

**86th Technical Panel Meeting
Approved Minute**

Present (via conference call)

David Sigsworth (DS)– CMA – (TP Chair)
Amanda Hancock (AH) – CMA (TP Secretary)
Jeremy Atkinson (JA) - CMA
Fraser Gourlay (FG) – Earls Gate Water
Ian Grundy (IG) – Pure Utilities
Cosmin Diaconita (CD) – WICS
Robin Donald (RD) – Castle
Matthew Glover (MG) – Wave
Ben Storrie (BS) – CBW
Richard Lavery (RL) – Scottish Water
Catriona Blair (CB) – Veolia
Fiona Matheson (FM) - SWBS
Alastair Ross (AR) – Commercial Water
Roger Green (RG) - Brightwater

Apologies

Andrea Mancini (AM) - WICS
Ewan Hardy (EH) – Lettermay
Steve Williams (SW) – Water Plus Ltd

1. Minute

AH advised that no comments had been received on the minute. No other comments were received in the meeting. The minute from 21st October 2021 was approved by the meeting.

2. Actions and Administrative Update

AH advised that all actions from the October meeting were now complete. Final Reports for MCCP269 and MCCP271 had been prepared and the consultations were now under way.

AH noted that there were no proposals withdrawn, rejected, agreed or implemented since the last meeting.

No new Commission changes had been implemented or introduced since the last meeting.

AH noted no new Bulletins or Guidance Notes had been issued since the last meeting. No changes to Technical Panel meeting dates.

3. Change Proposals in Progress

No change proposals in progress at this time.

4. New Change Proposals

MCCP276 Meter Read Frequency Changes

AH advised that this MCCP had been brought forward from the MPF following agreement by the meeting. The TP was asked for any additional comments on whether the TP should vote on the proposal. No comments were forthcoming, and the meeting unanimously approved this proposal.

AP527 CMA to prepare Final Report and forward MCCP276 to WICS for consultation.

MCCP277 Trade Effluent Applications

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5. Forward Planning Report

AH advised the meeting that SWW wanted to pick up an issue they had identified with CMACPx219. RL confirmed that they had no issue with the principle of the change, however introducing validation to stop the removal of T/S reads could have an unintended consequence. If SWW has a supply point that needs to be deregistered and that spans a transfer, they may not be able to back date the deregistration, meaning that the LP wouldn't be able to get their wholesale charges back, and the end customer may not be able to get their charges back. SWW suggested that it may be better to hold off on implementing this change until an alternative that meets the requirements of all parties can be found.

IG noted that whilst he recognised the issue raised by SWW, Pure would want to see something developed as the removal of the T/S reads could not continue to ensure there was no detriment to the customer. FM asked whether we had any information on how often this scenario arose. IG stated that regardless of the number of instances, there was still an issue that needs to be addressed.

AH noted in summarising the discussion that it was clear that this change should be pulled from the March Release, however work should continue on a permanent solution that meets the requirements of both the LPs and the Wholesaler. The CMA would also look at understanding the scale of the issue, which can feed into a wider discussion on a solution for this issue.

AP529 CMA to pull CMACPx219 from the March Release

AP530 CMA to look at the number of instances where SWW has back-dated a deregistration that crossed a transfer between LP's, and also look at identifying the number T/S reads that are removed via the ERRA process.

AH highlighted that three internal CMAPx's had been delivered, all were additional services for Market Participants. (CMAPx221, CMAPx222 and CMAPx223). Two new CPs had been introduced, CMAPx224 which picks up party issues and tracker issues for the March Release, along with CMAPx225 which is an additional service for an LP.

AH noted that the CMA had a session with SWW on CMAPx224 to talk through the issues raised. RL noted that they had concerns with the third issue on the CP which allows SWW to move a deregistration forward in time to correct an error, and that removing something that allows the correction of data doesn't seem appropriate. AH added that there was a recognition on the call that this had been a loophole in the process that breaches the Market Code requirements. RL asked if the CMA could forward on the relevant code documentation.

AP531 CMA to forward on relevant legal text from the Market Code that prevents anyone from making changes to a SPID once it has been deregistered.

AH further added that the CMA is not stating that the data should not be fixed, but that using this loophole in the system is not the appropriate way to do that. As well as breaching the Code, this can cause data corruption in the system. There is also the possibility the LP's could have a wholesale liability placed on them without their knowledge.

RL noted that they also have concerns about the changes being brought into the Market in short notice, without the opportunity to discuss this issue further. JA added that the CMA had thought that this CP did not have an impact on participants as it was simply bringing the system in line with the Code, otherwise the usual notice would have been provided.

JA advised that the Technology Refresh project is running slightly under budget, so the request for Phase 3 funding has been pushed back to the January 2022 Board. All outputs remain on track and delivery is still scheduled for July 2022.

AH advised the Covid WG Lessons Learned project, sponsored by CAS, has now completed.

AH advised that the late payment table had been updated.

JA added that the CMA had a kick-off meeting with Deloitte on the late and missing meter read project, and they are hoping to engage with Participants prior to the Christmas break regarding data collation. LPs will not be expected to respond immediately, but it will provide early notice of the work that will be required in the new year.

6. Commission Update

CD confirmed that WICS had compiled an Expression of Interest invitation for the appointment of a Market Health Checker. WICS has sought input from various groups, including the SSG, and made some necessary changes to the initial draft document. This document is due to be issued next week.

WICS has also received the draft Wholesale Charges Scheme for approval. AH asked whether any approval would be provided in advance of the Christmas break. CD advised that this was the current timescale they were working to.

7. Any Other Business

AH advised that one License Transfer had been completed since the last meeting. Water Plus Select Limited had transferred to Water Plus Limited.

There being no further business DS closed the meeting, and wished everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Action Summary

Action	Subject	Update
<i>From the minute of the 85th Meeting (21 October 2021)</i>		
AP525	CMA to prepare Final Report and forward M CCP269 to WICS for consultation.	Complete
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