

**44th. Technical Panel Meeting
Minute for Approval**

Present

Brian Saunders (BS) – CMA (TP Chair)
Richard Lavery (RL) – Scottish Water
Kevin Ensell (KE) – AWBN
Neil Cohen (NC) – CMA (TP Secretary)
Erik Igelstrom (EI) – Commission
Mike Brindle (MB) – United Utilities
Emma Norris (EN) – Thames Water
Andrew Sharp (AS) – Business Stream
Paul Allen (PA) – Aimeria
Richard Masterson (RM) – Severn Trent
Stuart Yardley (SY) – Clear Business Water
Iain Clark (IC) – Clear Water Solutions
Tom May (TM) – Veolia

Apologies

None received.

1. Minute

The minute of 16 October 2014 was approved.

2. Actions and Administrative Update

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

Regarding AP348, NC noted that the CMA had identified the end of January 2015 as a back-stop date for any requirement for an additional S Read Reason Code to be included as part of the delivery of MCCP141 in March 2015. However, NC also noted that the March 2014 project was progressing better than had originally been anticipated and therefore any such request would have a larger impact than previously assumed. Hence, any such request would need to be progressed via an Exception Plan, to ensure that there would be no undue project impact and to check the cost of such an additional requirement. BS also noted that the CMA Board would always wish to be assured that the integrity of any CMA release projects would not be compromised. MB recalled that WICS had suggested that, given the way in which current performance measures operated, there did not seem to be a need to enable S Reads for bulk transfers such as that which might occur as part of the Scottish Procurement. KE noted that the possible use of the S Read might be useful for bulk transfers in general, but agreed that it was not needed for now. SY also noted that the particular issue concerned the Scottish Procurement and also agreed that there was no pressing need for this additional arrangement. BS

concluded by suggesting that no additional S Read Reason Code would be progressed, but that if such a Code were considered potentially useful in the future, it could be requested via the usual change management processes.

NC noted that MCCP162 had been withdrawn at the last meeting and that MCCP141 had been approved since the last meeting.

NC noted that MCCP161 – CC had been issued in draft since the last meeting. NC also noted that the CMA and SW had provided refinements to CSD drafting back to WICS, in response to this draft. RL explained that the drafting ensured that the intent of the changed SGES was fully reflected; in particular, that exemptions would either be 100% or 50%, but that the credit attributed to the LP in respect of the SPID would be the same amount, regardless of whether the SPID were subject to the 100% or 50% exemption. EI noted that WICS were expecting to issue a final version of MCCP161 – CC early in the new year.

NC noted that no bulletins had been issued since the last meeting, at the time of the issue of the meeting papers, but that BU104 had been issued subsequently. NC also noted that no new Guidance Notes had been issued since the last TP.

3. Change Proposals in Progress

There were no change proposals in progress.

4. New Change Proposals

MCCP164 – Additional Market Assurance Obligation

NC presented this proposal and explained that in some circumstances, parties were completing their Market Assurance Testing to become HVI Users, but not then using their HVIs on a live environment for a considerable period. This proposal sought to give the CMA the ability to require the MAT scenarios to be re-run if this period extended beyond 20 Business Days. NC further noted that the CSD drafting provided in the proposal had identified a discretionary power for the CMA in this respect. However, the CMA had given this further consideration and had identified a concern that this could lead to different treatment being given to different parties. Hence, NC sought approval for this proposal, subject to the CSD drafting being modified such that the discretionary power should instead be mandatory.

The proposal was unanimously approved, subject to the amendment described.

ACTION AP350: CMA to issue a Final Report to WICS for MCCP164, incorporating the amendments approved by the Technical Panel.

5. Forward Planning Report

NC presented the report. NC noted that the cost for the March 2015 Release had increased since the last meeting, as a result of the additional work, such as the RA automation, having been incorporated. NC also noted that CMAPx164 and MCCP165 had been identified for delivery in September 2015 and these were the first outputs from the Data Quality and Performance Measures Working Group.

6. Any Other Business

New Trading Party

NC noted that Blue Business Water had now become Trading Parties.

2013/14 RF Settlement Run

NC noted that the above run would be published on 2015-02-15 and that the CMA anticipated running the RF on 2015-02-07. With these dates in mind, the CMA will be issuing a bulletin in due course, reminding Trading Parties of these dates and noting that if Trading Parties required any RAs to be executed, the deadline for submission would be 2015-01-30 if Trading Parties wished to allow for any rejections due to validation to be corrected and re-submitted. Submission by 2015-02-06 would be acceptable, if Trading Parties were content for validation rejections to not be included in the RF.

Market Audit

AS noted that, as had previously been identified, it would be helpful for Trading Parties to be given some advanced knowledge of any involvement by them for data provision, site visits and so on. BS noted that the scope of the upcoming Market Audit had yet to be determined, but BS anticipated that this would be done in January 2015. BS agreed to ensure that the involvement of Trading Parties in the Market Audit would be communicated to them in good time.

ACTION AP351: CMA to ensure that the involvement of Trading Parties in the Market Audit is communicated in good time.

Action Summary

Action	Subject	Update
<i>From the minute of the 44th. Meeting (11th December 2014)</i>		
AP350 CMA	Issue a Final Report to WICS for MCCP164, incorporating the amendments approved by the Technical Panel.	
AP351 CMA	Ensure that the involvement of Trading Parties in the Market Audit is communicated in good time.	