CACoP Forum meeting 50

6 October 2023, 10:00 – 10:55

Teleconference

Minutes

Attendee	Representing
David Kemp (DK)	Forum Chair
Rachel Black (RB)	Forum Secretary
Ivar Macsween (IM)	BSC
Patrick Matthewson (PM)	BSC
Milly Lewis (ML)	CUSC, Grid Code, STC
Christopher McCann (CM)	DCode
Dylan Townsend (DT)	DCUSA
Colette Baldwin (CB)	REC
Bradley Baker (BB)	SEC
Yvonne Reid-Healy (YRH) *(part meeting)*	UNC
Jennifer Semple (JS)	Ofgem
Puja Vadgama (PV)	Ofgem
Pete Davies (PD) *(part meeting)*	RECCo

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

The Chair noted that Charlotte Riddick had left Gemserv and that RB will be taking the minutes for the remainder of the SEC's turn as Forum Chair. The Chair also welcomed PV as the new Ofgem representative on the Forum.

1. ACTIONS UPDATE

Ref	Action	Discussion	Outcome
49/01	Forum Members that did not provide updates to the Horizon Scanner prior to the meeting to provide these to the BSC by Tuesday 22 August	The Forum noted the update and agreed to close the action.	**Closed**

Ref	Action	Discussion	Outcome
49/02	The BSC to finalise the Horizon Scanner with the remaining updates for publication on the CACoP website	The Forum noted the update and agreed to close the action.	**Closed**
49/03	Each Code Administrator to review the Modification process timetable in the CACoP document and provide an updated view on the timescales for their Code(s) to the Chair by Friday 25 August	The Forum noted the update and agreed to close the action.	**Closed**
49/04	The Chair to circulate proposed Modification process timescales to include in the CACoP document to members for comment before the CACoP survey is issued	The Forum noted the update and agreed to close the action.	**Closed**
49/05	The Secretary to revise the remaining CACoP Forum meeting invites for 2023 to the first Friday of the month	The Forum noted the update and agreed to close this action.	**Closed**

The Forum **NOTED** the updates and **AGREED** the actions marked ‘Propose to Close’ can be closed.

2. WORK PLAN UPDATE

The Chair presented the Work Plan update and shared the latest progress on items. The Chair reminded members that feedback on all areas mentioned was welcomed.

While discussing Work Plan item 009, DT informed the Forum that there were two issues they would be seeking input on. Firstly, they raised the management of Parties, and when Codes could accept, withdraw, or terminate Parties. Secondly, they highlighted the issues with maintaining Parties’ details. DT has a spreadsheet outlining this, and advised they would circulate it to members. DT would be looking for suggestions on the best way to maintain stakeholders’ information. ML noted this and highlighted that they have similar issues. The Chair proposed that this be discussed at the next Forum meeting once members have had a chance to consider this with their Codes, and that further information from DT can be circulated in advance to support this.

The Forum **REVIEWED** the progress of items on the work plan and **AGREED** the schedule and next steps for work items.

3. OPEN DATA & CONSUMER CONSENT PROJECT

PD provided the Forum with an update on the Open Data & Consumer Consent project.

PD stated that they recognised the increased need for transparency and secure openness. RECCo has spoken with Ofgem regarding the data best practice framework and advised that this expansion will occur for Code bodies too. It is working closely with Ofgem to ensure there are no issues in the future.

PD updated the Forum on the results of Phase 1 of the project. RECCo will now raise two REC Change Proposals to take the findings forward. The first has already been raised and focusses on the Electricity and Gas Enquiry Services (EES/GES). This seeks to alter the governance of how users are given access to these services, as the current process under the REC is slow and restrictive. It will also amend the user list to a Category 3 document, giving faster governance for future changes, and it will be managed by the Performance Assurance Board (PAB). If approved, it will go live in December 2023.

The second Change Proposal has not yet been raised. This will replace 'user based' access with 'classification based' access, and organisations will need to be clearer as to why they want access to certain items. Class-based access will be used to guide whether organisations should have access to different data items. The metadata will be included in the data specifications, and 'always open' data items will be published. The REC is currently looking at different solutions with the industry. The target implementation date for this Change Proposal is May/June 2024.

PD highlighted that this work had been a good example of cross-Code working and thanked everyone involved for their feedback and support. The Chair asked if there was any further support that RECCo would like or need from the Forum, and PD confirmed that there was not. The Forum agreed to close the associated Work Plan item. It also agreed to add a note to look at this again later in 2024 once the Change Proposals have been implemented, to see if this was something that other Codes would want to adopt based on the outcomes of the REC changes.

The Forum **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** there is no further support it can provide on this project.

4. REMOVAL OF INCORRECT STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES FROM INDUSTRY DOCUMENTATION

CM presented a proposal to remove thermal technology types that are embedded in various Codes. They sought the Forum's feedback on whether these should be removed from the respective Codes.

ML advised that they have discussed this with CM and stated that the Grid Code would have no issues with removing these.

DT agreed that they should be removed, as there is no need for them to be included, and this would not require a DCUSA Change Proposal. They highlighted that the DCUSA has a template for Parties to use, and this can only be changed at a Party's request. Once such a request is raised, the subsequent update process can be completed quickly.

None of the other Forum members noted any impacts from this on their Codes.

CM acknowledged these comments, and they will discuss this further with Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) shortly. They would also like a consistent approach to removing these items from documents.

The Forum **NOTED** the issue and **AGREED** that these items should be removed from the relevant Codes.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PV noted that the call for volunteers for the Cross-Code Workgroup (CCWG) under the Future System Operator (FSO) Codes Change Programme (CCP) has closed, and a first introductory meeting had been held. An update and response on this will be issued later in October 2023. They noted some affected Codes have not yet appointed a representative and was seeking representatives from the DCUSA and the UNC. DT apologised for not providing details sooner and noted the DCUSA has now done this. The Chair agreed to reach out to YRH on this, as they had needed to leave the meeting early. PV also stated that the Energy Bill has moved to the final stages of the parliamentary process, and that there were open consultations on the new Licences and changes to existing Licence Conditions.

ACTION 50/01: The Chair to speak to the UNC about appointing a representative to the FSO CCP CCWG.

PV advised the Forum of Ofgem's publishing moratorium over the upcoming Christmas and New Year period. The final day for publications will be Thursday 14 December 2023, then publications will resume from Thursday 4 January 2024.

The Chair reminded the Forum that the CACoP survey will close on Friday 27 October, and asked members to remind their Parties to take part in the survey. IM sought clarification that the survey was aimed at Parties rather than Code Administrators, which the Chair confirmed was correct. ML advised that another National Grid ESO team would be responding, but confirmed the Code Administration team will not be responding.

The Chair reminded the Forum to inform their Parties that the September 2023 edition of the CACoP Newsletter has been issued.

The Chair noted they had been asked what the expected costs for the CACoP website would be for the upcoming year. The Chair is seeking this information and will inform the Forum once they have this, but considered it was unlikely to be much different from previous years.

ACTION 50/02: The Chair to advise the Forum on the expected upcoming costs for the CACoP website.

The Chair informed the Forum that this will be JS and BB's last Forum meeting and thanked them for their input during their time on the Forum. IM noted they may also be stepping away from the Forum and introduced PM as their possible replacement.

SUMMARY AND MEETING CLOSE

The next CACoP Forum meeting will be held on Friday 1 December 2023.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and inputting to the discussions and closed the meeting.