

## CMA Bulletin

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Following their Direction in relation to the Wholesale Charge Deferral Scheme (WCDS), the Commission has now provided changes to the Market Code and to relevant CSDs, through MCCP251-CC, to give effect to their policy. Scottish Water has issued a Guidance Document for Licensed Providers which sets out the details of how the schemes will operate, and what steps are necessary for LP's to make use of them.

The CMA has put in place the necessary mechanisms to enable the measures to be accommodated within the CMA Central Systems and has updated the Market Code and CSDs as required by the change proposal. This bulletin is intended to provide guidance for Participants on engaging with the CMA and with the Central Systems. In particular, we would like to highlight the following:

- Vacancy will be the mechanism utilised to defer calculation of volumetric charges, and submission of this status will remain the responsibility of LP's using the T012.1 transaction. Additional validation has been added to the transaction to ensure the inclusion of a WCDS Code. To minimise, as far as possible, the impact of this additional data item, it will be included at the start of the existing text comment field (D4003) for the T012.1. No confirmation code will be required for setting a SPID to occupied. The WCDS Code will be provided by Scottish Water and will act as conformation by SW that any vacancy is valid (whether as a result of the WCDS arrangements, or for any other reason).
- In addition, the CMA has developed a new bespoke Retrospective Amendment script, specifically for setting this data item to True or False, to cater for instances where transactions cannot be utilised due to crystallisation. This script will also contain validation to ensure the additional WCDS Code is included in the comments field (D4003).
- Scottish Water will make use of Section 29e discounts to apply the deferral of fixed charges on the Central Systems, with an expectation that the existing Retrospective Amendment can be used subsequently to back-out this discount. This, in effect, delivers a deferral of charges.

The Central System has now been updated with the new Code, and the CMA would encourage HVI users to test these changes on a test environment prior to submission on the live environment. Once you have undertaken the first stage of the process, engaging with Scottish Water, and have received your WCDS Codes, you can contact Jon Grassie [Jonathan.Grassie@cmascotland.co.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Grassie@cmascotland.co.uk) who will circulate the MRT document, and arrange completion of submissions on a test environment prior to submission on the live environment.

In order to ensure that the arrangements can operate efficiently, minimise the impact on Central Systems and remain in line with existing obligations regarding bulk data submissions, the CMA will work with Scottish Water to manage the submission of Schedule 29e applications. We have also asked Scottish Water to notify the CMA of the number of SPIDs for which vacancy and/or charge deferral has been requested (by the LP's registered to such SPIDs) and whether associated notifications to the CMA will be made via HVIs or LVIs.

The CMA may then contact the submitting Parties to identify any required scheduling of such submissions.