

## ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	<b>Time &amp; Location</b>	12:30 Conference Call
<b>Chair:</b>	Lindsay Sharpe – ReMCoDS		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	
	Alice Mooney, Catherine Keane	ReMCoDS	
	Lisa Fahy (Observer)	CRU	
	Alan Keegan, Siobhan Melvin, Emer Corcoran	ESBN	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith	NIE Networks	
	Sarah Fuller	Gemserv	
	Mark Phelan, Sean Doolin	Electric Ireland	
	Eoin McGurk	BGE	
	Megan Nolan	Naturgy	
	Aaron Currie	SSE Airtricity	
	Seamus Gray	Budget Energy	
	Niall Kelly	Click Energy	
	Gavin Crawley, Nathan Pike	Bright Energy	
	Donovan Sheridan	Prepaypower	
	Roisin McCann	Energia	
<b>Apologies:</b>			
<b>Version Number</b>	1.0		
<b>Status</b>	Draft		

<b>Agenda:</b>	
1.	Introduction
2.	ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback
3.	Actions from Previous ReMCoWG
4.	Actions – New ReMCoWG Actions
5.	Retail Market Design Update
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 Minutes of the last Working Group on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

All Agreed.

**Minutes Approved.**

### 2. ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been 1 ReMCoSG Meeting since the last ReMCoWG on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

**Refer to slide** for full details.

The next ReMCoSG Meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### 3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

L Sharpe provided the Action Items Update.

There is one open ReMCoWG Action.

<b>169</b>	<b>Secure Meters DR Test - MPs to revert to NIE Networks via ReMCoDS with any concerns on the proposed date of 26th September 2020 for the DR Test</b>		
<b>Update for ReMCoWG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action was logged at the last ReMCoWG.</li> <li>L Sharpe reported that the date of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 did suit MPs, so this date has been chosen for the DR Test.</li> </ul>		
<b>Discussion at ReMCoWG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action deemed closed.</li> </ul>		
<b>Forum Logged:</b> WG	<b>Assigned to:</b> MPs	<b>Status:</b> deemed closed	<b>Due Date:</b> 02.09.2020

### 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.

### V13.00.00 Market Release - Update

L Sharpe presented slides on the V13.00.00 Market Release.

She presented slides on Scope, the Plan, the Co-ordinated Cutover Plan Update and MCR Re-Versioning Approval. (*This release was also discussed at the IGG which followed this forum*).

**Refer to slides** for full details.

All seven MCRs in scope for the release are on track. With regard to the plan on the page, we are coming to the end of Q3. For market assurance in ROI, the formal assessments which Gemserv carried out with ESNB and Suppliers have been completed. There is a report with CRU on this at the moment.

The next big milestone is IPT in ROI scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020. In advance of that, test EMMAs for MPs in both ROI and NI will need to be upgraded to v13.00.00. Similar to how it worked for the v12.00.00 release, this will be a Self-Supplier upgrade on EMMAs. All Suppliers will be given a script to run for their Test EMMA. This is also the model that will be used to upgrade the Production EMMAs during Cutover. ReMCoDS will organise a workshop for the technical contacts for each Supplier for hopefully the end of September. ReMCoDS is still waiting to confirm the date and will issue the details in due course. The workshop will detail how the self-supplier upgrade on the Test EMMAs will work. ReMCoDS will also schedule a window in early October for all of the Test EMMAs to be upgraded to v13.00.00 and there will be support from Atos available to MPs during their scheduled window.

Schema Release Draft 3 was issued to MPs in late July/early August. The next draft is due at the end of September with the final draft being issued in December 2020.

Draft 2 of the sample Market Message files and screenshots were sent out in July.

