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GAS OPERATIONAL METERING FORUM
MEETING NOTES

MEETING	**GOMF_25_0910**
DATE	**10 September 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.

ED explained that 62 operational audits have been completed to date, with 6 audits having non-conformances. ED highlighted the non-conformances were mostly due to new applicants or staff changes. ED advised all the non-conformances have since been resolved upon review.

ED mentioned the common issues being identified are missing PAT labels, incomplete records and minor technical oversights. ED noted the CoMCoP changes will affect the audit question sets, with the new audits under the revised framework beginning in November 2025. ED advised the updated question sets will be available by mid-October, with the emphasis on 'open questions' resulting in both process documentation and evidence in future audits.

PN queries if the new CoMCoP references will align with the old ones. ED explained there will be some renumbering and restructuring of the audits.

DH raised concerns around the REC Metering Hub on the REC portal still showing CoMCoP v2.2 when it should be v2.3. The Chair agreed to investigate the location of v2.3 on the REC portal and a link was provided by Carl Dennis during the meeting:

Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) - REC Portal

3. EAST COAST HYDROGEN PROJECT

Liam Parling (Energy Futures Engineer – Northern Gas Networks) provided Members with an overview of the East Coast Hydrogen Project. The presentation will be included in the post-meeting papers.

LP explained the project is a joint initiative between Cadent, NGN and NGT. LP highlighted the project focuses on industrial Hydrogen use and is currently in the Front-End Engineering Design

(FEED) phase. LP advised when the FEED phase is completed, there will be a DEVEX phase from 2026-2028 and then the Construction phase from 2028-2030.

LP informed Members that there is a strong industrial users demand in Humberside, Teesside and Yorkshire, there are also Hydrogen storage potential in salt caverns and offshore sites in the area. LP advised repurposing of existing methane pipelines is being conducted where feasible. LP mentioned Hydrogen and Methane networks will run in parallel, and they are currently awaiting the government Hydrogen Business model, which is expected by the end of 2025.

The Chair asked about line packing. LP confirmed it will be used for intraday storage but will be less effective than for methane due to hydrogen having less compressibility than methane.

PD asked about the dependency of methane network wind down. LP advised there will be a partial dependency and ongoing network analysis.

4. IGEM UPDATE

Dave Harper (Gas Tech Engineering) provided Members with the IGEM Update, which included a summary of the 166th Gas Measurement Committee meeting.

The key updates were:

- GMA review nearing completion;
- PRS1 published, PRS 27 (Rotary Meters) starting soon;
- UP1B and UP2 updates are imminent;
- G/11 (Unsafe Situations) updated in July 2025;
- G/1 (Network and Meter Installation) is in draft approval stage.

BSI and European Standards:

- UK input to CEN 237 (Gas meters) ongoing;
- There are opportunities to join working groups for rotary and diaphragm meters.

Smart Metering:

Updates on DCC, 4G rollout and consumer broadband solutions.

There have been discussions on consumer reluctance to allow meter access, with a recommendation to use Supplier/GT rights of entry.

5. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKER

James Hardy (Code Manager) provided Members with an overview of the Industry Issues and Change Tracker.

Key updates were:

R0162 – Access to SDES for Gas Networks – Nearing completion.

I0197 – Introducing a Process to Provide Updates during Fault Resolutions – Workgroups are ongoing, with the next meeting being held in October 2025.

R0198 – Metering Asset Manager (MAM) Communication Method Register – Approved for a February 2026 release.

R0223 – Reconciliation of Unallocatable Transactions Review – Approved for implementation in September 2025.

R0241 – MHHS Incremental Changes for Go-Live – Approved for implementation on 22 September 2025.

6. REC METERING HUB UPDATE

The Chair explained that although Future Energy Networks (FEN) had originally posted the GR1 and GR5 documents on their new web site they have been temporarily removed from the FEN website, pending further approval. The Chair confirmed that there had been no changes to these documents, that they were still in the same ENA formats and mentioned once they are live again on FEN, a link will be provided to them on the REC Metering Hub.

The Chair encouraged Members to submit Safety and Technical Bulletins to the Code Manager, there was concern that these bulletins are not being sent to REC.

7. NATIONAL ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR – ENERGY INSIGHTS

Steve Brand (Chair) provided Members with an overview of the National Energy System Operator – Energy Insights, which can be found on slide 8 of the meeting pack.

8. DESNZ SMART METER STATISTICS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Steve Brand (Chair) provided Members with an overview of the DESNZ Smart Meter Statistics in Great Britain, which can be found on slide 10 of the meeting pack.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business raised, The Chair thanked attendees for their and the meeting was closed.