

ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

Date:	6 th March 2019	Time & Location	13:00 – 14:00 – UR Offices – Belfast
Chair:	Lindsay Sharpe - ReMCoDS		
Attendees:	Name	Location	
	Alice Mooney, Patrick Moran	ReMCoDS	
	Alan Keegan, (Observer)	CRU	
	Carl Murphy, Elaine Sexton, Aileen Greaves	ESBN	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith, Kerri Webb	NIE Networks	
	Sarah Fuller	Gemserv	
	Neil Patterson	Power NI	
	Mark Phelan	Electric Ireland	
	Kevin Sheridan	Energia	
	Adam Diamond, Leola McErlane	Go Power	
	Siobhan Melvin	SSE Airtricity	
	Jennie Dockrell	Flogas	
	Moiketsi Ramaili, Alan Reynolds	Panda Power	
	Ben Lambon	BGE	
Apologies:			
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2.	ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback
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6.	De-harmonisation Update
7.	ESBN/NIE Networks Update
8.	CRU SMART Metering Update
9.	Next Steps & AOB

1 – Introduction

L Sharpe enquired if everyone was happy to sign off and approve the last Working Group Minutes of 16th January 2019.

All Agreed.
Approved.

2 - ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been no ReMCoSG Meeting since the last ReMCoWG. The Meeting on 20/02/2019 was postponed due the unavailability of CRU. This Meeting will be rescheduled shortly

The following ReMCoSG Meeting is scheduled for 22nd May 2019.

Refer to slide for details.

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

MCR1167 – Facilitate Energy efficiencies in Local Authority Public Lighting.

This MCR was issued to MPs on 19/02/2019. There are no changes to the functionality or design and the re-versioned MCR contains cosmetic changes only.

This re-versioned MCR was discussed at the IGG which preceded this Meeting, see IGG Minutes for discussion.

The MCR was approved by attendees at the IGG. K Sheridan approved the MCR in principle but asked for some time to review the changes to the MCR internally. He agreed to revert with approval by 08/03/2019.

(K Sheridan subsequently approved the MCR on 07/03/2019).

MCR1167 approved.

Market Release v12.00.00

L Sharpe presented a slide on v12.00.00.

Refer to slide for full details.

RMDS has a section on the RMDS website which contains all of the information on the release.

IPT is ongoing at the moment, it started last week and will continue on into next week.

L Sharpe alerted MPs to a number of key dates in the slide:

- The Cutover Readiness workshop will take place on Thursday 4th April 2019. ReMCoDS will issue the date and time of the Workshop shortly but it will probably be from 10:00 to 12:00 in the City North Hotel. Attendance at this workshop is mandatory.
- A more detailed Cutover plan will issue on 29th March 2019 ahead of the Cutover workshop.
- Cutover is taking place on the Easter Weekend, starting Thursday 18th April 2019 for ROI and Friday 19th April 2019 for NI, finishing for both on Monday 22nd April 2019 with Go-Live on Tuesday morning 23rd April 2019.
- On the 23rd April 2019, ReMCoDS will update the design documentation on the RMDS website.
- Hypercare will start from 23rd April through to the 7th May 2019.

Market Release v13.00.00

L Sharpe presented a slide on v13.00.00.

Refer to slides for full details.

The ILG has concluded its work on the re-versioned Smart MCRs

By the close of business today, ReMCoDS will issue an email to MPs with the five re-versioned Smart MCRs. A special ReMCoWG will take place on Wednesday 20th March to work through these MCRs and seek approval for them. One of them is a DR, so ReMCoDS will be looking for approval for this as both a DR and an MCR at the same meeting. The Smart Metering Team will walk through the five MCRs at the Meeting and answer any questions.

ReMCoDS will confirm the time and venue shortly, but it will probably be the City North Hotel from 10:30 to 12:30.

Outages

- There is a planned outage for the TIBCO Market Messaging System on Sunday 10th March from 08:00 to 20:00 to facilitate a Re Org of the TIBCO HUB Database. This outage was brought forward a week due to the following Sunday (usual 3rd Sunday in the month) being St Patricks Day and a Bank Holiday).
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the RMDS Website.

