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Dear Colleague,

This is the ninth 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 and Data Access Framework Discussion Group in November.

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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Draft Impact Assessment consultation

We have now published the non-confidential responses to our draft Impact Assessment [on our website](#).

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 are due by January 26th 2021, and Elexon will be hosting an online event on January 13th 2021 to introduce the CCDG's proposals to wider industry and answer questions. Market-wide Settlement Reform is a fundamental market reform, which will impact both existing and future participants in the energy market. It is important that stakeholders who have not been directly involved in the TOM design work are provided with the opportunity to review and give input at key stages. For this reason, Ofgem encourages all stakeholders to take the opportunity to look at and respond to the consultation document. As always, if you have any questions for Ofgem please contact us on the team inbox: Half-hourlySettlement@ofgem.gov.uk.

[CCDG11](#): 17th November 2020: At CCDG 11 the group was joined by representatives from Gemserv and Electralink and agreed the code change matrices for the MRA, DCUSA, and BSC. The group also discussed some design issues that had arisen since the previous meeting, including the requirement to reconcile a meter advance against daily consumption profiles for smart meters, exception reporting and the treatment of domestic customers who have an advanced meter and have opted out of sharing their HH data. You can find more details in the CCDG11 headline report on the Elexon website.

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

- The CCDG agreed that central systems did not need to notify data services of what data they have and have not submitted, but will notify them of which MPANs have defaulted data for the settlement run.

- The DWG set out that the smart data service should compare the HH profile data from smart meters with a meter advance to check the data's accuracy, but did not state at which frequency this should be done. The CCDG agreed that this check was indeed necessary, but agreed that it was for the DCC to set out what frequency it can support.
- The CCDG considered two options for how the TOM could cater for domestic customers with an advanced meter who opt out of sharing their half hourly data for settlement purposes. The first option would be to treat these customers as if they were a traditional meter customer and have them in the smart and non-smart segment. The downside of this would be that there would need to be a change of market segment every time the customer opted in or out. The other option, which the CCDG agreed to pursue, is to require the advanced data service to apply domestic load shaping data to these customers, like the smart data service will do for smart and traditional meter customers.

Next CCDG meeting: At CCDG12 on December 15th the group plans to agree the consultation document which will be published shortly after the meeting and run until January 26th 2020. [The agenda](#) is available on the Elexon website.

Architecture Working Group (AWG)

AWG12: 24th November 2020: At AWG12, the group did a final review of the registration interfaces, consumption interfaces, Industry Standing Data interfaces and the data catalogues, which were then agreed by the group. This took the majority of the meeting and it was agreed the risk assessment review for technology and data security would be discussed at a separate meeting. The scope of work for the AWG has now also been agreed. More information can be found in the AWG12 headline report which will be published soon on the Elexon website.

Next AWG meeting: There will be no AWG meeting in December, and AWG13 will occur on 12th January 2020. The agenda for AWG13 will be published on the Elexon website closer to the time.

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.

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, to help the AWG prepare specifications for the interfaces between TOM services. They completed this work recently, and are now meeting regularly again 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.

Data Access Framework Discussion Group (DAFDG)

The second meeting of the group was held on 23rd November. The purpose was to discuss the research that we are undertaking around effective consumer messaging techniques for the communication of settlement / forecasting and their associated data sharing rights for these purposes. This included a discussion around the design of the stimulus materials we have worked up for the research.

We hope to undertake phase one of this research in Jan 2021. This will involve interviewing 15-20 consumers to understand their comprehension of key concepts like settlement and forecasting, and to test what language may work best in terms of helping them make an informed choice about data sharing. Phase two will then involve the quantitative testing of different messaging scripts with 2,000 – 3,000 consumers to understand which work best. We will share the research findings when complete.