

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:

- An update on the market-wide half-hourly settlement programme (MHHS).
- An update on Energy Code Reform.
- A closer look at how we are achieving CACoP Principle 14.

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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MHHS Programme Update

The Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme has provided the following update to share with our readers on the latest activity in the Code workstream for delivering an MHHS solution for industry.

The MHHS Programme approved the Design Baseline in **October 2022** and participants are now in their Design Build and Test (DBT) phase.

The Programme Code drafting process started in **January 2023** with the objective to convert the Design Artefacts into Code Artefacts by **October 2023**, with a reconciliation and consistency check delivering the Code Drafting Baseline by **April 2024**. The MHHS code will remain under Programme governance and aligned to central system go-live in **2025**. The main impact is to the following codes:

- Balancing Settlement Code (BSC)
- Retail Energy Code (REC)
- Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)

The process to develop and deliver code change is that code drafting is discussed at the MHHS Code Drafting Work Group (CDWG) which is open to all participants. Code drafting is then issued to industry for consultation. These comments are addressed, before the code drafters present the MHHS code to the CDWG for final discussion and recommendation to the Cross-Code Advisory Group (CCAG). Following CCAG's final recommendation, the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) will recommend the MHHS code changes to Ofgem to designate the changes into the relevant codes.

The first topic areas are **Metering Services**

and **Data Services**. The MHHS Programme encourages anyone interested in code drafting to sign up for the CDWG meetings, which are scheduled for the **second and third Tuesday of each month**. Please note that a change to the Programme scope ([Change Request CR012: Increase in scope of CCAG Terms of Reference and code drafting activities to include consequential change](#)) means that all 'core' code changes and consequential code changes are centrally managed through the Programme's delivery process as outlined above. This means that participants only need to engage in one process to support MHHS code delivery.

News and Developments

Energy Code Reform

On 14 December 2022 Ofgem published the Energy Code Reform Call for Input, which seeks initial views from stakeholders on potential Code consolidation as part of Ofgem's approach to implementing the reforms. The call for input also seeks views on the content of the Code Manager licence conditions and the role of stakeholders in the new governance framework.

Ofgem have published an independent report on high-level options for Code consolidation (prepared by Cornwall Insight in April 2022). These options are discussed further in the call for input.

The call for input closes on 1 February 2023.

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

The next edition of this Newsletter will be published in April 2023.

Further information

Visit the [Code Governance page of the MHHS website](#) for more information on the Code activity within the MHHS Programme.

For more information on other areas of the Programme, please visit www.mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

If you have any questions about the Programme, please contact the Programme Party Coordinator team at PPC@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

Introducing the new CACoP Chair for 2023

At the beginning of 2023, the responsibility for chairing the CACoP Forum passed from the Retail Energy Code (REC) to the Smart Energy Code (SEC). Our new chair, David Kemp, is the Change Delivery Manager for the SEC. The CACoP Forum is looking forward to a productive 2023 under David's stewardship.

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.

Principle Focus



We continue our look at the CACoP Principles and have now reached Principle 14. This Principle requires Code Administrators to support prospective energy innovators.

A crucial function of all Code Administrators is to facilitate a process for changes to be made to their respective Codes. They do this by helping acceded parties develop business proposals into workable, tested solutions through collaboration with working groups and panels of industry experts.

All Code Administrators have processes and guidance in place to assist interested parties with acceding to their associated Codes.

However, becoming an accredited Code Party is not always necessary; Code Administrators can assist organisations with finding sponsors for the introduction of innovative products and services.

They also have dedicated specialists who can provide expert insight to help innovators navigate the Code governance and change processes and put them in contact with the right industry bodies to bring their ideas to market. The CACoP Forum plays a vital role in this by ensuring alignment across different industry sectors and helping to 'join the dots', bringing a cohesive approach to industry changes so that barriers to innovation can be identified early and overcome.

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](#) 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.

Dates for your diary

Upcoming CACoP Forum meetings:

- 14 February 2023
- 11 April 2023
- 13 June 2023

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