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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](#).

SECURE DATA EXCHANGE PORTAL

An MRA Change Proposal (MRA CP 0262) was accepted by the MRA Development Board (MDB) on 29th August 2019 and is due to be implemented on 25th June 2020. This change requires that MEC procure the establishment, operation and maintenance of a Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) and mandates MRA parties to use this when sending operational queries and escalations that contain personal data relating to a consumer. An equivalent SPAA Change Proposal (SCP 472) was accepted by the SPAA Change Board on 10th September 2019 and is due to be implemented on 26th June 2020. This change requires SPAA Supplier parties to use the SDEP when sending operational queries and escalations for named SPAA Schedules.

All consequential change proposals to the MRA (MAP CP 0322 and MAP CP 0323) and SPAA (SCP 485) have now been approved, and MRASCo have also consulted on and approved the SDEP Access Agreement, which details the terms and conditions for accessing the system. The development of the SDEP is on track to go live in June 2020.

MRA Supplier and Distribution Business parties, and SPAA Supplier parties, are now invited to complete the SDEP accession process to ensure user access to the SDEP is available for your organisation.

Please contact Support.SDEP@gemserv.com for more information on accession to the SDEP.

Where can I get more information?

Gemserv and ElectraLink have arranged for a joint MRA and SPAA webinar to be held on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 10.30am to provide an overview of the changes to the MRA and SPAA, the accession process, and key activities and milestones leading up to go live in June.

The webinar is open to all MRA and SPAA parties, if you would like to attend please notify Support.SDEP@gemserv.com by Tuesday 3rd March 2020 and we will send you details of how to join. Please note, we intend to record the webinar so this is available to those that aren't able to attend.

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 05 February 2020. Agenda items included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SPAA Consequential Changes update,
- SPAA Issues Form (SIF) 036 - Duel Fuel Crossed Meters Solution
- SIF 037 – DAP Smart Meter Issue,
- SIF 038 – Historical Prepayment Money,
- DAP Post-Implementation Review
- SEC DP101 – 'Large Gas Meter Displays',
- MDD Reconciliation,
- SEG Risk Register and Activity Plan, and
- SPAA Risk Register and Operating Plan,

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 04 March 2020.

Following discussions at the January SEG meeting, the SPAA Executive Committee agreed to move all SEG meetings to teleconference only, beginning at 10:00 am, with six face-to-face contingency meetings available.

MARKET DOMAIN DATA (MDD)

There were 19 MDD Change Proposals (CPs) voted on at the SPAA Change Board Meeting on 11 February 2020 (MDD 20/006 to MDD 20/024 inclusive). At the meeting, CPs 20/002 - 20/005 were accepted.

At the meeting 4 MDD CPs were withdrawn, including MDD 20/013 - Delete Market Participant, MDD 20/017 - Delete Market Participant, MDD 20/018 - Delete Market Participant and MDD 20/020 - Amend Market Participant.

The remaining CPs will be implemented on 03 March 2020.

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

GAS PREYPAMENT EXPERT GROUP (GPEG)

The GPEG met on 04 February 2020, and the following topics were discussed:

- GPEG Risk Register,
- SPAA Working Group Updates,
- Siemens Projects Updates, and
- National Grid Project Updates.

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

MDD MIGRATION

Please be aware that following the approval of the below cross-code change proposals, all Market Participant Market Domain Data processes will migrate to UNC governance and be administered by Xoserve from 28 February 2020.

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.

A 'parallel publication period' is currently being undertaken whereby Xoserve have begun to publish the Market Participant list prior to the cessation of publication under SPAA. The Market Participant list can be accessed [via this link](#).

- *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*

JOINT THEFT REPORTING REVIEW (JTRR)

The JTRR completed its review in September 2019 and since that time the SPAA Executive Committee (EC) have been assessing several options for how to take the improvement recommendations forward.

The EC have now agreed to the SPAA Secretariat providing in-depth support in drafting the SPAA change(s) required to begin to implement the recommendations and to support the submission of the changes to the SPAA Change Board and SPAA Expert Group.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact SPAA@electralink.co.uk or your EC representative.

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 11 February 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.

SCP 478 - Removal of Non-Participating Suppliers and SOLR From Annual Reports was issued for a 10 Working Day Impact Assessment.

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 10 March 2020.

SPAA TRAINING DAY

The next SPAA Training Day will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020. The training day is an opportunity for new market entrants to gain a better understanding of the SPAA Code and is a full day session.

If you would like to attend or know anyone within your organisation that may be interested in attending, please send an email to spaa@electralink.co.uk

SPAA CHANGES

Reference	Summary	Outcome
SCP 485	Consequential Amendments following SCP 472 - 'Web-based solution for sending Customer information securely'	Accepted

UPCOMING EVENTS



Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)	03 March 2020
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	04 March 2020
Theft Best Practice Forum	04 March 2020
SPAA Change Board (CB)	10 March 2020
Theft Issues Group (TIG)	17 March 2020
SPAA Executive Committee (EC)	25 March 2020
SPAA Ltd Board	25 March 2020

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