

Date:	29 January 2014	Time & Location	12.30 – 1.15pm, Maldron Hotel, Tallaght
Chair:	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS		
Attendees:	Name	Organisation	
	Alice Mooney	ReMCoDS	
	Dana Paraschiv	CER	
	Paul McCormick	Energia	
	Theresa O'Neill, Carmel O'Connor, Aileen Greaves, Paul Mallon	ESBN	
	Seána Browne, Siobhan Melvin	Airtricity	
	Nigel Wray, Emma Finnegan	NIE	
	John O'Dea	Eirgrid	
	Siobhan Kane, Lynda Millar	Firmus	
	Margaret Fitzpatrick, Tom Shiels	Electric Ireland	
	Graeme Hunter	Power NI	
	Emma Moffatt,	BGE	
	Jon Harley, Peter Varley	Gemserv	
Apologies:	Seán mac an Bhaird		
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Agenda:		
1.	Introduction	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS
2.	ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS
3.	Network Operators Update – TIBCO Plans	Paul Mallon, ESBN/Nigel Wray, NIE
4.	Market Design Update	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS
5.	ReMCoWG To-Do List Review	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS
6.	AOB & Closing	Aileen O Connor, ReMCoDS

1. Introduction
Minutes from ReMCoWG Meeting – 4 th December 2013
Approved.

2. ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

A O Connor advised that as there was no Steering Group meeting since the last ReMCoWG meeting there was no update. Regarding Action Item 116 - Network Operators Business Case for Single Integrated Project: Should incremental costs and effort to Suppliers be part of the CBA. This was raised at the previous Working Group – A O Connor advised that this was forwarded to the Regulators by email. A response from UR stated that in principle, they would anticipate that it would probably be useful to include the cost impact on Suppliers in the Business Case. A response has not yet been received from CER. This will be discussed at the next Steering Group scheduled for 12th February.

3. Network Operators Update

P Mallon presented the Network Operators Update.

December Release

The permanent Contingency Solution was implemented in the December Release, where the messages are put into a holding area until the Supplier's EMMA comes back online. This has been automatically triggered successfully a number of times due to a range of IT issues on the Supplier side. Suppliers EMMAs are working well. Suppliers are asked to monitor their EMMAs day to day and take action where needed.

Contingency

P Mallon outlined the various stages of Contingency; Invoking Contingency, During Contingency & Post Contingency. The contingency can be manually triggered for planned work. When automatically triggered under fault conditions, Suppliers must interact with Capita as to the status of the issue.

Next Steps

ESBN & NIE are currently engaging with CER & NIAUR. Both Regulators have requested a document giving the rationale behind an integrated project to cover four items:

- BC Upgrade
- GI Webforms replacement
- Original 2013 Schema Release changes
- Address independent audit recommendations and detailed findings

This document has been finalised and will be provided to the Regulators shortly. Work is progressing on selecting a System Implementer (SI) to look at high level design options, costing and timelines for the different options.

During the December upgrade, NIE were in contact with Suppliers about the EMMA upgrade for other environments, particularly test as a number of suppliers currently do not have a test environment. It has come to the attention of ESBN that a number of Supplier do not have a test/IPT Emma as per requirement. ESBN will follow up with those Suppliers. In due course, ESBN will have to inform CER of these Suppliers.

P McCormick asked whether timeframes and costs were available for the upgrades. P Mallon replied that timeframes depended on whether the four tasks were done individually or as one integrated project, and that any growth in Market Message volumes would also have to be taken into account. P McCormick further asked whether Suppliers would be consulted, and P Mallon responded that their views would be taken into account. He explained that there was interdependence between the BC and BW modules and they have to be upgraded together, but that the webform replacement piece did not impact the Central Hub, though it was very important for some Suppliers. Once the solution had reached the stage of delivering messages in a timely manner, there would still be underlying risks in terms of operational issues. The BC upgrade would have no backward compatibility.

D Paraschiv enquired whether there would be a contingency plan similar to the December release. P

Mallon replied that it needed to be examined further as the scope will be a significant piece of work. The upgrade would require a new environment, and there was the question of whether the upgrade should be implemented as four separate projects or as an integrated one. D Paraschiv asked if risks, advantages and disadvantages would be included in the scope and P Mallon confirmed that they would. A O Connor asked whether the work was achievable in 2014 or over a longer period, and P Mallon responded that it depended on the detailed design work carried out by the SI. Delivering the work as four separate projects would extend the timeframe, whereas it would be shorter in the case of an integrated project, with less impact on Suppliers. P Mallon indicated that they would favour a single project but the details are still unknown at this stage. E Moffatt asked when the decision would be made on the options, and P Mallon replied that as the selection of a System Implementer is moving ahead now, it would probably take 3-4 months, assuming approvals from the Regulators.

S Browne indicated that a concern had been raised at the previous meeting that the Windows platform might not be suitable and if there was an update on this. P Mallon replied that the recommendation would be to move from Windows to Linux for DR and operational events, and that the SI will decide whether to change the Operating System used by EMMA and the design option will highlight this

P Mallon proceeded to provide the Network Operators response to the following Action Items:

Action 111

Tibco Upgrades: ESBN/NIE to see if roadmap could be produced giving upgrades and requirements beyond the current year.

TIBCO Software Product Support – slide as presented

P Mallon outlined that TIBCO's normal practice is to give between 18 months and two years notice of a product going out of support, with a minimum of a year. Business Connect 5.3.3 is out of normal support, and a year's extended support has been purchased from TIBCO. The GI product is at end of life, and support will end on 31st October 2014; it will be necessary to build a Microsoft.NET replacement.

