

Date:	4 th November 2015	Time & Location	12:45 – 13:45 – ReMCoWG- Belfast
Chair:	Jessica Gregory , ReMCoDS		
Attendees:	Name	Location	
	Tracy Caffrey, Alice Mooney	ReMCoDS	
	Seán mac an Bhaird, Gina Kelly, Priti Stack	CER	
	Carmel O'Connor, Robert Aherne	ESBN	
	Lizzie Montgomerie, Nirav Vyas	Gemserv	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith, Sam Dines	NIE Networks	
	Sean Doolin, Philip Doyle	Electric Ireland	
	Thomas Heasley	Energia	
	David Mulholland, Ray Gilmartin	SSE Airtricity	
	John Paul McFeely	Budget Energy	
	Imelda McCoy	Power NI	
	John O'Dea	Eirgrid	
	Marc Norris	Open Electric	
	Mark Speers, Stevie Donnelly	BGE	
	Niall Kelly, Andy Porter	Click Energy	
	Adam Diamond, Dermot Beattie	Go Power	
	Eamonn Murtagh, David Gascon	Panda Power	
	John O'Dea	Eirgrid	
	Cenk Kuzucu, Kieran Murphy	IBM	
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Agenda:	
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1 - Introduction

J. Gregory enquired if everyone was happy to sign off and approve the last Working Group Minutes.

Approved. All Agreed.

2 - ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

There has been no ReMCoSG Meeting since last ReMCoWG so no update was provided. Next ReMCoSG Meeting will be held on 18th November 2015.

3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

J Gregory provided the Action Item Update:

Action Items

137	Suppliers to send on comments or concerns in relation to the proposed TIBCO Project cutover dates.		
Update for ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suppliers are asked to send any comments or queries to ReMCoDS in relation to the prospective new TIBCO Programme cutover dates discussed at the forum. 		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J Gregory stated that this action should be closed as has been surpassed by the recent decision to push the cutover date out to March 2016. S Doolin enquired as to when this action was raised. J Gregory confirmed that this action was raised at the September Working Group in Dublin and related to the initial request to extend the TIBCO delivery date from November 22nd 2015 to December 4th 2015. The action was deemed closed at the meeting. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: Suppliers	Status: Deemed Closed	Due Date: 04.11.2015
138	Governance document needs to be reviewed with specific focus on updating the schema release schedule as stated in the document		
Update for ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-E Smith raised a question in relation to the timelines for a Schema release which were published in Co-ordinated market documentation. The governance document indicated that the Schema release should take place in June each year. This date is not feasible for 2016. J Gregory suggested that the document be revisited and the specific time period for the annual release be left a little more open ended. ReMCoDS took the action to review the Governance document with specific focus on updating the schema release schedule as stated in the document. 		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-E Smith has reviewed the relevant documents and has found that the documentation allows for appropriate determination of Schema Release dates aside from the June/November dates. J-E Smith is satisfied that this action is closed. The action was deemed closed at the meeting. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: Suppliers	Status: Deemed Closed	Due Date: 04.11.2015

4. Actions – New ReMCoWG Actions

The following Action was logged at the ReMCoWG.

Action Items

139	Suppliers to respond with all comments to Secure Meters regarding the Disaster Recovery.		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held at today's IGG (04.11.15) in relation to this action. The action applies to both jurisdictions so it was deemed appropriate to address the action in the WG rather than in the IGG. Suppliers are asked to respond to Secure Meters with comments and or questions or approval in relation to the DR process. Once all MPs have responded, Secure can progress with the DR process. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: Suppliers	Status: New Action	Due Date: 02.12.2015

5. ESB Networks

C O'Connor provided the ESN update.

Recent Events-

There have been no Recent events since the last Working Group on 2nd September 2015

Supplier EMMA housekeeping:-

There have been 9 Planned Outages and 16 Unplanned Outages. C O'Connor noted that a number of these outages have been connectivity issues.

