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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.

JOINT THEFT REPORTING REVIEW (JTRR) UPDATE

The JTRR concluded in October 2019 and made over 30 recommendations for improvements to the reporting of confirmed theft between Suppliers and Shippers.

The JTRR identified that 30% of all theft confirmed by Suppliers in TRAS did not appear in settlement. This was believed to be because of a lack provision in code to ensure the reporting occurred as required. Obligations on Suppliers to report confirmed theft to their Shipper were implemented in SPAA in June 2020 (see [SCP 492 – JTRR – Reporting Theft of Gas](#)).

A modification has now been raised under the Uniform Network Code (UNC), to place commensurate obligations on Shippers to ensure that confirmed theft data reported by Suppliers is entered into settlement (see [UNC Modification 743 – Reporting Valid Confirmed Theft of Gas into Central Systems](#)).

Modification 743 seeks to create an automated process for confirmed theft data to be sent from Suppliers/TRAS directly to central systems, with Shipper being provided with an opportunity to review and object to any data prior to final settlement.

The modification is currently under development at the UNC Distribution Workgroup and any interested parties are encouraged to contact SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

OPERATIONAL CONTACTS GUIDELINE

Need help in updating your Party's Operational Contacts via the self-service Portal?

The SPAA Team has created a new 'Help' page with useful information and 'how-to' videos on various aspects of the Portal. You can access the page via the 'Guidelines & Information' menu item, or can be [found here](#).

Videos include processes such as adding new contact points (with and without website

accounts, ending contacts and removing contacts.

We hope that you find the help you are looking for on this page, however, if you cannot, please contact the team on SPAA@electralink.co.uk.

SPAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Governance plays a crucial role in the industry and relies on the expertise and knowledge of the members that make up each codes Executive Committee, Panel or Board.

The Executive Committee (EC) has substantial authoritative and administrative powers under the Agreement and is a vital component in the development and operation of the governance arrangements for the Domestic gas supply market. To enable the EC to fully meet its remit, a full complement of members is desirable. A full quorum of members will ensure that the views of each category of Parties to the Agreement are represented.

We are pleased to announce that we have received nominations for the period 01 November 2020 to 31 October 2020 (or a potentially shorter or longer period, depending on REC go-live).

The EC nominations are listed below:

- 2 Industrial and Commercial Supplier Member representatives - Dan Fittock & Sandip Sali;
- 2 Large Domestic Supplier Member representatives - Kevin Woollard;
- 1 Small Domestic Supplier Member representative - Sarah Hayes;
- 2 Large Transporter Member representatives - Andy Clasper & Joanna Ferguson;
- 1 Small Transporter Member representative - Alex Travell; and
- 1 Industrial and Commercial TRAS Supplier Member representative - Steve Mulinganie.

We have one vacant seat (Large Domestic Supplier Member representative)

This is an interesting opportunity for those to contribute to the industry during such an important and challenging time. If you would like to hear more about becoming an EC member, please call the SPAA Helpdesk on 020 7432 3005 or email spaa@electralink.co.uk.

ERRONEOUS TRANSFER PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE BOARD (ETPAB) MEMBER APPLICATION REQUEST

A seat has become available for individuals to apply to become a member of the ETPAB. The ETPAB is composed of six industry expert members, one seat of which is currently vacant, which we are seeking applications for. If you or someone from your organisation are interested and have a good understanding of the Erroneous Transfer process, please contact the ETPAB helpdesk for an application form.

The ETPAB is a sub-committee of the Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) and Master Registration Agreement (MRA) Executive Committees. The principal role of the ETPAB is to develop and manage a performance assurance framework for the Erroneous Transfer arrangements. For more details, please see SPAA Schedule 44/MRA Agreed Procedure 30.

The closing date for applications is Friday 02 October 2020, please return all applications to ETPAB@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 02 September 2020. Agenda items and discussions included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups, and
- SPAA Risk Register & 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 07 October 2020.

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 08 September 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 496 - Maintaining Meter Asset Provider identities by Meter Asset Managers - issued for 30 Working Days (WD) Impact Assessment (IA) period.

SCP 506 - SPAA Closure - issued for 10 WD IA period.

SCP 507 - Adding Clarity to Clause 6.8 in Schedule 42 - issued 10 WD IA period.

SCP 508 - Differentiating between Domestic and I&C queries received via SDEP - issued 10 WD IA period.

The next SPAA CB meeting will be held on 13 October 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 505	Changes to the Theft Code of Practice	Accepted

UPCOMING EVENTS



Extraordinary SPAA Executive Committee Meeting (Derogation Application Hearing)	05 October 2020
Theft Steering Group	06 October 2020
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	07 October 2020
Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)	08 October 2020
SPAA Change Board (CB)	13 October 2020
Theft Issues Group (TIG)	20 October 2020
SPAA Executive Committee (EC)	28 October 2020
SPAA Board Meeting (SB)	28 October 2020

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