

ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

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| Date: | 16 th January 2019 | Time & Location | 12:30 – 13:30 – CRU Offices - Dublin |
| Chair: | Lindsay Sharpe - ReMCoDS | | |
| Attendees: | Name | Location | |
| | Alice Mooney, Patrick Moran | ReMCoDS | |
| | Alan Keegan, Fergus O'Toole, Maeve Gallagher (Observers) | CRU | |
| | John Bracken, Elaine Sexton | ESBN | |
| | Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith | NIE Networks | |
| | Sarah Fuller | Gemserv | |
| | Neil Patterson | Power NI | |
| | Jim Wynne | Electric Ireland | |
| | Kevin Sheridan | Energia | |
| | Niall Kelly | Click Energy | |
| | Siobhan Melvin, William Doyle, Arthur Vaz | SSE Airtricity | |
| | Natalie O'Brien | Flogas | |
| | Moiketsi Ramaili | Panda Power | |
| | Ben Lambon, Mark Speers | BGE | |
| Apologies: | | | |
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| Agenda: | |
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1 – Introduction

L Sharpe enquired if everyone was happy to sign off and approve the last Working Group Minutes of 13th November 2018.

All Agreed.
Approved.

2 - ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been one ReMCoSG Meeting held since the last ReMCoWG on 27th November 2018. The next ReMCoSG Meeting is scheduled for 20th February 2019.

Refer to slide for details.

There were two points of interest for MPs from the ReMCoSG. A new action (148) was logged for “*ESBN to investigate if the release date of 28th January 2019 for the v12.00.00 Schema Release can be brought forward*”. The Schema Release was brought forward by ESNB and sent to MPs in December 2018.

The UR gave an update on de-harmonisation. *The UR is hopeful that a decision on de-harmonisation might be made in the next two or three months.*

3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

L Sharpe provided the Action Items Update.

There are no open ReMCoWG Actions.

Action Items

4. Actions – New ReMCoWG Actions

No new Actions were logged at this meeting.

5. Retail Market Design Update

L Sharpe provided the Retail Market Design Update.

DR/MCRs

MCR1189 – Additional code in the 017MM to select a de-energisation with a Service Removal.

This MCR was approved as a DR at the last IGG on 13/11/2018. It is applicable to ROI but is Schema Impacting.

The change summary in the slide outlines both the interim solution and the details of the new code which is the enduring solution. This DR was raised after a safety concern.

Refer to slide for full details.

B Lambon stated that BGE is happy to approve the MCR. He asked if this release would be delivered in 2022 as it is not in the plan for the v.13.00.00 release in 2020.

L Sharpe replied that ReMCoDS will revert to BGE directly on this.

ReMCoDS sought approval of this MCR.

MCR1189 approved

Market Release v12.00.00

L Sharpe presented slides on v12.00.00.

RMDS has created a section on the RMDS website which contains all of the information on the release. Two slides showed screenshots detailing the location on the RMDS Website where v12.00.00 is stored.

Refer to slides for full details.

Since the last ReMCoWG, ReMCoDS has published the following:

- V12.0000 IPT Plan
- Self-Service Approach for Schema update
- Co-ordinated V12.00.00 IPT Plan

Self Service Process Workshop.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 between 10:30 to 12:30 in the City North Hotel. Suppliers should ensure that one technical and one business representative attends the workshop. Supplier attendance is mandatory.

Suppliers are asked to confirm their attendance to ReMCoDS by Monday 21st January 2019.

K Sheridan reported that this self-service approach is introducing both risk and extra costs for Energia in

terms of extra man hours. As this approach was flagged late, Energia had costed it differently. Energia will review the documentation provided by ESBN and NIE Networks and see if it reduces any fears it has. For self-service it is important to have all relevant information out on time and good communications.

J Bracken reported that this self-service approach was used for upgrades by ESBN prior to harmonisation in 2012. Due to the increasing numbers of Suppliers in the Market, a self-service approach has to be used for such releases.

G McHale reported that ESBN and NIE Networks have taken steps to mitigate the risk by using a step by step process. This will be outlined at the workshop on 23rd January 2019. Technical representatives will be available on the day to answer any questions Suppliers have. She urged Suppliers to review all documentation with their IT Teams.

