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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.

RETAIL ENERGY CODE (REC) WEBINARS 2021

As the current Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) arrangements for Gas Suppliers and Transporters in the UK retail market transition to the new Retail Energy Code (REC), we are working to ensure that code parties are kept fully informed on the latest developments.

The next webinar will cover practical advice and wind-down information for SPAA Parties; and is planned to be circulated to all **SPAA Parties via email on 15 February 2021**.

Please watch our previous webinars by clicking [here](#) for any further background on the switching program or creation of the REC.

We will be hosting additional webinars this year and you will be able to pose your questions to an expert panel.

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions.

SPAA FORUM - DRAFT BUDGET 2021-2022

A SPAA Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 18 February 2021 to vote on approval of the 2021/2022 SPAA Budget.

The draft budget has been prepared and approved by the SPAA Executive Committee and disseminated to SPAA Contract Managers and the Authority. All SPAA Parties are invited to provide any comments on the draft budget no later than CoB Wednesday 17 February 2021.

Parties are encouraged to attend the meeting or provide a proxy vote by completing the relevant voting form available [here](#).

Please notify us if you intend to join the meeting and please return any proxy votes to SPAA@electralink.co.uk no later than 10:00am Wednesday 17 February 2021.

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 MAM/AMI requirements 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.

SECURE DATA EXCHANGE PORTAL (SDEP)

The Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) is a secure mechanism for industry parties to transfer personal customer data between Parties to satisfy their obligations in the MRA and SPAA. The SPAA requires SPAA Supplier parties to use the SDEP when sending operational queries and escalations for named SPAA Schedules and the MRA mandates that MRA parties use this when sending operational queries and escalations that contain personal data relating to a consumer.

As a part of the Design phase for the Secure Communications API, we will be hosting a technical workshop on Monday 8th February 2021 from 13.00 – 15.00.

The purpose of the workshop is to review the draft designs for the API.

If parties wish to attend the workshop, please can you notify meetings.IREG@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 06 January 2021. Agenda items and discussions included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SPAA Issues Register,
- SCP 443 - Initial Data Load of Customer Contact Data, and
- SDEP Issues/Discussion (Standing Item).

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 03 February 2021.

SPAA Change Board (CB)

The objective of the SPAA Change Board (CB) is to manage the administration of voting by SPAA Parties on both technical and commercial changes to the SPAA and its associated documents.

The SPAA CB convened on 12 January 2021, where there were no new SPAA Change Proposals (SCPs) raised for voting.

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 09 February 2021.

Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)

The Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB) convened 14 January 2021 where the following items were discussed:

- Report 8 'SLA' letters - due to the high number of Suppliers appearing on the report, the ETPAB agreed to commence contacting Suppliers where their SLA performance was below 80% 3 instances or more in the last 12 months, 2 instances of which were in the last 6 months. Responses have started to come in and will be collated "anonymously" for discussion/review at the February meeting. The Secretariat have provided support to Contract Managers, providing overviews of the reports and an explanation of their performance.
- Transition of the ETPAB to the RECPAB - Discussions have commenced with RECCo regarding the transition of the ETPAB to the RECPAB. A meeting is taking place on 04 February 2021 with RECCo, ETPAB Secretariat and the RECPAB provider to discuss current arrangements and transition planning.
- Further to the request approved by the SPAA EC in October 2020, the Secretariat have been working with ElectraLink to finalise arrangements/approval regarding display of industry averages on the SPAA/MRA websites, provision of anonymised reports and the provision of MPRN/MPAN level backing data.

The next ETPAB will take place on 11 February 2021.

SPAA CHANGES ISSUED FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IA)

Reference	Summary	IA Window
SCP 511	Application of UTRN process for SMETS1 meters enrolled in DCC.	10 WD

UPCOMING EVENTS



Gas Prepayment Expert Group (GPEG)	02 February 2020
SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	03 February 2021
SPAA Change Board (CB)	09 February 2021
Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)	11 February 2021
SPAA Forum - 2021/2022 SPAA Budget Approval	18 February 2021
SPAA Executive Committee	24 February 2021

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