C O'Connor stressed to Suppliers that they need to be aware of issues that lead to outages and should be proactively looking for and attempting to prevent these issues.

Suppliers are reminded to continue their EMMA housekeeping and to keep ESB/NIE Networks updated with any possible IT impacts in advance.

Future Plans

21st Nov – Rol only – Click outage will effect RMP Extranet from 8.30-16.30.

15th Nov – Rol may require an outage for a Database update but has yet to be confirmed.

All Outage information is available on the RMDS website.

6. TIBCO Upgrade & Schema Release Update

R Aherne presented an update on the TIBCO Upgrade Project.

R Aherne stated that all Suppliers are now aware that there has been an issue encountered with the TIBCO upgrade project. There have been discussions held between the Market and the TIBCO Project Team through Conference calls.

R Aherne presented slides to the forum on the Background of the problem found within the TIBCO Upgrade Project. He stated that the Project Team became aware of the issue during the System Integration test phase when a comparison between V10 and the new V11 XML was undertaken. It was confirmed that there were some mismatches between V10 and V11 messages which has ultimately lead to the requirement of re-assessing this element of the solution.

Refer to slides for further detail.

R Aherne discussed the differences between the ESN & NIE Networks SAP systems. R Aherne explained that the new TIBCO solution does not change any values or data type format as long as the format passes the schema validation.

Refer to slides for further detail

R Aherne discussed the reasoning behind the approach taken in the new TIBCO design and solution. He identified that there were limitations to the previous TIBCO design. R Aherne stated that all the information is in the slides for Suppliers to read. R Aherne also advised Suppliers that there is a representative from IBM present at today's Working Group meeting to answer any questions suppliers may have.

R Aherne directed a question to K Murphy from IBM regarding the new TIBCO solution. The new solution uses a different approach to validate the inbound / outbound message types against the MM schema.

K Murphy agreed with R Aherne regarding the new TIBCO solution using a different approach to validate message types.

Refer to slides

R Aherne informed Suppliers that the weekly conference call will take place as usual and the TIBCO Team will brief the slides to the attendees of the conference call. R Aherne is aware that there may be attendees on the conference call who are less interested in the level of technical discussion that the slides discuss, however the information will be available to all Suppliers.

Refer to slides

R Aherne stressed that based on follow up feedback from Suppliers, there was a risk with starting IPT on the original start date and also there was a strong possibility that IPT would need to be repeated therefore on that basis it was decided to postpone IPT subject to further evaluation.

R Aherne stated that based on the evaluation from Suppliers it was decided that a change is required to remove the associated risk and three options were identified:

1. Change the new TIBCO solution
2. Change the SAP PI systems of ESNB and NIE
–SAP IS-U ↔ **SAP PI** ↔ TIBCO Hub
3. Ask Suppliers to make the required changes

Refer to slides

R Aherne stated that the recommended solution approach is to change ESNB & NIE Networks SAP PI systems. This is considered a less complex change to implement and can be delivered quicker and with less impact on Suppliers than a change to the new TIBCO solution.

Refer to slides

R Aherne displayed a snapshot of the new Timelines versus the old timelines for the TIBCO project.

- IPT will now commence 11th January 2016 & complete 12th February 2016.
- Performance Testing will now commence 4 January 2016.
- The new Cutover date for the project is the weekend of 4th March 2016.

R Gilmartin pointed out that on the Conference Call last week the Cutover date was advised for 27th February 2016.

R Aherne responded that the cutover date will be the 4th March 2016 subject to IPT commencing 11th January 2016. He added that if IPT had begun on the 4th January cutover would have been the weekend of 27th February.

J Gregory indicated that it was not practical to start IPT on the 4th January as all MPs and necessary parties to run IPT would have been away for the Christmas break and there was a strong possibility that many involved parties would only return during that week. She added that the week of 4th – 8th January would be used for all preliminary connectivity testing and all immediate preparation following an extended break.

