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Electricity Settlement Reform Newsletter:

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Dear Colleague,

This is the June 2021 edition of our monthly newsletter, which provides a roundup of all that is happening within the Settlement Reform programme. This month we are focussing on the progress of the TOM industry working groups in May and the open MHHS consultation on implementation and governance arrangements.

We continue to welcome any feedback on work being carried out, and also on any preferences you have for how we keep you updated on progress. There is a tracker [on our website](#) that links to relevant papers by topic that is updated every month when we publish the newsletter.

An archive of previous editions of this newsletter can be found under the Newsletter subheading on the [Settlement Reform webpage](#). The first edition, [March 2020](#), includes useful background information.

For any questions or feedback, please get in touch via the Half-Hourly Settlement team mailbox:

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MHHS Consultation on Implementation and Governance Arrangements

On Friday 23rd April we published a consultation on the implementation and governance arrangements for MHHS. In this [consultation document](#) we have set out further detail on a number of processes required to secure the successful implementation of MHHS. We have been carrying out a number of stakeholder sessions with industry, to talk through the consultation. If you have not been able to attend one of these sessions and would like to discuss the proposals, please get in touch.

We have now also published a Q&A document setting out the questions we have been asked on the consultation proposals. You can find this on our website, [here](#). The consultation is open for 9 weeks, and will close on **Friday 25 June 2021 at 5pm**. All responses should be sent to the team at HalfHourlySettlement@ofgem.gov.uk.

Please email us at HalfHourlySettlement@ofgem.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Statutory Consultation on proposed changes to the Smart Meter Communication Licence

On Friday 28th May we published a [statutory consultation](#) on proposed changes to Condition 21 of the Smart Meter Communication Licence. This follows the publication of our consultation on the Implementation and Governance Arrangements for MHHS (see previous section for more information on this). In that consultation we stated we would shortly be consulting on changes to the Smart Meter Communication Licence, to ensure compliance by the licence holder (known as the Smart Data Communications Company Limited) with the MHHS implementation provisions we are proposing to place in the Balancing and Settlements Code (BSC).

This statutory consultation will close on **Friday 25th June 2021 at 5pm**. All responses should be sent to the team at HalfHourlySettlement@ofgem.gov.uk.

Target Operating Model Working Groups

Due to the coronavirus national emergency and the subsequent social distancing measures put in place by the Government, the CCDG and AWG meetings continue to be conducted remotely. Further information on our approach to the TOM working groups during this time can be found in the [May 2020 edition](#) of our newsletter.

Code Change and Development Group (CCDG)

CCDG17: 18th May 2021: At CCDG17 the group discussed the approach that was going to be taken for the legal drafting of the code changes. The group also reviewed the skeleton transitional consultation document and agreed the transition deliverable plan. There was an update from the subgroup discussions since the last CCDG and the group went through the actions log and outstanding areas. The CCDG also discussed the approach to export MPANS. You can find more details in the CCDG17 headline report which can be found on the [BSC website](#).

The main points of note from the above CCDG discussions are as follows:

- The CCDG agreed that the BSCPs for new Data Services will be drafted first;
- The BSCPs for BSCP Central Services and BSCP501 'Updates to SMRS' would also be drafted in the first phase
- The group discussed the pros and cons of introducing a one-way gate for migration of MPANs to the MHHS TOM and when that one way gate should come into effect;
- The CCDG agreed that the settlement process for Change of Supplier need to be set out clearly and that consequential changes should be developed under the Retail Energy Code;
- CCDG agreed not to introduce new market roles for the Smart and Advanced Metering Service and that a new Industry Standing Data table could be created mapping the market participants to the market segment.
- The CCDG agreed that the issue of registering of export for settlement should be picked up under the MHHS implementation programme.

Next CCDG meeting: At CCDG18 on June 15th the group plans to continue to discuss the transitional deliverable and agree the outstanding items. The group will also agree the questions for the consultation, which is due to be published in early July 2021. The agenda is available on the [BSC website](#).

Architecture Working Group (AWG)

AWG17: 1st June 2021: At AWG17 the group reviewed the responses to the AWG consultation. The AWG consultation closed on Monday 24th May and the group received 21 responses. These can be found on the [BSC website](#). After discussing the responses, the group decided the recommended architecture remains valid for MHHS. The group noted the responses and are compiling comments and clarifications which will be agreed outside the meeting and provided to Ofgem on Monday 14th June 2021.

The AWG do not currently have any future meetings planned. However, following the submission of the AWG recommendation to Ofgem, they will await the outcome of the Ofgem decision, before deciding the next steps for the group.

Sub-group updates

Code and central body sub-group:

The responses to the [CCDG consultation](#) question on the tabulations of the impacted areas of the relevant industry codes broadly agreed that the impacts were correctly identified. Some respondents noted that further detail will need to be developed as the work progresses and highlighted specific areas. The code and central bodies and the CCDG will address these comments as part of the legal drafting work which will begin once the CCDG completes its work on the detailed transition approach.