With regard to the Cutover plan, ReMCoDS issued an email on 25<sup>th</sup> August stating that ESNB will issue the co-ordinated overall cutover plan on the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The overall cutover plan will advise MPs of the high-level dates of the different activities and deliverables for the cutover from v12.00.00 to v13.00.00 which is taking place in December. ESNB apologises for the delay in sharing this information with MPs. If MPs have any questions before this is issued next week, they should send them into ReMCoDS.

### MCR Re-Versioning Approval

ReMCoDS issued the reversioned MCRs to MPs on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. ReMCoDS held a workshop in August and subsequently sent out re-versioned MCRs after the workshop.

L Sharpe sought approval for the five re-versioned MCRs.

The five re-versioned MCRs were approved.

MPs should note that the market design documentation associated with each MCR is linked in each of the PDF's that were issued via the ReMCoDS email on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Once approved the updated MCRs and associated linked Design Documents will be made available on the RMDS website.

### Co-MMR 12.1

L Sharpe reported that Co-MMR 12.1 went live on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The CoBL is now at v4.1 and includes new ROI Supplier IDs. Full details of the changes are on <https://rmdservice.com/baseline-change-history/>

### Outages

- There are no outages scheduled for September as of yet
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the RMDS Website.

## 6. De-harmonisation Update

L Sharpe reported that she doesn't have an update on de-harmonisation.

There has been no change since the last ReMCoWG. ESN/NIE Networks are still waiting on further direction from the RAs.

## 7. ESN/NIE Networks Update

G McHale presented the ESN/NIE Networks Update.

### TIBCO Outages

**Refer to slides** for details.

G McHale reported that there were fourteen unplanned Supplier outages in July and two planned outages. There were some Suppliers that had multiple unplanned outages. Suppliers have been using the planned outage notification option that is in webforms. Suppliers should continue to let NIE Networks/ESBN know when there is a planned outage as this ensures that EMMAs come back online more easily whenever the outage is complete.

G McHale reminded Suppliers of the general housekeeping reminder in terms of all the activities that they should be doing on a daily, weekly, monthly and six-monthly basis e.g. database re-orgs which keep EMMAs running more efficiently.

### Secure Meters DR Test

G McHale presented a slide on the Secure Meters DR Test.

**Refer to slide** for details.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were put in place earlier in the year, it was decided to defer the Secure Meters DR Test from May to later in the year. It has been agreed that it will go ahead on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The Secure Meters timeline and instruction document has been issued to all Suppliers. Conference Calls

have commenced and will continue on a bi-weekly basis for the next week or so and will then move to weekly calls.

The approach being followed is similar to last year's approach with a small number of main tests including key Suppliers with the Go Decision expected by 04:30/05:00 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. NIE Networks/ESBN finds this approach more streamlined than it has been in previous years. NIE Networks/ESBN are able to shave off the go decision time by a couple of hours and to get systems back up and running earlier as well.

Supplier connection checks should be completed by this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020. All Pre-cutover checks need to be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and written confirmation provided to Secure Meters. Suppliers will also need to provide contingency plans by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Contingency plans have been in place for a number of years but it is important to review them to ensure that the details are still up to date and if there are any different processes that are being followed now in light of the Covid-19 implications put on MPs such as remote versus office working.

Suppliers should ensure that the contact lists that Secure Meters has for them are accurate. These lists are used for the email and technical notifications in the lead up to and during the site switch itself. Any changes to contacts should be communicated to Secure Meters as soon as possible. In the past, there have been scenarios where contacts changed, which meant NIE Networks/ESBN weren't able to communicate with particular Suppliers on the night of the site switch itself.

## 8. CRU Smart Metering Update

L Fahy provided a SMART Metering update.

- Deployment of Smart Meters is progressing well and has ramped back up in light of Covid-19 restrictions being eased. As of 31<sup>st</sup> August, over 120,000 Smart Meters have been installed to date.
- ESBN plans to move to indoor installations in October.

## 9. Next Steps & AOB

No items were raised in AOB.

### Next ReMCoWG:

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in Belfast (subject to change)

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