C O'Connor further added that the feedback received from Suppliers regarding IPT commencing on the 4th January had indicated that some felt it unrealistic due to the Christmas break. It was therefore decided that an appropriate start date be the 11th January 2016.

J Gregory added that a benefit of not starting IPT immediately following the ESNB/NIE Networks internal test phase completion allowed for some additional time over the Christmas period to resolve any unforeseen technical issues or concerns.

C O'Connor stressed that the TIBCO Project Team have stated that if any risks become apparent the project will have to be put back again and the Market will be kept well informed of this. She added that some items which were scheduled following the completion of the programme, will now be undertaken prior to cutover. Items include but not limited to, Test EMMA set up etc.

E Montgomerie asked what plans are in place to assess the changes that have already been made and tested with the SAP systems & TIBCO in terms of the new changes that are being made and the associated impacts.

R Aherne responded that there will be volume comparisons on all of the fields and messages inbound and outbound. The bulk of the effort will be on testing the new systems to validate the changes being made.

E Montgomerie asked how will the Project team be sure that all of the old changes and new changes are integrated?

R Aherne responded that there will be a significant amount of regression testing taking place in order to compare V10 against V11 values. Also, as a result of this issue there is no change required to the TIBCO solution and there has already been a significant amount of testing done on this. In terms of message processing for the new TIBCO solution there is also no change to this. The new TIBCO solution will take what it receives from SAP, validate it against the schema and pass it on.

J Gregory asked which test phase will be repeated? Will the focus be just on the messages?

R Aherne responded that some of the test elements will be re-run. There is still some regression System Integration testing to be done on the previous TIBCO project and how the new changes integrate with the new changes made. There will be specific testing for this change also.

E Murtagh inquired if there are any changes to be made to the workbooks that suppliers have already received?

J Gregory responded that there will be an IPT update to follow in today's Working Group but that it is expected that the workbook will be updated with new evidence requirements as a result of this change. A new workbook version will therefore be issued.

E Montgomerie stated that there may be some additional assurance required as a result of the changes being made. The new change will be impact assessed in terms of assurance which is likely to lead to additional assurance.

C O'Connor briefed the forum on how ESNB are disappointed to have found problems, however on a positive note the problem was found in SIT before IPT got underway and more importantly before it went live.

P Stack stated that CER have been in regular contact with ESNB & RMDS on the Programme issue and invited Suppliers to contact CER to follow up on any concerns that they may have in relation to this.

Assurance Update - TIBCO / Schema Release 2015

J Gregory presented the Assurance Update on the TIBCO/ Schema Release 2015. This slide gave an update on new activities and/or dates as a result of the issue and new timescales.

J Gregory informed the Working Group that there is a meeting taking place today between Gemserv, Neueda, TIBCO project team and IBM. This meeting aims to provide the Assurance bodies with a detailed technical understanding of the necessary changes. Once this meeting has taken place the Assurance Bodies will determine an approach to assure the change and the integration of the new functionality with the already assured functionality. This will be communicated to market.

J Gregory stated that some additional activities may be required from Suppliers before IPT starts as a result of the outcome of the meetings taking place this week. All additional assurance is intended to take place between now and the end of 2015.

J Gregory stated there an additional Formal assessment will be required. The Formal Assessment will be specific to NIE Networks/ESBN and the Programme. The intention is for it to be completed and issued to RA's before Christmas. Full detail relating to additional assurance will be communicated in due course.

J Gregory informed the forum that from an RoI perspective there are two outstanding Emma set ups.

E Montgomerie offered reassurance to Participants from an Assurance perspective, stating that the issue is being assessed in detail and will be reported on in terms of impacts in its own right as well as integration impacts to existing solution.

7. Retail Market Design Update

J Gregory gave the Market Design Update:

CoBLCR 012 – New and Amended Supplier IDs - ROI

This CoBLCR is adding five new Supplier IDs to the CoBL and 1 amended Supplier. Changes will be applied to the CoBL during a Co-MMR in December 2015.

