

**43<sup>rd</sup>. Technical Panel Meeting  
Minute for Approval**

**Present**

Brian Saunders (BS) – CMA (TP Chair)  
Belinda Oldfield (BO) – Scottish Water  
Kevin Ensell (KE) – Anglian Water  
Neil Cohen (NC) – CMA (TP Secretary)  
David Walters (DW) – Commission  
Erik Igelstrom (EI) – Commission  
Alastair Ross (AR) – Commercial Water Solutions  
Mike Brindle (MB) – United Utilities  
Emma Norris (EN) – Thames Water  
Rosalind Carey (RC) – Business Stream  
Andrew Sharp (AS) – Business Stream  
Paul Allen (PA) – Aimeria  
Jeremy Hobbis (JH) – Severn Trent  
Richard Masterson (RM) – Severn Trent  
Stuart Yardley (SY) – Clear Business Water  
Peter Strain (PS) – Castle  
Scott MacLeod (SMcL) – Cobalt

**Apologies**

Tom May (TM) – Veolia

**1. Minute**

The minute of 28 August 2014 was approved, including one amendment submitted by DW.

**2. Actions and Administrative Update**

NC provided an update on the action log, noting that all previous actions had been completed.

NC noted that MCCP160 had been withdrawn at the last TP.

NC noted that MCCP124, MCCP136, MCCP142, MCCP143, MCCP149 and MCCP155 had been implemented since the last meeting and that MCCP148, MCCP153 and MCCP158 had been approved since the last meeting.

NC noted that MCCP154 – CC had also been implemented since the last meeting.

NC noted that BU103 had been issued since the last TP. NC also noted that no new Guidance Notes had been issued since the last TP.

### 3. Change Proposals in Progress

#### **MCCP141 – Estimated T Reads**

MB presented this paper and explained that, following previous discussions at the Technical Panel, a further update of the proposal had been provided.

SY noted that this process might create a mis-match with the final read established by the Outgoing LP, although the methodology was likely to be similar. AS agreed that the methodologies were likely to be similar and expressed support for the proposal.

DW noted that the Commission had discussed with the CMA the possibility of monitoring the use of the S Read following implementation. NC suggested that the CMA would bring forward a further report for the MPF which would identify the extent of S Reads, once implemented and this report could then form a standing report on the MPF agenda.

MB asked whether an additional S Read Reason Code might be added, to allow for S Reads to be employed for bulk transfers, perhaps for a prescribed volume, or perhaps specifically for the Scottish public sector procurement exercise. DW expressed a concern that the Market Code should not differentiate between particular groups of customers and JH noted that the Scottish public sector procurement would involve C Reads as well as transfer reads. JH also noted that this was, to some extent, a customer requirement, rather than a wholesale market requirement. NC suggested that an additional Reason Code could be added at a later time, subject to further consideration by participants. NC agreed to provide a cut-off date for such a change to be capable of being delivered with the proposal.

**AP348: CMA to provide a cut-off date for implementing an additional S Read Reason Code, along with MCCP141.**

The Technical Panel unanimously approved MCCP141.

**AP349: CMA to forward a Final Report for MCCP141 to the Commission.**

### 4. New Change Proposals

#### **MCCP162 – Positive Confirmations**

AR presented this proposal and explained that it sought to provide explicit confirmations for the acceptance of a transfer request and then for identifying that no cancellations had occurred.

SY suggested that LPs have now accommodated the existing process and may not wish to incur costs to handle these new transactions. AS, KE, EN and PA agreed and JH noted that cancellations were generally exceptional, suggesting that the additional confirmations may not be justified. BS asked if the new transactions cod

be ignored by those Parties that did not wish to accommodate them, but SY suggested that some costs were necessarily incurred by HVI users.

AR agreed to withdraw the proposal.

## 5. Forward Planning Report

NC presented the report. NC noted that the September 2014 Release had been successfully deployed and that the March 2015 Release had now incorporated a Commission Change for the SGES changes; M CCP161 – CC, which was now in draft with the Commission. NC also noted that the March 2015 Release also contained some further changes and a reviewed cost would be available for the next TP. NC finally noted that M CCP156 and M CCP157 had been pushed out to September 2015, but these would be reviewed by the CMA and may not be further pursued.

AS asked when M CCP161 – CC might be issued and DW suggested that this change would be available to participants before the next TP.

## 6. Any Other Business

### Gap Sites

SY asked whether it might be possible for certain Gap Sites to be allocated to the incumbent LP. NC said that this was not possible, as the Market Code dictated the current allocation process. AS suggested that LPs and SW could discuss how SW sought to identify LPs for Gap Sites before making use of the allocator.

### Data Quality Workshop

SY asked whether the CMA had considered the issue of truncation of address number ranges. NC reported that this had been considered and a response to the action had been provided under the Data quality Workshop update under the MPF agenda.

### HVI Users

NC drew the TP's attention to the fact that there were now 6 or more HVI Users and that the HVI User Groups held by the CMA during release projects were an important opportunity for such users to gain a more detailed understanding of the changes being delivered.

## Action Summary

Action	Subject	Update
<i>From the minute of the 43<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> October 2014)</i>		
<b>AP348</b> <b>CMA</b>	Provide a cut-off date for implementing an additional S Read Reason Code, along with M CCP141.	
<b>AP349</b> <b>CMA</b>	Forward a Final Report for M CCP141 to the Commission.	