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Overview

The Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) sets out the inter-operational arrangements between gas suppliers and transporters in the UK retail market. It is a multi-party agreement to which all domestic gas suppliers and all gas transporters are required by their Licences to accede.

CODE ADMINISTRATION CODE OF PRACTICE (CACOP)

The Code Administration Code of Practice was established to provide a consistent approach and level of service across associated code modifications.

In addition to the SPAA E-Bulletin, a CACoP Newsletter is also published on a periodic basis. If you would like to be added to the CACoP Newsletter distribution list, please contact SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

Another of the CACoP products is the Central Modifications Register, which contains information on Change Proposals across all of the industry codes, both gas and electricity. The Central Modification Register can be found on the SPAA Website, [via this link](#), or the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) Website [via this link](#).

Further information can be found on the Ofgem Website [via this link](#), or on the SPAA Website [via this link](#).

COMMITTEE AND MEETING UPDATES

SPAA EXPERT GROUP (SEG)

The SPAA Expert Group provides an opportunity for industry participants to discuss SPAA issues, debate Draft Change Proposals and develop formal Change Proposals. The scope of the group will include matters relating to SPAA products and the RGMA Baseline. Issues for discussion by the Expert Group will be either raised by SPAA parties or referred from the SPAA Executive Committee (EC).

The group met on 04 September 2019. Agenda items included:

- updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- MDD Reconciliation,
- Schedule 22 MAM / CDSP Reconciliation,

- RET/SAR/NOSI Group Naming,
- Feedback on the new SPAA website, and
- DAP Post-Implementation Issues.

For more detailed information on the discussions held, the post-meeting pack can be found on the SPAA Website.

The next SEG meeting will be held on 02 October 2019.

MARKET DOMAIN DATA (MDD)

There were eight MDD Change Proposals (CPs) voted on at the SPAA Change Board Meeting on 10 September 2019 (MDD 19/063 to MDD 19/070 inclusive), all of which were accepted for implementation with the exception of MDD 19/066 which was noted as including a typographical error by the proposer and was therefore withdrawn.

More information on MDD Change Proposals and Releases can be found on the SPAA Website.

JOINT THEFT REPORTING REVIEW GROUP (JTRR)

The Joint Theft Reporting Review Group was established as a joint SPAA and Uniform Network Code (UNC) Working Group to enable the joint review of theft reporting arrangements for Suppliers, Shippers and Transporters.

The aim of this Working Group is to address concerns over discrepancies in the number of thefts reported by Suppliers, Shippers and Transporters and potential impacts on theft allocations, within Unidentified Gas (UIG) calculations, that are used in Settlement.

Updates from Meeting 07 (30 August 2019)

At the penultimate meeting of the JTRR, the group reviewed its issues log in full and discussed the draft final recommendations.

The group has agreed that a recommendation will be made for SPAA, UNC and DSC parties to work together to create a process whereby confirmed theft information provided by Suppliers to TRAS is automatically output at a regular frequency to Xoserve's Contact Management System (CMS) and used to automatically update central systems for the purposes of Settlement.

The group agreed that gas Shippers should be given an opportunity to review and object to any data that may be output from TRAS before it is confirmed and entered into CMS as final – the group then went on to discuss the circumstances in which Shippers could object to confirmed theft information provided by Suppliers, noting that, other than material error of fact, there appear to be very few grounds for objection (as it is the Supplier that is obligated in licence to investigate theft and calculate assessed loss volumes).

Attendees also discussed in depth whether suspected theft should ever be entered into CMS, and whether there was a better method for Shippers and Transporters to report suspected theft to Suppliers – the group considered whether ETTOS or TRAS could be used for this purpose however Transporters advised they believed CMS was the only workable method for Transporters to report suspected theft for investigation by the Supplier – as such, the group considered that suspected theft may still need to be input into CMS by Transporters and Shippers and, as a result, discussed whether any such records should be raised and closed once it is confirmed by the Shipper that the report has been passed on to the Supplier for investigation.

The group agreed that obligations should be placed in the UNC to require Shippers to notify Suppliers of suspected theft and that commensurate obligation should be placed on Suppliers in SPAA to require Suppliers to report all confirmed theft to the Shipper, for input into settlement (and that this should be achieved via the automated output of data from TRAS).

The group considered that, if suspected theft is to continue to be entered into CMS, then a regular comparison report will be required to ensure all suspected theft that is entered into CMS is also present in TRAS.

To enable the automated output of confirmed theft data from TRAS, changes to TRAS will be required to ensure the minimum data required for settlement is provided – i.e. MPRN, assessed loss figure and start/end dates.

Further information can be found in the meeting papers on the SPAA Website.

The final JTRR meeting was held on Friday 27 September. An in-depth update will be provided in the October 2019 SPAA E-Bulletin, following the closure of the Working Group.

SCP 472 - WEB BASED PORTAL FOR SECURE INFORMATION SENDING

On Monday 16 September, the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) hosted a workshop to scope out the prospective use cases for the 'Secure Web-Portal' that is due to be implemented through SCP 472 and MRA CP 0262.

The group discussed potential use cases and made initial decisions on which are to be progressed and which should be 'parked' for future consideration. The Schedules that are impacted by SCP 472 and will require the usage of the Web-Portal are Schedules 8, 9, 11, 30, 31, and 43. Schedules 24 and 29 are also impacted in order to obligate the usage of the Web-Portal.

SCP 472 will be implemented on 26 June 2020.

Further details can be found on the SPAA Website.

SPAA CHANGE BOARD

The objective of the SPAA Change Board (CB) is to manage the administration of the voting by SPAA Parties on both technical and commercial changes to the SPAA and its associated documents.

The SPAA CB convened on 10 September 2019, where four SPAA Change Proposals (SCPs) were presented for voting. Please refer to the table at the bottom of the newsletter for the outcome of the votes.

Two SCPs, SCP 477 (Improvements to Prepayment Metering Assurance), and SCP 475 (Improvements to the SPAA Accession Process) were issued for were issued for 10 Working Day Impact Assesments.

The Chair also noted that SCP 467 (Market Participant MDD Migration to UNC Governance) had been given consent for implementation by the Authority and would be implemented on 28 February 2020.

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 08 October 2019.

SPAA CHANGES

Reference

Summary

Outcome

SCP 472	Web Based Solution for Secure Info Sending	Accepted
SCP 475	Improvements to the SPAA accessions process	Re-issued to 10WD Impact Assessment
SCP 466	Review of Theft Data Shared Between the TRAS and the AUGÉ via CDSP	Accepted
SCP 479	Recovery of Incentive Scheme Credits	Accepted

UPCOMING EVENTS



Market Domain Data (MDD) Release	01 October 2019
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	02 October 2019
TRAM Review Group - Meeting 03	07 October 2019
SPAA Change Board	08 October 2019
Theft Issues Group (TIG)	15 October 2019
TRAS Expert Group (TEG)	15 October 2019
Theft Steering Group (TSG)	22 October 2019
SPAA Executive Committee	23 October 2019
SPAA Ltd Board	23 October 2019
Market Domain Data (MDD) Release	29 October 2019
SMICoP Governance Board (SGB)	31 October 2019
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SMICoP Ltd Board	31 October 2019

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