

ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

Date:	6 th November 2019	Time & Location	13:00 – 14:00 – UR Offices – Belfast
Chair:	Lindsay Sharpe – ReMCoDS		
Attendees:	Name	Location	
	Alice Mooney	ReMCoDS	
	Lisa Fahy (Observer)	CRU	
	Carl Murphy, Emer Corcoran	ESBN	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith	NIE Networks	
	Sarah Fuller	Gemserv	
	Mark Phelan	Electric Ireland	
	Ben Lambon	BGE	
	Roisin McCann, Cian Fitzgerald, Imelda McCoy	Energia	
	Siobhan Melvin, Andrew McCorrison	SSE Airtricity	
	Jennie Dockrell	Flogas	
	Niall Kelly	Click Energy	
	Keith Cusack	Eirgrid	
Apologies:			
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Status	Draft		

Agenda:	
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1 – Introduction

L Sharpe enquired if everyone was happy to sign off and approve the Minutes of the last Working Group on 13th September 2019 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary ReMCoWG/IGG on 30th September 2019.

All Agreed.

Both Minutes Approved.

2 - ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been no ReMCoSG Meeting since the last ReMCoWG.

The next ReMCoSG Meeting is scheduled for 20.11.2019.

3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

L Sharpe provided the Action Items Update.

There were 3 open ReMCoWG Actions.

164	ReMCoDS to schedule an extraordinary ReMCoWG/IGG in the coming weeks.		
Update for ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action logged at the last ReMCoWG. The Extraordinary ReMCoWG/IGG took place on 30th September. 		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action was deemed closed. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: ReMCoDS	Status: deemed closed	Due Date: 06.11.2019

165	ESBN/NIE Networks to consider via the ReMCoSG if the Final Recommendation Report on De-harmonisation could be made available to MPs.		
Update for ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action logged at the last ReMCoWG. 		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G McHale that NIE Networks is currently finalising a summary report which has been agreed by all parties. The report will include the original details from ESBN and NIE Networks, MP responses and an update on the various options. The Report will be issued by the end of the week. Action remains open. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: ESBN/NIE Networks	Status: remains open	Due Date: 16.01.2020

166	Interim Releases - ESBN to consider the possibility of interim releases between v13.00.00 in 2020 and the following Schema release.		
Update for ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action logged at the Extraordinary ReMCoWG/IGG on 30th September. L Sharpe reported that ReMCoDS issued a response to this action on behalf of ESBN on 24.10.2019. 		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action deemed closed. 		
Forum Logged: Extraordinary WG/IGG	Assigned to: ESBN	Status: deemed closed	Due Date: 06.11.2019

4. Actions – New ReMCoWG Actions

1 new Action was logged at this meeting.

167	NIE Networks to issue a note to Suppliers with regard to saving files on the EMMA		
Discussion at ReMCoWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 7 ESBN/NIE Networks Update for details. 		
Forum Logged: WG	Assigned to: NIE Networks	Status: New Action	Due Date: 16.01.2020

5. Retail Market Design Update

L Sharpe provided the Retail Market Design Update.

V13.00.00 Market Release - Update

L Sharpe presented slides on V13.00.00 Market Release.

She presented slides on Scope, Plan, Briefing Document Publication Dates and MCR re-versioning Approval. *These slides were already presented at the IGG which preceded this Meeting.*

Refer to slides for full details.

There are seven MCRs in the package for release in 2020, five of which are Smart Metering.

The V13.00.00 release is progressing well. The PQs are with ROI MPs at the moment and the closing date is 18.11.2019.

The last draft Schema was issued at the end of September and draft v3.0 is due to be issued at the end of December.

Some key dates for MCR1135 Webservice have been added into the plan. This MCR is ROI only and ReMCoDS will issue out the draft Metadata xml format and sample data on request in Q1/2020.

B Lambon asked if the draft Metadata will be issued in January 2020.

E Corcoran replied that ESNB doesn't have a confirmed date but will give an update on this at the IGG Conference Call in December.

Briefing Document Publication Dates.

L Sharpe reported that ReMCoDS issued some draft Briefing docs to MPs in the Summer for eight of the Briefing documents. ReMCoDS will issue updated documents for all of the Briefing documents effected by Smart Program which include three new documents by 19th December with the exception of Estimation of NQH Meter Readings which will be issued in 2020.

MCR Re-versioning Approval.

L Sharpe added that ReMCoDS hosted a workshop some weeks ago to review the Smart Metering MCRs.

Refer to slide for full details.

The MCRs were subsequently updated following the workshop and re-issued to MPs.

L Sharpe sought approval for the MCRs.

MCR1157, MCR1158, MCR1159, MCR1160, MCR1161, MCR1135 & MCR0176 Approved.

MCR1197 – Keypad Meters for Micro Business.

L Sharpe reported that this MCR was approved as a DR at the last ReMCoWG. It is NI specific and is Schema impacting.