At Today's Meeting:

Recommendation for Approval

CoBLCR 012 – has been approved by the ReMCoWG .

DR 1167– Facilitate Energy Efficiencies in Local Authority Public Lighting

J Gregory stated that the DR functionality is to be implemented in ROI however as due to it being schema impacting, it is being administered at the Working Group.

No discussion arose in relation to the DR and all agreed to approve.

At Today's Meeting:

Recommendation for Approval

DR 1167– has been approved by the ReMCoWG.

MCR1168 – Market Messages for Config Changes

J Gregory stated that this MCR is Schema impacting and specific to NI.

G McHale gave an update on this MCR:

- NIE Networks have looked at processes on this MCR.
- NIE Networks have proposed a process change rather than a Schema change on this MCR.
- NIE Networks are awaiting confirmation from the business on this change.
- This MCR will be put on hold until a decision comes from the business.

J-E Smith added that this change is being applied in NI and the jurisdiction applicability should be NI.

J Gregory agreed with J-E Smith and advised that ReMCoDS are revising the DR to reflect this. She further added that the DR/MCR form is being revised to make categorisation more clear and intuitive.

At Today's Meeting:

Recommendation for Approval

MCR 1168 – has been put on hold.

DR1173 – Vulnerable Customers Implementation in ROI

J Gregory stated that this DR has been discussed at length at the IGG meeting held earlier in the morning (04.11.2015). The change proposed is ROI specific although is Schema impacting hence being administered at the WG forum.

J Gregory requested all ROI Suppliers to review this DR in full and submit any comments or queries in advance of the ROI IGG Conference Call to be held on the 02.12.2015. It is hoped that the DR can be accepted in principle at the conference call with the intention of bringing it to the WG in January 2016 for formal approval.

At Today's Meeting:

Recommendation for Participants to Review and submit comments in advance of IGG conference Call.

MCR 69 V2.0 - Mod to XML schema to allow Market Participants communicate with full Irish Character Set

J Gregory provided the background to why the MCR was being re-versioned. She added that it had been discussed at the IGG in September 2015 to understand whether it was still fit for purpose in 2015 considering it had been raised in 2005. RMDS re-versioned the MCR and added comments to confirm that it had been revisited in 2015.

The re-versioned MCR included the comment made by T Heasley whereby consideration of Gas market and electricity market interactions as well as NI and ROI jurisdictional implications must be accommodated in context of original design. J Gregory stated that the detail relating to Gas market implications and NI/ROI jurisdictional operation had not been determined but if there was interest by MPs to progress this MCR it would be further investigated.

At Today's Meeting:

For Approval

MCR 69 – has been approved by the ReMCoWG.

MCR 73 V4.0 Proposal to make first name mandatory on Market Messages

J Gregory stated that like MCR 69, this MCR has also been re-versioned following discussion at the IGG in September 2015. The purpose of re-versioning is to ensure that the MCR is fit for purpose in 2015. The main change provides detail relating to the upcoming Eircode changes and how this would impact on the initial requirement for the MCR.

At Today's Meeting:

For Approval

MCR 73 – has been approved by the ReMCoWG at V4.0

MMR & CoMMR December 2015

J Gregory informed the forum that the MMR & Co-MMR that were going to be included into the December TIBCO Schema Release 2015 will still be going ahead.

The Co-MMR will introduce:

4 New CoBLCRs

2 Market Message guides

- 1 RoI Change related to MCR 1156
- 1 NI MMIG Change – Meter Works

3 Non Conformances

The CoBL will be revised and re-versioned to v2.6

All information will be issued to the Market in prior to the CoBL change.

Schema Release 2016 – Prioritisation

J Gregory informed the Working Group that a question was raised at the earlier IGG forum relating to how the TIBCO programme delay will impact on the release date for the 2016 Schema Release.

J Gregory confirmed that the intention is to progress all planning in relation to the schema release 2016 considering where possible the TIBCO Programme delay. The final delivery date for Schema release 2016 will need to accommodate the TIBCO programme release in March 2016.

