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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.

DEROGATION APPLICATIONS

The SPAA Secretariat has received derogation applications from two SPAA Parties.

In accordance with Clause 14 of the SPAA Agreement Main Body v14.0, notice was served to SPAA Parties and the Authority that applications have been received from British Gas Trading Limited and Gazprom Energy in relation to SPAA Schedule 39 – Gas Theft Detection Incentive Scheme.

Any Party wishing to submit a representation or objection should do so to SPAA@electralink.co.uk by close of business Monday 11 May 2020.

The derogation applications can be viewed [here](#).

The SPAA Executive Committee (EC) will consider the applications, and any representations, at an extra-ordinary EC meeting (date TBC).

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

Following the outbreak of coronavirus, we want to assure you that the SPAA Secretariat will be acting pragmatically and proportionately in response to any issues that Parties may be experiencing. We will be taking steps to provide you with any support you need and point you towards the processes you need to follow.

We have successfully moved to providing a fully remote service. Teleconferencing and remote participation capabilities are being made available for every meeting, to ensure you can still join meetings during this unprecedented period. We are committed to providing as full a service as possible during this time, within the government's restrictions.

SECURE DATA EXCHANGE PORTAL

Accession to the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) – Action Required

SPAA Supplier parties and MRA Supplier and Distributor parties will be required to use the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) from 26 and 25 June 2020, respectively. The SDEP will be used to manage operational queries and escalations in relation to MRA and SPAA processes. In order to access the system, parties must complete an application form and sign the SDEP Access Agreement.

We would like to highlight that parties that do not complete the accession process within required timescales will introduce risks to the successful testing and implementation of the new arrangements, and will also not be eligible to participate in User Acceptance Testing themselves and have shorter internal timescales to onboard and train their staff.

This is a significant change to industry systems and processes, and your engagement and co-operation is required to ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to industry parties and consumers.

A copy of the application form can be found on the [SPAA website](#) and if you have any questions please contact Support.SDEP@gemserv.com.

SDEP Webinar – 05 March 2020

On 05 March 2020, Gemserv and Electralink hosted a joint MRA and SPAA webinar to provide an overview of the SDEP and the requirements for completing the accession process. A recording of this webinar, a copy of the slides and the Q&A from the session is available on the [MRASCo website](#).

If you have any questions regarding this webinar or the SDEP, please contact Support.SDEP@gemserv.com.

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 01 April 2020. Agenda items included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SCP 459 - Identification of Meters with Conversion Capability within MDD,
- MAM Update of MAP and MTD Details, and
- Coronavirus - Contingencies.

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 06 May 2020

MARKET DOMAIN DATA (MDD)

Please be aware that following the approval of the below cross-code change proposals, all Market Participant Market Domain Data processes has now migrated to UNC governance and is now being administered by Xoserve.

This will mean that all new change requests to add, amend or delete market participants will need to be submitted to Xoserve in future and the Market Participant list will be published on the Xoserve website.

The MDD Market Participant discussions will be held on the same day as the SPAA Change Board (second Tuesday of each month) and will begin at 10:00am.

The relevant Change Proposals that moved MDD Market Participants to UNC Governance are:

- *SPAA Change Proposal 467 - Market Participant MDD Migration to UNC Governance*
- *UNC Modification 0682 - Market Participant MDD Migration to UNC Governance from the SPAA*
- *IGT UNC Modification 124 - Market Participant MDD Migration to UNC Governance from the SPAA*
- *DSC Change Proposal XRN4851 - Moving Market Participant Ownership from SPAA to UNC/DSC*

NEW SPAA PARTIES

Every month we will be providing an update on the amount of new SPAA Party accessions.

We have not received any accessions this month.

A list of all SPAA Parties 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 14 April 2020, where one SPAA Change Proposal (SCP) was presented for voting. Please refer to the table at the bottom of the newsletter for the outcome of the votes.

The following SCPs were submitted for Impact Assessment (IA):

- **SCP 486** - Exempting Large Gas Meters from Display Requirements - issued for 10 Working Days (WD) Impact Assessment (IA) period,
- **SCP 493** - Retaining Appendix 1 in Schedule 24 - issued for 10 WD IA period,
- **SCP 494** - Theft Charter - issued for 10 WD IA period, and
- **SCP 496** - MAM to CDSP Update of MAP ID and MTD - issued for 10 WD IA period.

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 12 May 2020.

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](#), or the [Master Registration Agreement \(MRA\) Website](#).

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

SPAA CHANGES

Reference	Summary	Outcome
SCP 476	Obligations to pass Transporter compensation payments received from Shippers on to consumers	Accepted
SCP 487	Requirement for Suppliers to Submit Outcome Files Regardless of the Investigation Outcome	Accepted
SCP 488	Theft Detection Incentive Scheme Company Mergers	Accepted
SCP 489	TDIS Methodology Used for Rounding the Individual Theft Targets and Correction of Supplier Market Share	Accepted
SCP 490	Extra Theft Data Shared Between the TRAS and the AUGE via CDSP	Accepted
SCP 491	Amendment to the Gas Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (GTDIS) Timing	Accepted

UPCOMING EVENTS



Theft Steering Group (TSG)	05 May 2020
Gas Prepayment Expert Group (GPEG)	05 May 2020
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	06 May 2020
SPAA Change Board (CB)	12 May 2020
Gas Interventions Solutions Sub-Group (ISSG)	12 May 2020
Theft Issues Group (TIG)	19 May 2020
SPAA Executive Committee (EC)	27 May 2020
SPAA Board Meeting (SB)	27 May 2020

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