

Introduction

Welcome to the CACoP Newsletter, the voice of the Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP). This quarterly newsletter from the CACoP Forum provides you with the latest information on cross-Code issues, important dates and key events.

In this edition, we will be covering:

- Cross-Code work on supporting any sanction orders
- News and developments across the different Codes, including updates on the Technical Code review and the Energy Code Reform consultation and an invitation to follow us on LinkedIn
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle 11

If you have feedback on this Newsletter or if there are any further items you'd like us to be covering, please contact your Code Administrator – our details are available in the [Code Administration Code of Practice](#).

The Latest Forum Discussions

All the approved minutes from the latest CACoP Forum meetings are now available on the [CACoP website](#).

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Exploring changes to support sanctions

Considering recent geopolitical developments, we have been reviewing the Codes to ensure that in the event sanctions orders are applied to any market participant, they have appropriate provisions to give effect to that sanctions order. Elexon raised this issue with the industry, which has been working closely together to review existing Code provisions and to support the development of any required changes.

Two cross-Code groups were held in March and April 2022 to support this work. Balancing and Settlement code (BSC) modification P438 '[Amending the BSC to address sanction orders](#)' is being progressed to ensure that Elexon can seamlessly give effect to sanctions orders, without breaching the BSC.

Other modifications may be raised in the coming months if required, to ensure that sanction orders across all Codes can be effectively implemented.

Dates for your diary

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- 10th May 2022
- 14th June 2022
- 12th July 2022

Please email cacop@gemserv.com if you would like to attend and observe any of these meetings.

News and Developments

Introducing the new CACoP Forum chair

We are delighted to welcome Tina Pearce as the new chair of the CACoP Forum. Tina has recently joined the Retail Energy Code (REC) Code Manager to head up its Change Management team and will be chairing the Forum for the remainder of 2022.

The Forum also thanks outgoing chair Paul Rocke for his leadership of the group over the last two years.

Cross-Code survey results released

Ofgem published the findings of its latest cross-code survey in January, based on industry feedback gathered throughout the summer of 2021. We are pleased to note the high level of overall satisfaction in Code Administrator performance seen across all Codes, and the improvement in perceived standards since the last survey in 2019.

You can find the full results and further information [here](#).

Technical Codes review

National Grid Electricity System Operator's (ESO) RIIO-2 business plan included a proposal for a digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) encompassing the existing Grid and Distribution Codes. Engagement with stakeholders to gauge the appetite for this work and to set out its scope in more detail took place last year. This led to several possible solutions

and the set-up of an industry Steering Group to provide overall oversight, strategic direction and decision making on behalf of industry.

In February 2022 the Steering Group voted on which elements of the overall proposals should be further developed. Proposals that were backed by the Steering Group were:

- Alignment of Codes
- Digitalisation of Codes
- Guidance and training for the use of Codes
- Code Administrator performance improvement
- Simplification and rationalisation of Codes
- Improving Security and Quality of Supply Standard (SQSS) governance

Elements that were not recommended to be progressed were:

- Code Administrator performance improvement, since this is part of the existing CACoP process
- Code consolidation, since this was considered dependent upon the next stages of the Energy Code Reform work (although it was noted that this may be subject to later review)

The Steering Group is currently reviewing the scoping documents prior to reporting its recommendations to the Grid and Distribution Code Review Panels (GCRP and DCRP). The Steering Group would like the Panels to ratify and officially inform Ofgem of these project outcomes.

For more information regarding the project, please visit the project website [here](#). You can also contact the project team at box. wholesystemcode@nationalgrideso.com.

Design and Delivery of the Energy Code Reform response

Ofgem and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) jointly published a consultation response following their consultation on the design and delivery of the Energy Code reform in July 2021. The consultation response can be found on the [government's website](#).

A webinar on the consultation response is taking place on Tuesday 26 April 2022, which will outline the Government's policy decisions following the consultation. More information on signing up to attend this webinar can be found [here](#).

Many of the Codes will aim to implement change as one of three scheduled releases, which are at the end of February, the end of June and the start of November each year. Others may endeavour to align particular changes to other dates, such as the start of the business year. Changes can also go live on other dates as required. Please check with your Code Administrator for the release approach relevant to your Codes.

As a rule, we aim not to implement solutions retrospectively, but to ensure that any changes are only effective from the go-live date. However, on occasions, a retrospective implementation is necessary. Where this is the case, we will ensure the Code Panel is aware of the arguments for and against such an approach.

Codes also have a Fast-Track process for approving housekeeping Modifications swiftly without unnecessary administrative burden. These changes are usually approved by Code Panels without the need for consultation first, though there is an appeals route if you disagree with the Panel's decision.

Modifications can also be progressed Urgently where needed. This route requires Authority approval to follow but will allow the Modification to deviate from the normal Modification process as needed to get it to decision in the relevant timeframes. Ofgem has issued guidance on what types of Modification could be considered Urgent, which you can find [here](#).

We always welcome your feedback on how we are doing and if there's more you think we could do. If you have any comments or feedback on this, your Code Administrator will be happy to listen and capture your views.

Principle Focus

We continue our look at the CACoP Principles, and have now reached Principle 11. This Principle requires there to be flexibility in the implementation of change. The implementation of approved Modifications is expected to be timely to allow the benefits of a Modification to be achieved as soon as is practical, while allowing sufficient time for all who are impacted to make necessary preparations.



We will ensure that we consult on each Modification's implementation approach wherever possible, to ensure we have as clear a picture as we can of who will need to do what to implement the solution. This is usually carried out as part of the standard consultations each Code issues as a Modification is assessed. Where applicable, we also ask around any options for implementation.

Keeping up to date with Forum activities

We have now updated our website to include a Latest News page. Here, you can keep up to date with any significant developments in cross-code activities, as well as when new versions of the Central Modifications Register and Newsletter are issued. You can find our Latest News page [here](#).

The CACoP Forum is now also on LinkedIn – you can follow us [here](#) to keep up to date with the Forum's work and other cross-Code activities

CACoP Products

The CACoP Forum has produced several items to help you navigate the cross-Code landscape:

- The [Central Modifications Register](#), updated monthly, lists all the open modifications across all the Codes.
- The [Horizon Scanner](#), updated every few months, summarises all the wider industry initiatives over the next five years which are expected to impact at least two of the Codes.

If there are any other items you would find useful and would like the CACoP Forum to consider, please let your Code Administrator know.

If you have any questions or feedback on this Newsletter or what you would like to see in the future, please email us at cacop@gemserv.com or contact your Code Administrator.

The next edition of this Newsletter will be published in July 2022.