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GAS OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**GOMF_25_0312**
DATE	**12 March 2025, 14:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the Gas Operational Metering Forum (G-OMF).

2. 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. This report will be provided as a post-meeting paper to members and can be accessed here. The paper reference is G-OMF_25_0312_02 – Audit Update.

EF mentioned the footer on the meeting paper was dated 15/01/24. ED advised the date hasn't been updated, but it is the most up to date report analysis.

The Chair highlighted it may be beneficial to have all the documents relating to the audit reporting uploaded to a central area of the REC portal. Members agreed the REC Metering Hub on the REC portal would be a good place for these documents to be stored.

3. ENA TO IGEM TRANSITION

James Pleass (JP), Future Energy Networks (FEN) provided Members with an overview of the Energy Networks Association (ENA) to the Institute of Gas Engineers and Managers (IGEM) Transition. The presentation will be provided as a post-meeting paper to Members and can be accessed here. The paper reference is G-OMF_25_0312_03 – ENA to IGEM Transition.

JP informed Members that FEN are a new membership organisation, who represent those in the energy industry seeking to understand and enact the changes needed to deliver the energy networks of the future. The current membership consists of the five GB gas networks. These are Cadent, National Gas, Northern Gas Networks, SGN and Wales & West Utilities. This was formed from the gas networks' exit from the Energy Networks Association (ENA).

JP informed Members the purpose of FEN is to bring their members together, as a collective and to act as a conveyor with other key sector institutions. They also intend to lead their members to enhance their evidence and engagement in the sector on the future of gas networks. FEN's mission is to create an organisation which is influential with key energy sector

decision makers. This will be established as a trusted authority on the future of the gas networks and is a powerful advocate for their key policy and regulatory issues. FEN's vision is to see an energy sector and government which understands and values the role of gas, both in the current and future energy mix. FEN also recognises the enduring need for a gas network as part of a whole energy system, to meet government net zero ambitions.

KA noted the majority of the standards have moved to the IGEM website and asked if there was future scope for them to be managed by FEN. JP explained it was currently a joint effort, but they will be staying on the IGEM website for the time being. KA advised the standards are easily accessible where they currently are.

EF highlighted there were particular metering documents (GR1 and GR5) that used to sit under the ENA, which haven't been uploaded to the FEN repository. EF asked can Members be made aware when these metering documents will be uploaded there. EF further asked if there was going to be a mechanism to let people know when updates are being made to the documents. JP confirmed they will investigate where the GR1 and GR5 documents are and will provide an update to Members offline.

RG mentioned there are certain metering documents on the REC Metering Hub that need to be updated to refer to CoMCoP. The Chair advised they will work with JP to ensure the metering documents are updated with the correct terminology.

4. REC METERING HUB UPDATE

Rebecca Griffiths (RECCo) provided Members with an overview of the REC Metering Hub Update. The presentation will be provided as a post-meeting paper to Members and can be accessed here. The paper reference is G-OMF_25_0312_04 – Metering Hub update.

RG explained the REC Metering Hub should be the first port of call for all metering Parties. RG informed Members that RECCo are eager to make improvements to the REC Metering Hub, and feedback on the current content and suggestions for further improvements would be welcomed.

RG provided Members with an overview of the changes that have been proposed by RECCo and their statuses with the REC Portal Team. RG advised feedback has been received from the Metering Expert Panel (MEP). The presentation includes a list of the feedback items, and their statuses with RPS.

RG invited Members to provide feedback on the REC Metering Hub and they can do this by emailing Rebecca.griffiths@retailenergycode.co.uk.

5. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKER

Lydia Bentley (Code Manager) provided Members with an overview of the Industry Issues and Change Tracker. The presentation will be provided as a post-meeting paper to Members and can be accessed here. The paper reference is G-OMF_25_0312_05 –Industry Issues and Change Tracker.

LB informed Members that the Proposal Plan for I0216 – REC Changes to tie in with DCP419, was approved by the REC Change Panel on 18 February 2025. The responsible committee will be the MEP.

LB informed members that the Code Manager conducted an Information Request between 07-28 February 2025 for I0196 – Review of Metering Asset Data transferred from Meter Asset Managers (MAM's) to the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP). The Information Request sought feedback from industry on their view on where the gas Data Item mismatches occur in the pathway of data transmission from MAM to CDSP. The Code Manager received a good number of responses, which are currently being reviewed. The responses will be used to inform the approach to determine how and where to make code changes. The next step is for the Code Manager to produce a draft copy of the legal text to discuss at the Change Issues Group (CHIG).

LB informed Members the Code Manager has taken advice from CHIG on the scope of a Communications Method Register for I0198 – Metering Asset Manager (MAM) Communications Method register. Following CHIG feedback, the Code Manager has produced a draft solution, which is currently being reviewed by legal counsel. The Communication Register will encompass MAM-MAM Market Messages, as well as MAM-Supplier Market Messages. The Code Manager did not initially plan to include MAM-Supplier, due to a view that these communications are normal captured by a MAM/Supplier contract. However, feedback received from CHIG has led the Code Manager to include these messages within the scope of the solution, to capture messages sent by Consumer appointed MAM's. The next steps is for the Code Manager to publish a Party Impact Assessment once they have received legal counsel.

6. IGEM UPDATE

David Harper (Gas Tech Engineering) provided Members with an overview of the topics that were discussed at the latest Gas Measurement Committee (GMC).

DH informed Members that GM8 has recently been issued for consultation, however a very small number of comments were received. The responses will be collated, and a meeting will be arranged to discuss them in further detail, to ensure the document goes through the IGEM approval process, before publication.

DH advised the PRS1 document, which is for meter installation fittings, has been going through a final review and is ready to be published.

DH explained work will shortly be undertaken of PRS6, which is for meter connectors and is due this year. DH confirmed PRS11, which is for diaphragm meters, was published in January 2025.

DH informed Members that UP2, which is helpful for meter installers, has been issued for consultation and is still available for review on the IGEM website. IGEM G1, which defines the end of the network and installation pipework, is currently in progress of being reviewed.

DH advised BS746, which is for meter fittings, is related to PRS1 and a proposal is currently being discussed to merge PRS1 into BS746, under the next review.

DH informed Members a discussion had taken place around the changes to UP1B, which is for testing and purging small gas installations. There has been a major change in the requirements of UP1B and it is still out for consultation.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Burrows (Gas Tech Engineering) mentioned they have recently been appointed the Chair of the Committee to review the European Standards for Diaphragm Meters document, which is due for a review. MB invited Members to declare their interest in attending that work group, should they wish by contacting Mark directly.

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