code Manager
James Rees	JR	Code Manager