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## **Electricity Settlement Reform Newsletter:**

### **July / August 2021 issue**

Dear Colleague,

This is the July / August 2021 edition of our monthly newsletter, which provides a roundup of all that is happening within the Settlement Reform programme.

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.

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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## **Architecture Working Group (AWG) recommended TOM architecture – Ofgem preliminary decision**

On the 14th June, ELEXON published the AWG's recommendation to Ofgem that an Event Driven Architecture (EDA) be developed to support the implementation of MHHS. The recommendation followed a public consultation to which 21 responses were received. Analysis of the responses by the AWG had confirmed their view that the recommended architecture set out in the consultation remained valid for MHHS.

The recommendation has been published on [ELEXON's website](#) alongside the consultation documents and non-confidential responses received.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July we published our response to the recommendation. The response sets out our preliminary decision that industry should proceed on the basis of the AWG recommended architecture, subject to further information which we have requested on costs, interactions with other energy industry systems and consequential impacts. We expect Elexon to commence work on the next phase of design with industry, working towards the baseline design being completed by May 2022, and to provide the requested information as a priority.

Our response to the recommendation can be found published on our website [here](#).

There are no further AWG meetings planned following delivery of the TOM architecture recommendation.

## **Ofgem consultation on MHHS implementation and governance arrangements**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April we published a [consultation](#) on the implementation and governance arrangements for MHHS, seeking views in response to questions about the obligations that should be placed on parties, the governance structure, independent programme assurance and Ofgem's role

The consultation closed on 25th June. We expect to publish our decision soon.

## **ELEXON consultation on the MHHS Programme governance framework**

On 30th July, Elexon published a [consultation](#) on its website about the MHHS Programme governance framework. The paper sets out a strawman MHHS Programme governance structure that can be further developed by MHHS Programme participants. The intention is to provide greater clarity of the roles and responsibilities of each governance group, how

the groups will interact with each other and how decisions, communications and escalations will occur. We encourage stakeholders to engage with the paper and respond to Elexon. The deadline for responding is Friday 20th August 2021.

## **Code Change and Development Group (CCDG) consultation on transition approach**

On 5th July the CCDG published a [consultation](#) on the transition and migration approach that they have developed to support implementation of MHHS. The consultation closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The CCDG are now considering the responses.

## **New CCDG members**

We are pleased to announce that, as of 22<sup>nd</sup> July, four new members have joined the CCDG to replace three outgoing members. The new members were selected based on their relevant skills and experience to the remaining work being done within the group.

Outgoing – Derek Weaving (British Gas), Terry Carr (E.ON) and Daniel Davies (ESG)

Incoming – Paul Akrill (IMServ), Jo Bradbury (ESG), Imran Shah (British Gas) and Lee Stone (E.ON).

The new members are being onboarded into the group ahead of CCDG20 on August 17th.

## **CCDG meetings**

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.

There have been two CCDG meetings since the last newsletter was published.

### CCDG18: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The main purpose of the meeting was to continue progress on / finalise the drafting of CCDG transition approach consultation document (see above), which was due for publication on Monday 5th July.

## CCDG19: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The main points were as follows:

- The CCDG Transition consultation webinar held on Wednesday 7th July 2021 was well received. The main points of interest amongst attendees were the registration requirements and the length of the migration period.
- There was a discussion about the notes of interest received from prospective new CCDG members (see above)
- There was an update from the MHHS Programme. The Programme is in the process of being set up with several individuals joining the team. It is envisaged that the CCDG will continue to run in its current form as the Programme is mobilising, before being split up into different subgroups. A proposed governance framework was outlined, though the detail is still being worked up.
- There was a discussion around outstanding design areas. It was agreed that weekly Friday morning sessions would be used to work these through in detail, mainly relating to the Smart Data Service (SDS) and the Registration Service. Elexon committed to producing a plan / timetable, setting out what work needs to be done and what milestones need to be met on these outstanding design issues ahead of delivery by April 2022.

## Next CCDG meeting

At CCDG20 on August 17<sup>th</sup> the group plans to discuss the responses to the transition consultation (see above), the approach to the transition deliverable for Ofgem and a discussion on legal drafting and associated timescales.

## **Policy - Data Access Framework Discussion Group (DAFDG)**

The DAFDG group met on 12th July. The purpose of the meeting was for Ofgem to present the results of the consumer messaging research we have been undertaking. The research took the form of both qualitative and quantitative analysis with consumers to understand what types of messages about data sharing for settlement purposes will allow them to a) make an informed choice about their data sharing options and b) encourage them to share their data for these purposes.

The research is now being used to feed in to three key deliverables:

- Publication of the research report

- Guidance for suppliers around effective consumer messaging
- Information for consumers about settlement and data sharing

## **Policy - Electricity Supply Standard Licence Condition (SLC) 47**

We are continuing to work up the proposed amended SLC 47 text, which will transpose into the legal framework the policies we have already set out regarding data access for settlement purposes. We aim to consult on the amended SLC 47 later this summer, with a view to the amended condition entering into force in late 2021.