

MHHS Programme Steering Group (PSG) Headline Report

Issue date: 05/04/2024

Meeting Number	PSG031	Venue	Virtual
Date and Time	03 April 2024 10:00-12:00	Classification	Public

New / Outstanding Actions

Area	Ref	Action	Owner	Due
Decision Appeal: Lessons Learned	PSG31-01	IPA to update appeals process following improvements recommended as an outcome of the lessons learned	IPA (Richard Shilton)	01/05/2024
Previous Meeting(s)	PSG30-05	Ofgem to advise whether changes to the Change Control Approach require Ofgem approval	Ofgem	03/04/2024
	PSG28-01	Elexon to provide detailed update on the progression of the Settlement Analysis Scoping Working Group (SASWG) outputs	Elexon (John Abbott)	07/02/2024
	PSG21-05	Programme to discuss with IPA the potential inclusion of IPA test assurance activities alongside programme plan information, to assist participants' view of effort requirements.	Programme and IPA	Q1 2024
	PSG18-05	Progress the assurance process for LDSOs for the accuracy of data for DUoS billing.	IPA	07/02/2024

Decisions

Area	Ref	Decision
None		

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Minutes and Actions	Approval of the Headline Report of the previous meeting was deferred to the next meeting pending review of comments submitted by the RECCo Representative.

	<p>Action wording and updates can be found within the meeting papers and discussion points are summarised below:</p> <p>PSG18-05: The IPA advised they have completed assurance of the accuracy of Distribution Use of System (DUoS) charging and will share key recommendations and an executive summary in due course. The IPA advised there appears to be inconsistent understanding across programme participants of what DBT2 means to them, and whilst participants must define their own scope, clarity is needed on the boundaries between DBT1 and DBT2. The DNO Representative stated clarity is also required on how processes like DUoS will be tested and what will be tested in central systems, to ensure settlement calculations work and produce reliable results. Action ongoing.</p> <p>PSG21-05: The IPA advised the information requested has been provided and they are now awaiting publication of the MHHS Transition Timeline and Implementation by the Programme. Action ongoing.</p> <p>PSG30-05: Ofgem advised discussions had been held with the Programme and IPA and noted the Ofgem designated MHHS governance framework set the guidelines for the Programme’s governance but was not intended to cover every eventuality and was for the Programme to develop. Ofgem noted the Programme’s view that Ofgem approval is not required for the proposed changes to the Change Control Approach. Ofgem stated the change did not breach the thresholds requiring their approval, but advised they were still able to take a view on the change. The key concern for Ofgem was ensuring participants have an opportunity to be heard in the development and decision-making for Programme Change Requests (CRs). Ofgem noted the Programme Change Board would become a key group in the management of CRs. The RECCo Representative stated a belief that the change did meet the threshold for Ofgem approval as it will remove responsibility from the Design Advisory Group (DAG) for decisions on CRs which contain changes to the MHHS Design. The Representative stated the MHHS Governance Framework states there must be a design authority, chaired by Elexon, with constituency representation. The Representative believed if the change were to go ahead, there would be no such authority. The Medium Supplier Representative believed DAG should have been consulted prior to the decision at PSG to progress the changes, and that despite concerns raised in the PSG, the decision was presented to DAG as a ‘fait accompli’. Ofgem stated further consideration and information from the Programme would be required to enable a view to be provided on whether their approval was needed, and requested the Programme ensure a clear rationale is provided in the CR. Action ongoing.</p>
<p>Qualification Testing Updates</p>	<p>Elexon and the Programme presented updates on Supplier and Agent, and Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing (QT), per the meeting slides. The PSG were advised two CRs are currently out for Impact Assessment which seek to rebaseline existing qualification milestones and create new additional ones. New status indicators were provided on QT milestones and the PSG were advised activities are currently on track to the new forecast delivery dates. No questions were raised by PSG members.</p>
<p>Programme Reporting</p>	<p>The Programme provided updates on System Integration Testing (SIT) activities, milestones, and risks per the meeting slides.</p> <p>Component Integration Testing (CIT)</p> <p>Participants CIT completion reports have been received and assurance by the Programme. The final CIT completion report was approved by the SIT Advisory Group (SITAG) on 11 March 2024 and CIT is now complete.</p> <p>SIT Functional (SIT F)</p> <p>SIT F Cycle 1 has commenced, and regular updates are being provided to the Fast Track Implementation Group (FTIG), SITAG, SIT Working Group (SITWG), and other relevant groups. Outstanding work-off items from CIT continue to complete, with progress monitoring undertaken via FTIG. SIT F Cycle 1 progress is steady, with good progress made in leading cohorts. Overall progress is tracking slightly below predicted run rates, and the Programme are monitoring closely and sharing updates with the FTIG and IPA. The Programme confirmed tests reported as N/A are those which have been descoped from the current SIT F cycle.</p>

