

## Introduction



### Editor's Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the MRA Newsletter for 2021!

In this edition you will get an update from the Ofgem Switching Programme, a look at the future of the MRA Standing Groups and have an early view of the changes being implemented within the June 2021 Release which will be the final MRA release, and many more important topics.

We always like to hear from you, and we welcome feedback on this edition as well as any topics you would like covered in future editions. Feel free to contact us via [support.mra@gemserv.com](mailto:support.mra@gemserv.com).

I hope you enjoy the read, and as we step into Spring remember “Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be”.

**Michelle Awosoga** – MRA Governance and Communication Manager

## MRASCo News

### Ofgem Switching Programme Update

The Switching Programme is now in the Design Build and Test (DBT) phase, which focuses on the design, build and test of the required system changes to support the new switching arrangements as well as finalising the supporting governance arrangements.

Progress continues to be made against the data cleanse milestones with increased focus on Related Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs), Smart Meters, Meter Time-switch Codes (MTC) and Plot to Postal cleanse activity.

Ofgem's Regulatory Design User Group (RDUG) continues to meet to discuss and review future REC content in advance of the publication of the REC version 3.0 consultation due in March 2021. Recent areas of focus include the Statutory Consultation on changes related to the Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review (SCR) and Service Management.

Finally, ECOES is progressing well against all testing milestones. Systems Integration Non-Functional Testing (SIT NF) is now complete. Cycle 1 of Data Migration Non-Functional Testing (DMT NF) has also completed with ECOES due to join cycle 2 during March 2021.

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### Ofgem Switching Programme Update - Data Cleanse

The Faster Switching Data Cleanse is driven by Ofgem's [open letter](#) to industry for near-term improvements, which requires cleansing of Plot Addresses and Meter Technical Details to improve the quality of data ahead of the implementation of the Central Switching Service.

#### Governance

The Switching Programme Data Working Group is the main governance meeting for the Data Cleanse. This group is responsible for approving the report criteria and associated cleansing milestones.

The Related MPAN Sub-group is a technical meeting aimed at those who are completing the cleansing activity for their company. This group offers the opportunity for Industry to discuss cleansing issues with peers and the Switching Programme.

For more information on these meetings please contact: [SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk) or contact your companies Faster Switching representative.

#### Reports

To support the cleanse, a number of reports are generated and issued to Industry to guide them in highlighting the data quality issues. Information on the reports can be found in the [Data Cleanse Report Guidance v5.1](#) document, this includes the relevant Switching Programme milestones related to achieving the cleanse.

For parties who have not previously engaged and wish to have access to their company's reports, an email should be sent to [Support.MRA@gemserv.com](mailto:Support.MRA@gemserv.com) with the name and email address of the person(s) who require access.

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### Future of MRA Standing Groups

As a result of Ofgem's letter to code bodies in December 2020 setting out Ofgem's expectations on code change over the coming months and the change freeze for matters that impact the Faster Switching Programme, the MRA change process after March 2021 should only be used for urgent legal changes or where the change can be handed over to the REC Code Manager for implementation.

MRA Executive Committee (MEC) discussed the future of the MRA Standing Groups and decided that the last meeting where the MRA Development Board (MDB) is likely to decide on changes is at its meeting in March 2021. Beyond that point the business for MDB is likely to be minimal and probably could be handled by MEC. As a

result of this, MDB will be stood down after the conclusion of its March 2021 meeting and made available should the need arise for urgent changes to be progressed. The meeting dates will remain available for MDB as per the released schedule, this will enable parties to focus on other key areas such as the MRA transitions to the REC. The relevant 'For Information' papers will still be made available to MDB members through Huddle on the usual meeting schedule.

The Issue Resolution Expert Group (IREG) and Green Deal Expert Group (GDEG) meetings will continue to hold until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – subject to enough meeting content, as these meetings address developing changes or resolving issues that could be handed over to the REC Code Manager.

If you have any concerns or queries, please get in touch via [support.MRA@gemserv.com](mailto:support.MRA@gemserv.com).

## MRASCo News

### MRA June 2021 Product Release

The next planned MRA Products Release is due on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the final MRA release will include updates to the MRA Products detailed below:

#### DTC MRA Release

The following changes will be included within the DTC v13.1 release:

- [DTC CP 3576 - Introduction of Valid Sets for J0454 \(CT Ratio\) and J0455 \(VT Ratio\)..](#)
- [DTC CP 3579 - Removal of seven redundant DTC Data Flows](#)
- [DTC CP 3581 - Add Square Brackets as valid category to DTC Annex A for J0385 Communication Address Data Item.](#)

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### Non- DTC MRA Release

MRA Products to be updated due changes being implemented 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

- MAP14 - Procedure for the Allocation of Key Meter Payments Transacted Against an Incorrect Supplier Key.

The approved change being implemented on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

- MAP CP 0339 - Changes to MAP14 to incorporate a procedure for working Unallocated Transactions.

The updated documents will be live on the [MRASCo Website](#) under 'MRA Products' on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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### Did you know?

#### National Conference Rescheduled to Spring 2022

The UKRPA National Revenue Protection Conference has been rescheduled to Spring 2022, to ensure a full event and widespread networking benefits can be enjoyed by all.

The provisional Programme for the two-day event has been released, highlighting the exciting range of key speakers and topics confirmed so far. From industry updates and Smart and EV progress, to

vulnerable customers and operative protection, the Conference will host a variety of interesting presentations and participative workshop discussions.

We are delighted to confirm that Grosvenor Services Group is our main sponsor for the CPD accredited event. Maun Industries has also taken up an exhibitor's package.

**Please contact the UKRPA Secretary, [UKRPA@Gemserv.com](mailto:UKRPA@Gemserv.com), if you are interested in pursuing remaining sponsorship and exhibitor packages.**

## Key Dates

### April

Date	Event
08/04/2020	ETPAB
14/04/2021	I REG
27/04/2021	MEC/Board

### May

Date	Event
12/05/2021	I REG
12/05/2021	GDEG
13/05/2021	ETPAB
25/05/2021	MEC/Board



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**Next MRA newsletter is due on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**