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## **Electricity Settlement Reform Newsletter:**

### **January 2021 issue**

Dear Colleague,

This is the tenth 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 December.

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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## Consultation on Programme Implementation Principles

On Friday we published our [consultation on programme implementation principles](#). In it we set out our plan to place responsibility for management and delivery of the implementation of MHHS with industry with Elexon acting as Senior Responsible Owner (SRO). We are asking about challenges, risks, and potential ways to mitigate these. The deadline for responses is 5 March 2021.

## 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 edition](#) of our newsletter.

## Code Change and Development Group (CCDG)

The CCDG have now [published their consultation](#) on the detailed TOM design areas and impacts on the industry codes. Responses will close at 8:00 am January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021. Elexon hosted an online event on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 to introduce the CCDG's proposals to wider industry and answer questions. A copy of the presentation from the event is available on [the Elexon website](#).

**CCDG12: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020:** At CCDG 12 the group agreed the consultation document which was published on the Elexon website on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The group also discussed the approach to the transition work that will start at the January CCDG meeting and the ways that DCC could potentially access the information required to check whether the party attempting to retrieve data from a smart meter is the appointed data service. You can find more details in the [CCDG12 headline report](#) on the Elexon website.

The main point of note from the above CCDG discussions is as follows:

- To allow DCC to ensure that the party requesting half-hourly data from a smart meter is the supplier, or the supplier's appointed agent, the CCDG considered two potential options for that information to be made available to DCC. The first assumes that the smart data service (SDS) and the meter data retrieval (MDR) service will always be performed by the same entity for one MPAN, and that the ID of the SDS in registration can be used by DCC for verification. The other would be to record the MDR for an MPAN separately in registration, alongside the SDS, for DCC

verification purposes. Elexon agreed to set out the pros and cons of the different options and ask for input from DCC and SECAS.

**Next CCDG meeting:** At CCDG13 on January 19<sup>th</sup> the group plans to begin developing the detailed transition approach for the advanced and UMS market segments. The agenda is available on the [Elexon website](#).

## **Architecture Working Group (AWG)**

As we mentioned last month, there was no AWG meeting in December.

**Next AWG meeting:** At AWG 13 on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the group will discuss the Event Driven Architecture Reference Model for MHHS. The agenda for AWG13 is available on [the Elexon website](#).

## **Sub-group updates**

### **Code change and central body sub-group:**

Representatives from Electralink and Gemserv joined CCDG11 to present the updated DCUSA and MRA change matrices. The updates were mainly focused on items that had now been finalised in the detailed TOM design and documenting outstanding questions about other industry change. The group agreed all the code change matrices, as well as a statement on the CUSC changes which are impacted by the Access and Forward Looking Charges SCR.<sup>1</sup>

**AWG/CCDG subgroup update:** As agreed in the AWG04, a sub-group made up of members of both the CCDG and the AWG has been formed to identify the business requirements for data exchange, which formed the basis of the AWG specifications for the interfaces between TOM services that will be published as part of the spring AWG consultation. They completed this work and are now meeting regularly to review the TOM business process diagrams the AWG has produced and answer outstanding questions. The outstanding questions include the approach to retrospective data service appointments, what the appropriate default time is to associate with data that is currently in settlement day format, whether the process for closing and opening reads for non-smart meters should be retail or settlement led, and the treatment of de-energised sites.

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<sup>1</sup> The code change matrixes and statement on the CUSC changes are all available as part of the [CCDG consultation document](#) on the Elexon website.