

## ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<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	ReMCoDS	
	Niki Michael (Observer)	CRU	
	John Bracken, Carl Murphy, Siobhan Melvin, Emer Corcoran	ESBN	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith, Kris Kennedy	NIE Networks	
	Sarah Fuller	Gemserv	
	Antoin O’Lachtnain	Pinery	
	Eoin McGurk, Mark Cousins	BGE	
	Jennie Dockrell	Flogas	
	Ian Grant	Panda Power	
	Jessica Gregory, Patricia Ventura	Community Power	
	Niall Kelly	Click Energy	
	Jessica Gregory, Patricia Ventura, Aidan Byrne	Iberdrola	
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<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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

All Agreed.

**Minutes Approved.**

### 2. ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been one ReMCoSG Meetings since the last ReMCoWG on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The Supplier Reps will issue the minutes to Suppliers shortly.

**Refer to slide** for full details.

The next ReMCoSG Meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 after System Separation will be the last ReMCoSG.

### 3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

L Sharpe provided the Action Items Update.

There are no open ReMCoWG Actions.

### 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.

#### **DR1214 – Interim Metering Responsibilities for Battery Storage**

This Non-Schema DR for interim Metering responsibilities for battery storage has been raised.

L Sharpe asked for classification as ROI Specific.

DR1214 classified as ROI Specific.

#### Outages

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

#### 6. De-harmonisation Update

G McHale presented slides on system separation in Section 7 ESBN/NIE Networks Update.

#### 7. ESBN/NIE Networks Update

K Kennedy & G McHale presented the ESBN/NIE Networks Update.

##### TIBCO Outages

K Kennedy presented slides on TIBCO Outages.

**Refer to slides** for details.

K Kennedy reported that TIBCO is very stable and there is nothing to give NIE Networks/ESBN any major concerns. There was one small Hub outage due to a certificate issue with one Supplier's EMMA.

##### Secure Meters DR Test

K Kennedy reminded MPs that the Secure Meters DR Test is still going ahead for next weekend. He thanked Suppliers for their support so far.

##### System Separation Project Update

G McHale presented slides on System Separation Project Update.

She outlined key dates on the plan in the table: **Refer to slides** for details.

The NI Production and Test EMMA builds have completed. The IPT Plan has been made available. NIE Networks/ESBN is in the middle of IPT Testing at the moment and is due to finish this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Both ESBN and NIE Networks have completed a formal assessment of the project from a market assurance point of view.

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- Production and Test EMMA Builds have been completed for NI.
- IPT Plan issued to MPs.

- IPT Workshop for NI MPs completed – this was purely because all NI MPs were involved in this suite of testing which is different from previous schema releases.
- Webforms Installation and User Guides was issued to MPs.
- The high-level Cutover approach was issued to MPs.
- Project Formal Assessment has been completed.

At this stage, the project plan is on track. The IPT Test phase is in progress and there are no major issues arising out of that test phase itself which is due to complete this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### Webforms Installation Process

- The webforms Installation Guide and Pack were issued to MPs on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- A number of issues were encountered by various suppliers during self-installation process, which ranged from user credentials, access issues, DBA availability and having resources available as and when required.
- NIE Networks/ESBN is reviewing all the issues that have been identified and any learnings/improvements will be incorporated into the new installation pack ahead of cutover. Atos was able to support MPs during the first installation and will be available for support in the future.

L Sharpe added that, from a ROI perspective, not all ROI MPs will have done the first upgrade on the Test environment. Only Suppliers who went through IPT have done the Webforms upgrade on the Test Environments. RMDS will be in touch with those MPs who didn't go through IPT in ROI about the webforms upgrade ahead of cutover.

#### Project Activities up to October 2021

G McHale reported that we are getting very close to the date of Go live on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021. She outlined a number of activities that NIE Networks/ESBN will be working on:

- IPT testing will be completed.
- Detailed Cutover Plan to be issued to MPs.
- Final Market Assurance Report will be issued to RAs in the next couple of weeks.
- Cutover and Hypercare activities. NIE Networks will issue information in terms of what will be included in the hypercare phase.

### **8. CRU Smart Metering Update**

N Michael provided a SMART Metering update.

- Deployment of Smart Meters – at the end of July, 409,138 Smart Meters have been installed. 48,647 were installed in June alone.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021, CRU published an Information paper which set out the CRU recommendations for the National Smart Metering Programme Phase 2 Scoping Exercise. This paper outlines the extension of the timelines for delivery of Phase 2 and Phase 3 functionality by nine months. It also incorporates the MCC02 meters into the ESBN Smart Metering Programme from January 2022.
- Smart PAYG – CRU is planning to publish its decision on Smart PAYG in September.

**9. Next Steps & AOB**

No items in AOB were raised.

**Next ReMCoWG:**

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 was due to be in Belfast but can safely assume that we will be holding the meeting virtually. This is after system separation and will be the last ReMCoWG.