Refer to slide for full details.

Approval was sought for this MCR.

MCR1197 was approved.

DR1202 – Micro Generating Process.

L Sharpe reported that this new DR is NI specific.

Refer to slide for full details.

Classification as NI specific was sought for this DR.

DR1202 was classified as NI specific.

Forum Dates 2020

L Sharpe reported that the forum dates for 2020 are now available on the RMDS website under <https://rmdservice.com/guidance-documents>

Outages

- There are no planned outages for November.
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the RMDS Website.

6. De-harmonisation Update

L Sharpe provided the De-harmonisation Update.

ReMCoDS issued on behalf of NIE Networks and ESNB an email outlining the response from UR and CRU on the preferred option 4. As already discussed in Action 165, ReMCoDS will issue the summary report to MPs shortly.

7. ESNB/NIE Networks Update

G McHale presented the ESNB/NIE Networks Update.

TIBCO Outages

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

Refer to slides for details.

There were twelve unplanned Supplier outages in October. Four Suppliers had more than one outage in the month and eight Suppliers made up the unplanned outages. There were two planned outages in October. She reminded Suppliers to continue to use the planned notification option which is easier for NIE Networks to manage outages and is also easier and quicker for Suppliers to come back online and process Market Messages after an outage. This is especially relevant for NI Suppliers as this is the process for measuring the balance scorecard.

With regard to house-keeping, Suppliers are reminded to do their daily, weekly, monthly and six-monthly activities in terms of their database re-orgs in order to keep their EMMA efficient. Suppliers should not be adding or saving any files to the filestore. The filestore is there for EMMA Market Messages only. NIE Networks is finding that some Suppliers are storing other files on the filestore which is affecting the efficiency of the EMMA because there is not enough space available.

L Fahy asked why Suppliers would be storing other files on the EMMA.

G McHale replied that she doesn't know why some Suppliers are doing this. NIE Networks is unable to see what files Suppliers are storing and these files can have a long term affect on the EMMA. She agreed to issue a note to Suppliers with regard to saving files on the EMMA.

A new action was logged: **Action 167- NIE Networks to issue a note to Suppliers with regard to saving files on the EMMA.**

With regard to Digital Certificates, G McHale reported that the certificates range from one to three years. She reminded Suppliers to ensure that their Digital Certificates are up to date. Suppliers get a reminder 60 days before the certificate is due to expire from the TIBCO system. Digital Certificates are required for both Production and Test EMMAs. If Suppliers don't keep these up to date, the Certificates will no longer work. A year ago, or so, NIE Networks asked Suppliers to provide generic email addresses to put into the TIBCO system to enable the notifications to be sent to the right people to take action.

TIBCO Upgrade Project

G McHale presented slides on the TIBCO Upgrade Project.

Refer to slides for full details.

The HUB was successfully upgrade on 5th October 2019 and finished slightly ahead of schedule. The MP EMMA upgrades started on 7th October. Nine MPs were upgraded successfully. During the 10th EMMA upgrade an issue was identified whereby Market Messages were completing more slowly than the current solution which caused a backlog of Market Messages. Manual actions were carried out on the particular EMMA in question to ensure that all Market Messages were being processed in a timely manner and was therefore able to avoid any business impact. NIE Networks & ESB Networks were meanwhile carrying out an investigation into the route cause. It was decided to postpone all the remaining EMMA upgrades as a precaution.

Investigations indicated that the issue may have occurred for some MPs whilst others remain unaffected. The issue was related to Digital Certificates and protocols and how they were processing the Market Messages.

NIE Networks & ESB Networks interacted with TIBCO on a regular basis on this matter. TIBCO sent through a fix which was implemented and tested on a number of different systems. After Atos completed the tests and were comfortable, it applied the fix on 28th October. NIE Networks & ESB Networks monitored the situation for a couple of days and recommenced the EMMA upgrades for the remaining Suppliers and a new schedule was issued. All EMMAs will get the fix updated, even those that weren't impacted. NIE Networks & ESB Networks are conducting further analysis to determine the root cause of the issue and to identify any learnings for future upgrades.

8. CRU Smart Metering Update

L Fahy provided a SMART Metering update.

- The Smart Metering Program is still on track. ESNB has informed CRU that 5,000 new Smart Meters have been installed to date. ESNB is increasing the installation rate to try to get 20,000 Meters installed by Christmas.
- The CRU hoped to publish the Supplier Handbook last week, but it has been delayed. CRU is aiming to publish it by 16.11.2019. The Handbook implements the Smart Metering Policy decisions.

9. Next Steps & AOB

No items were raised in AOB.

S Melvin reported that she is leaving SSE Airtricity to take up a new post. She thanked MPs for all their help and assistance in the last number of years.

Next ReMCoWG:

- Thursday 16th January 2020 in Dublin.

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Retail Market Coordination Design Service