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GAS OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**GOMF_24_0612**
DATE	**12 June 2024, 14:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the Gas Operational Metering Forum (G-OMF). The Chair provided attendees with an overview of the Agenda advising that Missing Process Maps from Schedule 14 scheduled for discussion under Agenda item 4 had been removed.

2. METERING CHANGE UPDATE

Bradley Mercer (Secretariat, Code Manager) provided attendees with an overview of the changes relevant to Gas Metering currently progressing through the REC Change Process:

R0152 – Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)

Bradley provided an update in the ongoing workgroup activity for R0152, advising that the Code Manager was continuing to meet weekly with industry experts to identify improvements to the CoMCoP. Bradley advised attendees that the workgroup had completed its review of the appendices and proposed changes. Bradley added that the Code Manager and workgroup were proposing to create a new Category 3 Document to sit alongside the CoMCoP which would include guidance and examples to support parties understanding of the governance.

Bradley highlighted that the workgroup was in the process of reviewing and where required re-writing CoMCoP Clauses as well as removing duplication and moving similar obligations together. Bradley confirmed that the workgroup had been reaching out to external industry experts where additional knowledge was required.

R0105 – Review of ONAGE SLAs

Bradley provided attendees with an update on the progression of R0105. Bradley informed Members that the change was seeking to review the existing 2 Working Day Service Level Agreement in which a MEM must respond to an ONAGE market message notifying them of a change in appointment status. Bradley confirmed that Solution Development was still in progress.

R0094 – Clarify Obligations on Gas Meter Exchanges that Occur Close to CoS

Bradley informed attendees that R094 had been approved for implementation on 08 November 2024 at the RECMEP meeting on 12 June 2024.

R0120 – Search GES API using Meter Serial Number

Bradley provided attendees with an overview of the progress of R0120. Attendees noted that the change was seeking to introduce Meter Serial Numbers (MSN) searchability within the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) API to enable an improved switching journey for customers.

Bradley confirmed that the change should improve the switching journey for customers without billing information and that have ambiguous addresses held in GES, as they can provide the MSN.

Bradley advised that the change was currently undergoing a Preliminary Service Provider Impact Assessment where two solutions were being considered. Attendees noted that the Impact Assessment (IA) would inform which solution would progress to party IA which was scheduled for June 2024.

R0157 – Removal of Facsimile as a Method of Code Communication

Bradley provided attendees with an overview of the progress of R0157. Attendees were informed that the Public Switched Telephone Networks (PSTN) would be switched off in December 2025 by all telecom companies and would be replaced by an Internet Protocol (IP) digital network. Bradley advised that existing fax machines would be incompatible with IP networks and would be obsolete and no longer capable of meeting Code communications as prescribed in the REC.

Bradley advised that R0157 would ensure that all communication methods referencing fax or facsimile would be removed and replaced with email, where it was not already an existing option. Bradley confirmed that R0157 had been approved for implementation in November 2025.

R0142 – Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials

Bradley advised that enumerations of the Multiplication Factor were being amended so that customers involved in Hydrogen Trials were not disadvantaged. Bradley confirmed that the change had been approved for implementation on 28 June 2024.

Impacts from the MHHS Code Drafting

Bradley advised Members that the Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) programme was updating the REC under a Code Drafting workstream. Bradley confirmed that the majority of the impacts were to Electricity metering only, however, there were changes to Schedule 14 – *Metering Operations* which Gas metering stakeholders should be aware of:

- Structural change to the Schedule following stakeholder feedback.
    - Part A – General Provisions and Part B – Metering Equipment Managers would be maintained as is.
    - Part C – Operational Processes would be split out into:
        - Gas – now Part C.
        - Electricity for MHHS Metering Points – now Part D.
        - Electricity for non-MHHS Metering Points – now Part E for the transition period only.

Bradley advised that the revised version of the Schedule would be live from the M8 'Code Changes Delivered' scheduled for Spring 2025.

3. AUDIT UPDATE

Eric Dodd (Auditor, Wilcock Consultants) provided an overview of key findings of the report into defects identified during the most recent REC audit period. Eric highlighted that 148 audits had been conducted and a total of 590 minor defects had been recorded, no defect trends had been identified and it most cases the volume of defects per CoMCoP item was less than 4 defects . Eric provided some examples of common types of defects that had been identified, including sharing explanations of the rectification steps non-conformant parties had taken.

Eric agreed to share documentation relayed to the defects with attendees following the meeting.

4. MISSING PROCESS MAPS FROM SCHEDULE 14

Item removed from Agenda.

5. IGEM UPDATE

David Harper (IGEM) provided key updates from the Institute of Gas Engineers and Managers (IGEM). David advised that there had not been a meeting of the Gas Measurement Committee (GMC) since the previous G-OMF meeting. Attendees were advised that the next GMC meeting was scheduled for 17 July 2024. David provided Members with an overview of activities being undertaken at IGEM:

- GM/8 review continues, the review panel has reached Part 5 and is progressing well.
- G/11 GIUSP is in the approval stage for some amendments, the current version is still as Amended July 2022.
- The review of UP/1 (and UP/1B) has been delayed due to availability of panel members.
- BSI GSE/25 UK input to CEN 237.

- Domestic Ultrasonic, and Rotary meter standards are all under review and are at various stages, from Drafting to public comment.
- TB127 for RGE working on meters, and the requirements to inform the MAM and hold metering ACS qualifications for alterations is under review also TB127B for meter removals for entire blocks.

6. WG08 CONVENER ROLE

David advised attendees that IGEM is seeking a volunteer for a Convenor (https://boss.cen.eu/reference-material/profiles/pages/wgconv/) of CEN Technical Committee (CEN/TC) 237 (Gas Meters), specifically Working Group 8 (Diaphragm Meters), (https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/tc/cen/89ada164-0de5-4a2d-b78f-503a75be509f/cen-tc-237-wg-8). David informed attendees that the BSI had described the work of a Convenor as Accountable for the efficient working of a Working Group and controls the work programme of the WG. Impartial, and has no national viewpoint and can also be a project leader.

David advised that anyone with an interest in the role should contact davd@gastechengineering.co.uk who would facilitate communications with Jim Sheilds.

7. AOB

The Chair invited attendees to provide any further business.

There was no further business raised, and the meeting was closed.