S Browne enquired whether BC was updated to the most recent version in the December Release, and P Mallon responded that the performance had been upgraded, but there had not been a version change.

Action 115

Network Operators to investigate if Suppliers can opt not to use GI Webforms

P Mallon reported that this product is coming to the end of life on 31st October 2014. The GI product is only used to support the EMMA solution with regard to the webforms, and does not play an active role in delivery or receipt of messages.

S Melvin asked whether this meant that Suppliers would not be able to create messages with webforms once the update took place. P Mallon responded that it simply meant a product replacement, and that the functionality would remain. P Mallon said that smaller Suppliers use Webforms a lot, but that large Suppliers did so only occasionally.

4. Market Design Update

A O Connor presented the Market Design Update.

DR1142 v1.0 – Send 131X MM with C010 to Supplier when 017 MM D02 scheduled/despached fieldwork has been cancelled by NIE at Supplier's Request

This DR was raised by NIE, and the proposal is that for Meter Point Status Reason Code D02, the NIE Market System functionality should have the ability to apply the Data Code Outcome Reason Code C010 (Not completed at Supplier's request) once the D02 has been scheduled/despached on the NIE systems. It is a non-schema change.

Agreed to Classify as NI Specific**DR1143 v1.0 – Changes to Export Meter Reading and Wholesale Settlement Related to Microgeneration Growth**

This DR was submitted by Power NI. There are about 3,000 microgeneration sites in NI, but this issue was left to one side during the ES process. Power NI does not get meter reads for a lot of these sites, either because they are pre-ES or because a customer can have a different Supplier for import and export. Export Meter Readings and Settlement are the two areas where a solution is required. The solution will be further discussed at the CDA.

Agreed to Classify as NI Specific**DR1144 v1.0 – Changes to SoLR Arrangement in NI**

This was raised by NIE on behalf of UR. Power NI has been nominated by the Regulator as the SoLR, and has been advised that no irreversible action can be taken in advance of a licence revocation, so a process needs to be in place to switch the customers to Power NI.

Agreed to Classify as NI Specific**MCR1139 v2.0 – Remove SIC (Standard Industry Classification) Codes from the Schema**

This MCR was due for approval at the previous meeting but was put on hold pending an action where the RAs were to advise who is responsible for providing and maintaining these codes. The Regulators have yet to issue a formal response.

MCR kept on hold pending receipt of a formal response from Regulators.

5. ReMCoWG Action List Review

A O Connor presented the ReMCoWG Action Items from the 4th December 2013 meeting:

Action Item 104 – Information on detail/timelines for Supplier involvement of revised Workplan.

A O Connor asked if there could be approval to close this action. Currently it is associated with the Business Case for the proposal for a single integrated project by the Network Operators the detail of which will not become clear until a System Implementor is engaged. The detail/timelines for Supplier involvement is an action that cannot and will not be ignored. The meeting agreed that the action could be closed.

Action Item 104 to be closed.

Action 111 - TIBCO Upgrades: ESN/NIE to see if roadmap could be produced giving upgrades and requirements beyond the current year

This action had been addressed at the meeting by Paul Mallon.

Action Item 111 to be closed.

Action 112 - 2014 Plan- ESN/NIE to consider Supplier impacts and include in final recommendations

This action is also associated with the Business Case for submission to the Regulators by the Network Operators for the proposal of a single integrated project. A O Connor proposed that this action should be merged with Action 116. This was agreed.

Action Item 112 to be closed and included in Action 116.

Action 113 - MCR 1139 V2.0: Remove SIC Codes from the Schema – RAs to advise who is responsible for providing and maintaining SIC.

A O Connor advised that a formal response has not been received yet from either UR or CER.

Action Item 113 to remain open.

Action Item 115 – GI Webforms: Network Operators to investigate if Suppliers can opt not to use Webforms.

This action had been addressed at the meeting by Paul Mallon.

Action Item 115 to be closed.

Action Item 116: Network Operators Business Case for Single Integrated Project: Should incremental costs and efforts to Suppliers be part of the CBA.

A O Connor advised that this had been passed to the Regulators by email in December. A response from UR stated that in principle, they would anticipate that it would probably be useful to include the cost impact on Suppliers in the Business Case. A response has not yet been received from CER. This will be discussed at the next Steering Group scheduled for 12th February.

Action Item 116 to remain open.

Action Item 117: Co-Ordinated Assurance Approach: Consideration of the introduction of a common assurance approach for the Co-Ordinated Market for future projects/releases

A O Connor advised that this action had not progressed since the last meeting and would be raised at the next Steering Group Meeting on 12th February.

Action 117 to remain open.

6. Action Items Open at End of Meeting

AP No.	Title	Assigned To	Date Due
113	DR 1139 V1.0 – Remove SIC Codes from the Schema: CER to Check Requirement for ESNB maintaining SIC codes for RoI	UR/CER	22/01/2014
116	Network Operators Business Case for Single Integrated Project: Should incremental costs and efforts to Suppliers be part of the CBA. 2014 Plan: ESNB/NIE to consider Supplier impacts and include in final recommendations.	ReMCoDS	12/02/2014
117	Co-Ordinated Assurance Approach: Consideration of the introduction of a common assurance approach for the Co-ordinated Market for future projects/releases	ReMCoDS	12/02/2014

7. AOB & Closing

No other business was raised.

Next ReMCoWG Meeting – 26 March 2014 (Belfast)