	<p>Future SIT Stages</p> <p>The Programme advised SIT F Cycle 2 is due to commence on 10 June 2024 and will include settlement testing and SIT Migration (SIT M) testing is due to commence concurrently. Readiness activities are ongoing and the configuration of environments has been shared with relevant participants. Participant SIT M Approach and Plan (A&P) documentation has been received from all participants, however several Requirements to Test Matrices (RTTMs) are still outstanding and these must be submitted immediately. Regular views on progress and outstanding items are being provided at the FTIG.</p>
<p>Decision Appeal: Lessons Learned</p>	<p>The IPA provided an overview of reflections on the appeals process following CR036 appeal, per the meeting slides. Several improvements were highlighted around the initiation of appeals, the timeliness of raising appeals following the relevant Programme decision, transparency around the IPAs appeal decision, and industry engagement where an appeal decision may impact participants (ACTION PSG).</p> <p>The Large Supplier Representative agreed a two week window to raise appeals following a Programme decision was right and aligned to industry practice, and that it was right for the IPA to triage appeals received to ensure there are sufficient grounds and evidence before proceeding. The Representative expressed a concern that if an appeal were raised and initially rejected, this may mean the opportunity to resubmit the appeal, or for a separate party to appeal, may time out. The IPA advised a pragmatic approach would be taken, and participants would not be procedurally timed out from submitting appeals. The Chair considered a proportionate process was required and that the proposed changes to the Change Control Approach should frontload development of changes and inform subsequent discussions and decisions, reducing the likelihood appeals may be required</p>

Date of next meeting: 01 May 2024 at 10:00am

Attendees

Chair

Helen Adey (Chair)

MHHS SRO

Industry Representatives

Andrew Campbell

Small Supplier Representative

Andrew Green (on behalf of Gareth Evans)

I&C Supplier Representative

Caroline Farquhar

Consumer Representative

Carolyn Burns (on behalf of Elaine Eyles)

Medium Supplier Representative

Chris Price

DNO Representative

Graham Wood

Large Supplier Representative

Jenny Rawlinson

IDNO Representative

Joel Stark

Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)

John Abbott

Elexon Representative (Central Systems Provider)

John Purnell (on behalf of Tamsin Lucas)

DCC Representative (Central Systems Provider)

Jonathon Hawkins

RECCo Representative

Kerren Kelly

National Grid ESO

Paul Akrill

Supplier Agent Representative

MHHS IM

Adrian Page

SI Lead

Andrew Margan

Code Lead

Chris Harden

Programme Director

Chris Welby

Programme Industry SME

Fraser Mathieson

Governance Lead

Jason Brogden

Programme Industry SME

Keith Clark

Programme Manager

Lewis Hall

PMO Manager

Nicola Fairley (part meeting)

Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Lead

Paul Pettitt

Design Lead

Other Attendees

Andy MacFaul

Ofgem

Danielle Walton

Ofgem

David Gandee

IPA

Lauren Kennedy (part meeting)

Elexon

Melissa Giordano (part meeting)

Ofgem

Richard Shilton

IPA

Sinead Quinn

Ofgem

Apologies

None