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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.

NEW CONSOLIDATED METERING CODE OF PRACTICE (MCoP)

In November the MAMCoP Board approved a new Metering Code of Practice which consolidates the existing MAMCoP and AMICoP documents, which provide detailed requirements for meter installers and managers, into a new single code.

The new 'MCoP' will be implemented on 01 January 2021, and the obligations of both MAMs and AMIs will, for the first time, be contained within a single document. ElectraLink have produced a webinar providing an overview of the change and impacts on MAM/AMI requirements, which can be accessed [here](#). The fundamental requirements on MAMs and AMIs have not changed, however the new MCoP contains several new or clarified requirements that will result in new audit questions, and all MAMs/AMIs are encouraged to review how the changes may impact your internal policies or procedures.

Several useful guidance tools have also been produced to assist MAMs and AMIs in understanding how the changes affect you. This includes a new digital, filterable version of the MCoP, which enables parties to filter the obligations specific to them and a new mapping document which details how the existing MAMCoP and AMICoP map to the new MCoP and indicates where new requirements or new audit questions will apply. These documents can be accessed on the SPAA website [here](#).

If you have any questions or require support, either in relation to the webinar, guidance tools or new MCoP itself, please do not hesitate to contact SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

JANUARY 2021 - SPAA MEETING DATES

The 2021 Proposed SPAA Meeting Dates were approved at the November SPAA Executive Committee meeting. All meetings for 2021 have been published on the SPAA Website.

All January 2021 meetings are stated below for your convenience:

- SPAA Expert Group - 06 January 2021
- SPAA Change Board - 12 January 2021
- SPAA Executive Committee - 27 January 2021

CODE ADMINISTRATION CODE OF PRACTICE (CACOP)

The Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) group held an industry engagement event on 19 November 2020 to provide an overview of the changes to each industry code arising as a result of the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) Significant Code Review (SCR).

The day focussed on the impacts to existing codes relating to the transition to the Retail Energy Code v2.0 in September 2021. Updates were also provided by Ofgem and the REC Company (RECCo) on the current progress of work to ensure a smooth transition, and dates were provided for upcoming consultations and key milestones.

The full slides can be found [here](#).

SPAA Parties should note that the majority of SPAA schedules and process will transition to the REC in September 2021, and a series of webinars will be provided during 2021 to provide parties with detailed information on the transition. If you would like to join our future webinars, please notify us via SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

'Energy Theft Reduction' measures such as the Energy Theft Tip-Off Service (ETOS) and Gas Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (GTDIS) will transition to REC in April 2021, as part of the designation of REC v1.1. Should you require further information or have any questions, please contact the SPAA helpdesk.

NEW SPAA PARTIES

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

There was no new Party Accessions in the month of November.

A list of all SPAA Parties can be found on the SPAA Website.

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 02 December 2020. Agenda items and discussions included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SEG Activity Plan,
- SPAA Issues Register,
- SDEP Issues/Discussion (Standing Item), and
- Update on Broadcast Message Contact Details Uptake.

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 January 2021.

SPAA CHANGE BOARD (CB)

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 08 December 2020, where two 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.

Ofgem have published a industry code freeze letter to panels and code bodies for the codes in scope of the Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review. The letter outlines Ofgem's expectations on code changes over the months ahead.

A copy of the code freeze letter can be found [here](#).

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 12 January 2021.

SPAA CHANGES

Reference

Summary

Outcome

SCP 510	Subsequent Theft Charter Change	Approved
SCP 509	Changes To The Backstop Date	Deferred

UPCOMING EVENTS

Theft Steering Group	05 January 2021
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	06 January 2021
SPAA Change Board (CB)	12 January 2021
Theft Issues Group	19 January 2021
SPAA Executive Committee	27 January 2021

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