S Melvin asked if Suppliers will be given different time slots in which to upgrade. How will Atos handle the situation if several different Suppliers are having issues at the same time?

E Sexton replied that the same technical resources who carry out IPT will also carry out the Cutover. ESBN and NIE Networks technical teams have tried and tested this approach and will walk through the process step by step at the Self Service Workshop on 23rd January 2019.

B Lambon enquired as to when the release packs will be issued and asked what will they include.

E Sexton replied that the release packs will be issued by the end of today 16.01.2019. Specific refinements pertaining to individual Suppliers will also be included.

Attendees expressed their concern with regard to Suppliers who don't usually engage or attend workshops. Their lack of engagement could create issues that could tie up resources in Atos which could negatively impact other Suppliers who have engaged.

J Bracken reported that ReMCoDS, NIE Networks and ESBN will endeavour to engage with all MPs before 23rd January 2019 to ensure that they attend this workshop.

A Keegan added that CRU will liaise with ReMCoDS, NIE Networks and ESBN to ensure full engagement from MPs.

2018 Statistics

The statistics for 2018 have been uploaded onto the RMDS Website. They include the following:

- ReMCoWG Actions
- Change Requests
- Outages

Refer to slides for full details.

Outages

- There is a planned outage for the TIBCO Market Messaging System for Sunday 20th January from 08:00 to 20:00 to facilitate database preparation for February Re-Org.
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the RMDS Website.

6. De-harmonisation Update

L Sharpe gave an update on De-harmonisation in Section 2 ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback.

“The UR are hopeful that a decision on de-harmonisation might be made in the next two or three months”.

S Melvin asked if CRU or NIE Networks have had any further engagement with the UR on de-harmonisation.

Both F O’Toole and G McHale replied that they have not had an further engagement with the UR on this de-harmonisation. F O’Toole added that UR stated that they are still looking at further options with the teams within the UR.

7. ESBN/NIE Networks Update

G McHale & E Sexton presented the ESBN/NIE Networks Update.

TIBCO Performance

G McHale presented slides on the number of unplanned Supplier Outages in December.

Refer to slides for details.

There were twelve unplanned Supplier outages in December which is in line with the normal figures. Some Suppliers are having multiple outages ranging from one hour to four days.

She reminded Suppliers of the new Webforms facility which allows Suppliers to record their planned outages in Webforms which notifies Atos directly of the details. Once recorded in the system Suppliers receive a confirmation email stating that Atos has received the detail of the outage. This new facility was outlined at a technical workshop which was held in November.

Suppliers must also ensure to execute their daily, weekly and monthly housekeeping activities.

Suppliers should complete a database re-org every six months and should also have a dedicated database person.

Suppliers were advised in September 2017 that the Oracle Standard Edition and Standard Edition One are now out of support and extended support is not available. She urged Suppliers to upgrade to Oracle Standard Edition 2 as soon as possible if not already done so. It is Supplier’s responsibility to do this oracle upgrade.

Special ReMCoWG Meeting – Smart Metering MCRs

E Sexton reported that the ESBN Smart Team is planning to schedule a special ReMCoWG Meeting in February to review the re-versioned Smart Metering MCRs. Due to the fact that the Smart Metering MCRs are Schema Impacting, both IGG, ReMCoWG and Smart Metering ILG representatives will be invited to attend this Meeting. One DR will also be included in this Meeting. ReMCoDS will also seek approval for this DR as an MCR at the special ReMCoWG Meeting to ensure that it makes the v12.00.00 release in April.

8. CRU Smart Metering Update

A Keegan provided a SMART Metering update.

- ESNB publicly announced this morning the completion of Procurements for Phase 1.

A Keegan acknowledged the work undertaken by ESNB over the past year. It is a big milestone for the project and is very encouraging.

- Work has also come to a close on the re-versioning of the Smart Metering MCRs. A special ReMCoWG will take place in February.
- CRU is progressing two Decisions which closed in December, i.e. on Time & Use and Profile Removal.

He thanked MPs for submitting their responses to both Consultations.

- A decision on the Meter Allocation Consultation will be published shortly.
- CRU is engaging with ESNB and Suppliers on the Communications and Awareness Working Group

9. Next Steps & AOB

No items were raised in AOB.

Next ReMCoWG:

- 6th March 2019 in Belfast.

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Retail Market Coordination Design Service