

Panel Meeting 58 – Headline Report

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This Headline Report provides a record of the decisions made by the Panel.

1 Change Report

The Panel considered the proposed assessment approaches and assessment timetables for new change proposals:

[CPM045 'Extending the right for the MO to raise Change Proposals'](#), [CPW070a-1: 'Bilaterals Phase 2 – Addendum'](#), [CPW126: 'Settling of Post RF Primary Charges'](#) and amended timetable for [CPW120: 'Final read when no visual read is available'](#).

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) the plans for [CPW126](#), [CPM045](#) and [CPW070a-1](#) (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) the revised change plan for [CPW120](#) (13 in favour).

2 CPW110/CPM041 – Sharing Non-Household Emergency Contact Details

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW110/CPM041 'Sharing Non-Household Emergency Contact Details'](#) which sought to introduce provisions into the market codes for the retention and maintenance of customer contact information in the Central Systems (CMOS), for use in incident communication.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend [CPW110 & CPM041](#) be rejected by Ofwat (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend an implementation date of 13 May 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 17 November 2021, or 2 December 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 1 June 2022 (13 in favour).

3 CPW122 – Introducing Direct Debit as a Payment Method

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW122 'Introducing Direct Debit as a Payment Method'](#) which sought to introduce Direct Debit as a payment method that must be offered to Retailers to settle Wholesaler Primary Charges.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (majority) to return [CPW122](#) to MOSL for further assessment (8 in favour, 5 against).



4 CPW119/CPM042 – Dormant Trading Party Provisions

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW119/CPM042 'Dormant Trading Party Provisions'](#) which sought to introduce a new “dormant” status for Trading Parties that have held zero supply points for at least 12 consecutive months. This status would restrict their voting rights in MOSL membership votes, require market re-assurance when acquiring customers and incur a nominal £250 per month MO charge.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend [CPW119/CPM042](#) to Ofwat for approval (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend an implementation date of 5 November 2021, if Ofwat approval is received by 13 October 2021 (13 in favour).

5 CPW123 – Improved Codes for 'Remote Read Type'

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW123 'Remote Read Type'](#) which sought to rename and adjust the remote read type meter codes to ensure they accurately represent the meters in the market.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend [CPW123](#) to Ofwat for approval (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend an implementation date of 13 May 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 17 November 2021, or 2 December 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 1 June 2022 (13 in favour).

6 CPW118 – Minimum Meter Read Frequency

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW118 'Minimum Meter Read Frequency'](#) which sought to improve the minimum required meter read frequency by amending the current criteria for 'monthly read meters' and transferring ownership of meter read frequency data in CMOS from Wholesalers to Retailers.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend [CPW118](#) be rejected by Ofwat (9 in favour, 4 abstain); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend an implementation date of 13 May 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 17 November 2021, or 2 December 2022, if Ofwat approval is received by 1 June 2022 (9 in favour, 4 abstain).

7 CPW070a-1 – Phase 2 - Bilateral Transactions - Supplementary

The Panel considered the change proposal [CPW070a-1 'Phase 2 - Bilateral Transactions - Supplementary'](#) which built on [CPW070a/CPM043a: Phase 2 – Bilateral Transactions](#) and sought to amend five code documents within the Wholesale Retail Code (WRC) to enable Trading Parties to use the Bilateral Hub to raise C1 requests and ensure the code accurately reflects the technical solution.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend [CPW070a-1](#) to Ofwat for approval (13 in favour); and



- **AGREED** (unanimous) to recommend an implementation date of 22 September 2021, if Ofwat approval is received by 20 September 2021 (13 in favour).

8 Panel Transition and Implementation of Revised Governance Arrangements

The Panel considered the Panel Transition and Implementation of Revised Governance Arrangements Document, which outlined the phases and maximum duration of the transition period that comes into effect in September as part of the implementation of the new Strategic Panel and Code Change Committee.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) that the Panel requests Ofwat extend Panel Members' terms of office to cover the transition period (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to approve that the term of office for Disputes Committee Members be extended from 31 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 (13 in favour).

9 Market Improvement Fund

The Panel considered the Market Improvement Fund (MIF) Sub-group Terms of Reference, the MIF Sub-group membership and the recruitment methodology for MIF Selection Committee members including the delegation of authority for appointing MIF Selection Committee members to the MIF Sub-group.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** (unanimous) to approve the recruitment methodology of the MIF Selection Committee (13 in favour);
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to approve the members of the MIF Sub-group (13 in favour); and
- **AGREED** (unanimous) to approve the Terms of Reference of the MIF Sub-group (13 in favour).