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PARTY ASSURANCE: UN-ACCEDED METER EQUIPMENT MANAGERS

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1 BACKGROUND AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE

In line with Scheduled 15 Section 1, Clause 1.1 an organisation that wishes to act as a Metering Equipment Manager (MEM) should accede to the Code and become a Qualified party in accordance with the provisions of the Qualification and Maintenance Scheduled.

The definition of a MEM under the Code means, as applicable, either:

(a) for electricity, the 'Meter Operator Agent' (as defined in the BSC) Appointed by an Electricity Supplier; or
(b) (b) for gas, the 'Meter Asset Manager' (as defined in the UNC) Appointed by the Gas Supplier.

A MEM may be qualified to participate in both the gas and electric markets, or just a single fuel market. While a MEM may be qualified to participate in the gas and/or electricity markets, they are also required to become accredited under the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) arrangements to demonstrate their competence to undertake the services it wishes to provide. It is important to be aware of the following licence obligations:

(a) Under Condition 12 of the Gas Supply Licences, each Gas Supplier arranging for the provision of a meter to Domestic Premises must use a MEM approved as such for the purposed of the CoMCoP.
(b) Under Condition 12 of the Gas Supply Licences, each Gas Supplier must ensure that any gas meter is installed by a Meter Installer approved as such for the purposes of the CoMCoP (or, where a gas meter is not so installed, must ensure that it is subsequently inspected by such an approved Meter Installer; and
(c) Under clause 27 of the DCUSA, each Electricity Supplier must ensure that it uses a Metering Equipment Manager that is party to this Code and compliant with the CoMCoP.

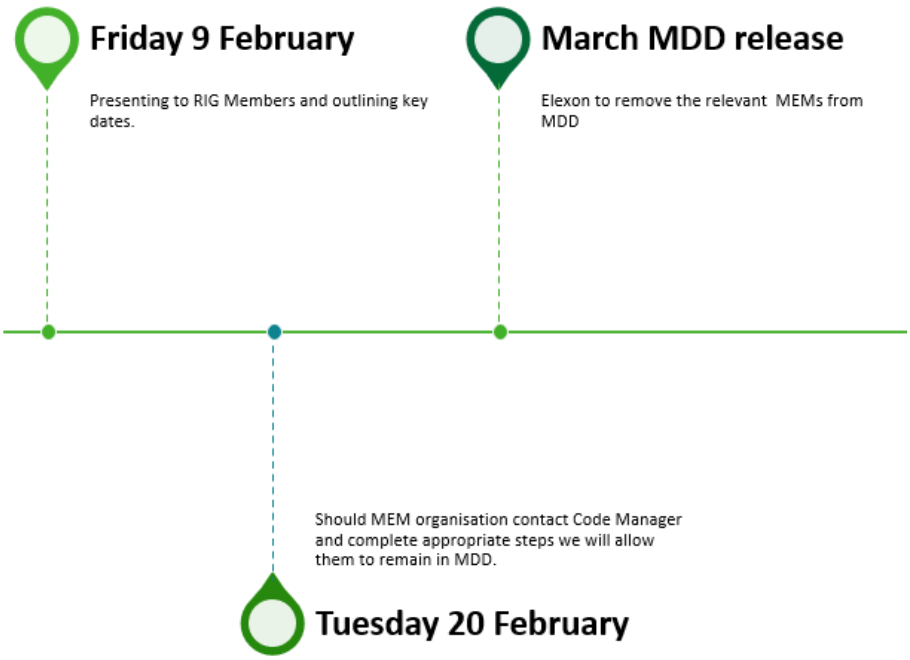
2 UN-ACCEDED MEMS

We have become aware that there are 9 organisations who have a Market Participant ID (MPID), which gives them the ability to act as a MEM but are not yet acceded to the REC and have not become qualified. We have previously attempted to engage with these Parties in October 2023, however, we and have not been able to get a response.

We are seeking to remove the MEMs, who have not acceded or qualified under the REC, that have an active MPID in Market Domain Data (MDD). We wish to ensure this is actioned in a controlled manner, or if the Party does engage we are keen to provide them with a path to qualification and compliance.

Following approval from PAB, we are informing RIG members prior to the MEM MPID being end-dated in MDD. This is with the aim to allow REC Parties, specifically Suppliers, who may have the MEMs appointed an opportunity to de-appoint them and appoint a REC-qualified MEM as obligated under the Code.

We will ensure to make the Elexon BSC PAB aware and request Elexon to remove these MEMs from MDD effective from the March MDD release allowing Suppliers sufficient time to take the remedial steps. Should the MEM organisation contact the Code Manager, complete REC accession, and commence the transition requirements between now and the last date for requesting changes for March MDD release (i.e. before 20 February 2024), the Code Manager will allow them to continue to remain in MDD provided they continue to remain engaged and complete their transition requirements.



The table below highlights the MEMs that have not acceded to the REC since go live. In October 2023, we reached out to all of these Parties who are active in MDD via post issuing them a letter of notice. The Parties can be seen in a list below with comments:

Party Name	MPID	Remove from MDD
Functional Metering Limited	FUML	Yes, unless contacted by 20 February 2024 and taking the necessary steps to become a REC Party.
Simply Electric Metering Limited	SEML	
Utility Partnership	UPLX	
TMA Data Management	TROJ	
Amey Metering Limited	NORW, UUNL	
Keighley Metering Services Limited	KMSL	

2 further MEMs were previously acceded to the REC, but subsequently exited from the REC:

Party Name	MPID	Remove from MDD
Solace Utilities Ltd	DUNL	Yes
Magnum Utilities Limited	EMSL	

Since October 2023 and raised during a previous RIG, 1 further un-acceded MEM was identified, which was previously end-dated in September 2023 but added to MDD again in November 2023 to allow Suppliers to process de-appointment:

Party Name	MPID	Remove from MDD
Central Homes & Facilities Management	CHFM	Yes

3 WHAT IS THE AIM OF PRESENTING THIS TO RIG MEMBERS?



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