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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.

SPAA Transition and Closure Webinar 2

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 SPAA team would like to invite you to watch our latest webinar on the SPAA Transition and Closure. This webinar seeks to provide you with:

- An overview of the switching programme status;
- An update on the REC;
- An update on the SPAA transition and closure project; and
- Key dates across the switching landscape.

The webinar can be found on the ElectraLink Vimeo channel, via [this link](#).

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 and SPAA Ltd Closure Project

SPAA Ltd have been supporting the Switching Programme with expert resource for several years. This resulted in the creation of the Retail Energy Code (REC), the Central Switching Service and Retail Energy Code Company Ltd (RECCo). The creation of these entities will have a profound impact on the SPAA, which will ultimately migrate to REC and therefore SPAA Ltd will no longer be required.

At the SPAA Executive Committee (EC) meeting in June 2020, members approved the Closure Project which covers the activities required until SPAA Ltd is struck from Companies House, expected approximately six months after REC implementation. The REC implementation is expected on 01 September 2021.

The below table shows the key milestones in the Closure Project and projected completed times for each milestone.

Milestones	2020		2021				2022	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	
SPAA Transitional Governance Arrangements	█							
SPAA Working Group Handover and Closure		█	█	█	█			
SPAA Contracts Approach	█	█						
Theft Transition and Handover	█	█	█	█	█			
SPAA Website Closure				█	█			
SPAA Helpdesk Closure				█	█			
SPAA Code Closure				█	█			
Financial Wind Down				█	█	█	█	
SPAA Ltd Closure							█	

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' was implemented on 01 January 2021, and the obligations of both MAMs and AMIs are, for the first time, 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.

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 03 March 2021. Agenda items and discussions included:

- Updates from SPAA Working Groups,
- SCP 496 - Delay to Implementation Date,
- H100 Fife Hydrogen Project, 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 07 April 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 09 March 2021, where one new SPAA Change Proposals (SCPs) was raised for voting.

SCP 512 - 2021-22 Theft Detection Incentive Scheme Timings - Accepted

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 13 April 2021.

Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)

The Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB) convened 11 March 2021 where the following items were discussed:

- The ETPAB reviewed the Report 8 'SLA' letter ensuring it was still fit for purpose. The group agreed the inclusion of % performance for all letters going forward would provide recipients with the information they need,
- Performance Monitoring – a monitoring log has been approved by the group and was reviewed, and
- Transition of the ETPAB to the RECPAB – There were no updates this month and the group are awaiting outcome of the review of transitional handover document.

The next ETPAB will take place on 08 April 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPAA Expert Group (SEG)	07 April 2021
SPAA Change Board (CB)	13 April 2021
Erroneous Transfer Performance Assurance Board (ETPAB)	08 April 2021
Theft Issues Group	20 April 2021
SPAA Executive Committee	28 April 2021

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