6. De-harmonisation Update

L Sharpe gave an update on De-harmonisation.

She reported that the UR briefed ReMCoDS with the following update for this meeting:

“An information paper is being finalised with the plan to publish it to market participants through ReMCoDS in the next 5-10 working days. This paper will provide the final position that has been reached. The paper and any clarifications can be discussed with the supplier reps at the ReMCoSG.”

7. ESN/NIE Networks Update

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

TIBCO Performance

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

Refer to slides for details.

There were fourteen unplanned Supplier outages in February which is in line with the normal figures. Some Suppliers are still having multiple outages. She reminded Suppliers to advise their IT Teams to use the new facility on Webforms which allows them to advise Atos of any planned outages they have. It's a simple form to complete and it makes it easier when you come back on line to receive your Market Messages more quickly.

She reminded Suppliers to do their normal housekeeping by completing their daily, monthly and weekly activities and also to carry out their database re orgs.

Market Systems Outage

G McHale presented slides on the unplanned Market Systems outage which took place on 13th/14th February.

Refer to slides for details.

She provided the following details of the outage:

- Duration

- System impacts
- Root Cause.

She reported that a full investigation into the outage is underway. ESBN/NIE Networks will provide a summary of the outage at the next ReMCoWG in May.

Unplanned outage 6th March 2019.

G McHale added that an unplanned outage took place this morning 6th March 2019. This outage was resolved quite quickly. It wasn't an issue with any infrastructure services or the HUB itself but was due to an issue with one Supplier's EMMA, which was slowing down and impacting the ability to send Market Messages to other Supplier's.

Initially it appeared that a lot of Suppliers were off line but this actually wasn't the case. NIE Networks/ESBN took action to disconnect the EMMA which was causing the issue and all backlogged Market Messages flowed quite quickly after that. ESBN/NIE Networks is currently looking into this matter and is working to try and get that particular Supplier EMMA back online today.

TIBCO Roadmap 2019

G McHale presented a slide on the TIBCO Roadmap for 2019.

Refer to slide for details.

As a number of components within the TIBCO application are reaching end of life Support, ESBN/NIE Networks need to maintain system availability and to ensure that it has the latest version of the components in order to remain in support. Therefore ESBN/NIE Networks needs to progress with a TIBCO Upgrade Project in 2019. There are no functional changes being planned as part of the project. Detail project planning is underway with high level timelines, along with carrying out a level of market assurance. The level and depth of assurance is to be determined based on the changes. ESB/NIE Networks is planning the assurance in August 2019 with the upgrade taking place in September 2019.

S Melvin asked how much market assurance there will be. She also asked when in August the testing will take place.

G McHale replied that as there are no functional changes required and there will be a different level of testing since the last upgrade. ESBN/NIE Networks will issue the Project Plan, steps and scope in due course. MPs will essentially be testing their processes which are currently in place and there is no changes to those processes. If needs be, conference calls and meetings will be set up.

She is not exactly sure when in August the testing will start but MPs will need to block out 2/3 weeks in August.

April 2019 Market Schema Release

G McHale presented slides on the April 2019 Market Schema Release.

She outlined the key cutover dates for both ROI and NI Participants, Supplier Cutover Readiness and things that Suppliers should consider before the cutover

Refer to slides for details.

8. CRU Smart Metering Update

A Keegan provided a SMART Metering update.

- Work has concluded on the re-versioning of the Smart Metering MCRs. He acknowledged and thanked all the good work that has been done by ESNB and Suppliers on this.
- As already briefed the special ReMCoWG is taking place in March.
- CRU published a Decision on Time of Use last week.
- The consultation on Meter Allocation has closed and CRU is targeting for publication in April.
- A decision on the Profile Removal and Residual Error will be published in early April.
- ESNB is working on its approach on the Communications and Awareness for the Smart Meter Rollout. He encouraged Suppliers to give their input to this.
- ESNB is going into the phase of looking at deployment planning and the approach to rollout which will take place later on this year.

9. Next Steps & AOB

No items were raised in AOB.

Next ReMCoWG:

- 1st May 2019 in Dublin.

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Retail Market Coordination Design Service