J Gregory presented slides to the forum that summarised the results of the Prioritisation exercise. 3 different matrices were used in the prioritisation exercise. The MCRs were rated depending on the jurisdictional applicability. That is a ranking was provided for MCRs which were ROI specific only (by ROI suppliers), NI specific only (by NI suppliers) and a score was provided against all 10 MCRs for Suppliers who existed in both markets.

The prioritisation exercise was carried out to provide data and inputs to assist with the decision making relating to content and delivery package schedule. Both jurisdictions' changes will be taken into consideration. The prioritisation lists have been issued to ESBN and NIE Networks who will decide on a delivery schedule and the content that will be included in the Schema Release 2016.

J Gregory stated that as mentioned in the IGG meeting if there are any Non-Schema changes that relate to any of the changes in the Schema Release these will all be considered during the content/delivery date determination process.

The next steps for the 2016 Schema Release are to issue a proposed package of MCRs with delivery dates to the Market for review and comments by the 16th December 2015. This will allow for Suppliers to begin the planning process for the 2016 Schema changes.

T Heasley enquired if there is a limit to the number of MCRs that will be considered for delivery, i.e. would only the top 5 be selected? J Gregory responded that all Market Participants have listed what they feel is important, however there is only capacity (financial, resources and other work requirements) to deliver some changes. As an example, there may only be three of the MCRs included in the 2016 Schema Release.

C O'Connor added that traditionally, the Network teams will look at the timelines to deliver each change and also to look at interdependencies between the changes. There may be some low ranking changes (according to prioritisation) that could tie in well with the first ranking change on the list and therefore it makes technical sense to delivery those 2 changes together. These are some of the considerations looked at by ESBN/NIE Networks during the process where the content/delivery schedule is determined.

T Heasley enquired whether it is likely that Eircodes will be delivered alongside the Schema Release? J Gregory responded that this is likely to happen. C O'Connor added that although definite, it is probable that the delivery schedule will take place in Q4 of 2016.

J Gregory added that regularity requirements can mandate MCRs being included in Schema release packages. C O'Connor stated that from an RoI perspective there may be no choice but to deliver the Vulnerable Customers, Eircodes and Public lighting changes.

G McHale added that the RoI public lighting Change will be similar to the NI unmetered change, however NIE Networks are still awaiting approval on this.

C O'Connor added that there may be no non discretionary changes made in the 2016 Schema Release. As Vulnerable Customers, Eircodes and Public lighting changes are three major changes needed for 2016.

2016 Forum dates

All dates for WG, IGG, CDA, SG were published at the forum and will be issued to all participants following the meeting.

6. Notice Board: Planned Maintenance, Reminders from IGG etc.

Outage Dates:

- ESB may require the 3rd Sunday to be utilised for an outage. ROI only
- ESB will advise via RMDS as per normal outages process.

Full Outage details are available on the RMDS Website.

7. AOB

Next ReMCoWG:

- 13th January 2016 - Dublin

Please add 2016 dates to diaries and new start times for 2016 meetings.

T Heasley added that it may be beneficial for the NI Suppliers who were not in attendance at todays IGG meeting to be informed of the Secure meters Disaster Recovery as it is now cross jurisdictional.

J Gregory added that the action that had been taken at the IGG forum would be better placed at the WG as it had cross jurisdictional relevance.

G McHale stated the last update on the DR that she was aware of is that Secure Meters is still awaiting some suppliers to respond with comments on the DR. She added that any delay to the process was as a result of this. Suppliers are urged to respond with comments as soon as possible. She added that Secure requests that even if they do not have comments or questions to respond so that Secure is aware that all are on board. Secure can then close this item and progress with whatever action or next steps. She added that the upcoming CDA forum included an item which was requesting all NI Suppliers to respond to Secure Meters with comments as soon as possible to allow Secure to progress the action.

J Gregory confirmed that this will be taken as an action from the IGG and added as an action the Working Group.