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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.

JANUARY 2021 - SPAA MEETING DATES

The 2021 Proposed SPAA Meeting Dates were approved at the November SPAA Executive Committee meeting. All meetings for 2021 will be 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 (ETTOS) 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 METERING CODE OF PRACTICE (MCoP)

The MAMCoP Board and SPAA Executive Committee have approved SPAA Change Proposal 17/407 (Aligning Metering Codes of Practice), which creates a new consolidated MCoP, replacing the existing separate MAMCoP and AMICoP.

The new MCoP will be implemented on 01 January 2021 and future auditing of gas metering companies will be undertaken in accordance with the new consolidated code. In practice, no current requirements on MAMs or AMIs are fundamentally changing, however the new MCoP combines the existing codes of practice into a single document and therefore makes changes to the structure and format of clauses, including new section numbering.

MAM and AMI parties are urged to familiarise themselves with the new MCoP and ensure any consequential updates to internal process documents are made accordingly, and to avoid non-compliance defects during future audits.

The approved MCoP drafting can be found with the CP 17/407 Change Report, located [here](#).

GAS PREPAYMENT EXPERT GROUP (GPEG)

GPEG met on 03 November 2020 to discuss matters relating to gas prepayment meters and customers.

The GPEG have identified a need to consider future policy around legacy prepayment meters in relation to the roll out of smart meters and likelihood that the existing legacy prepayment meter population, and associated service tools and technical skills, will diminish in the coming years.

As such, GPEG will be issuing an request for information (RFI) in the near future to obtain industry views on the future policy direction of this sector.

GPEG are also examining information that indicates a high number of legacy prepayment meters are being removed and returned to stores, without having been properly decommissioned, and are assessing the impacts and any requirements arising from this.

The next GPEG meeting is on 02 February 2021. If you would like to attend, please notify SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

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 November 2020. Agenda items and discussions included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SIF 041 - Schedule 43 Backstop Cash Release,
- SDEP Issues/Discussion (Standing Item),
- Elective Schedules for Suppliers, and
- Update on Broadcast Message Contract 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 02 December 2020.

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.

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 November 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 SCP was issued for Impact Assessment (IA):

- SCP 509 - Changes to Backstop Date, issued for 10 Working Day (WD) IA.

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 08 December 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.

CACoP will be holding a cross-code engagement event on 19 November 2020 to present information from each code on the implementation of the Retail Code Consolidation (RCC)

Significant Code Review (SCR), and how this affects individual codes. The SPAA representative will present slides summarising the closedown of SPAA, including the removal of documents, processes and services, and the windup of SPAA committees and SPAA Ltd.

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

SPAA CHANGES

Reference	Summary	Outcome
SCP 496	Maintaining Meter Asset Provider identities by Meter Asset Managers	Approved

UPCOMING EVENTS



Theft Steering Group	01 December 2020
SPAA Expert Group	02 December 2020
Gas Interventions Solutions Sub-Group (ISSG)	08 December 2020
SPAA Change Board (CB)	08 December 2020
Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)	10 December 2020
SPAA Executive Committee (EC)	16 December 2020
SPAA Board Meeting (SB)	16 December 2020

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