

MRA Self-Governance Guidance

Introduction

This document is intended to provide guidance on how to determine whether an MRA Change Proposal should be categorised as self-governance or material and, hence, require Authority Consent.

Change Proposals can only be determined as self-governance where they have met the self-governance criteria after undertaking a materiality assessment, as set out in the MRA. The requirements of the materiality assessment are outlined in the Materiality Criteria set out in Clause 9.5 and 9.5A of the MRA which states:

Materiality Criteria

A Change Proposal is only likely to require Authority consent if it impacts certain MRA Clauses (see Table 1 below), or if the solution:

- has a significant impact on the interests of electricity consumers; or
- has a significant impact on competition in one or more of:
 - the distribution of electricity;
 - the supply of electricity; and/or
 - any commercial activities connected with the distribution or supply of electricity; or
- discriminates in its effects between one Party (or class of Parties) and another Party (or class of Parties), or
- makes any change to any definition in MRA Clause 1.1 which may materially affect the provisions in the Clauses set out in MRA Clauses 9.5.1; or
- impacts any provision of the MRA which requires or permits any matter to be referred to the Authority for approval, consent, direction or decision or confers any rights or benefits upon the Authority.

Where a Change Proposal does not have a material effect on these specified matters in the materiality assessment, the Change Management process of non-material changes is then determined under a the MRA self-governance process.

The supporting guidance of the MRA Change Proposal template contains further guidance on how to assess whether the change should be self-governed or should be subject to Authority consent.

MRA Clauses that may require Authority consent

Table 1 below outlines the MRA Clauses that may require a Material Change Proposal to be raised, as referenced in Clause 9.5.1:

Topic	Clause
Failure to respond to a MEC accession application information request	4.4
MEC governance	6.1 to 6.18 (inclusive)
MEC quoracy requirements	6.31
Voting at MEC	6.37, 6.39 to 6.42, (inclusive)
Appealing the decisions of MEC	6.45 to 6.47 (inclusive)
Duties of MEC representatives - e.g. appoint a secretariat and expert groups	6.50 to 6.57 (inclusive)
Changing the purpose and the governance of the forum	7.1 to 7.4 (inclusive)
Voting, minutes and appeal of MRA Forum	7.22 to 7.30 (inclusive)
Costs - Money management in the MRA, membership fees, items chargeable	8, Schedule 7
Materiality Criteria - Changing what is material in a material change	9.5
MEC's relationship with Ofgem	9.6
Materiality for Significant Code Review (SCR) changes	9.2
MEC's responsibilities with regards to the SCR changes	9.19A
Any changes to any Green Deal Matters.	9.18A to 9.18D (inclusive), 18.14, 18.15, 55
Ofgem's role in considering appeals	11.9, 11.10
One supplier per MPAN per day	12.1
MPAS operational responsibilities: Working hours, SLAs, duty to update ECOES	13, 14, 27.1
One supplier per MPAN per day	12.1
MPAN registration and de-registration process	15, 21.1A
Objections	16
Timescales agreed for notifying MPAS with changes in data	24.3
Confirmation of supplier data items	24.18
The revocation of licence and supplier of last resort	26
Defaults process	36
Change of supplier meter reading	29
Changes of data needed for Meter Point Administration	Schedule 2
Format of the Supply Number Format	Schedule 5