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Dear Amanda

Trade Effluent Calculations MCCP095

I write in reference to MCCP095 and our meeting last week with Scottish Water and Business Stream.

At last week's meeting it became clear that much of the data required to populate the CMA central systems for the purposes of MCCP095 is not held by Scottish Water or Business Stream. Scottish Water confirmed that of the 274 private meter arrangements used for trade effluent charging, at this time it has the requisite level of information for only 190. To deal with the problem of missing data, Scottish Water proposed uploading the information that it does hold and then populating the remaining fields with 'dummy' data until such time as the actual data is ready.

As I stated at last week's meeting, the Commission cannot agree to any proposal that knowingly introduces incorrect data into the CMA central systems. Any such proposal would contradict the Market Code requirements that Data Owners keep the SPID Data for which they are responsible up to date, and that such SPID Data should accurately reflect the circumstances at each Supply Point¹. As Scottish Water and Business Stream do not currently have the necessary data required for MCCP095, the change proposal cannot be implemented.

Accordingly, please take this letter as notice of a Commission Change under section 8.7.2 of the Market Code that the configurable date for Trade Effluent Calculations MCCP095 (as introduced at the March 2013 Release on 11th April 2013) should be moved from 1 April 2013 to 1 April 2014 and the relevant CSD documentation amended accordingly.

¹ See Section 5.5.1 of the Market Code and CSD 0104 (Maintain SPID Data).

This move will still allow Scottish Water to load the remaining private meter arrangements data as and when it is available, however, all trade effluent charges will continue to be calculated in line with the arrangements prior to 1 April 2013 i.e. with volumes being calculated and entered by licensed providers.

As discussed, the Commission will review the position again prior to 1 September 2013 with a view to moving the configurable date back from 1 April 2014 to 1 April 2013 (at which point charges will be calculated in line with MCCP095 going forward). Please note that this further change will be dependent on confirmation that, at the very least, all of the relevant SPID and meter information has been uploaded to the CMA central systems by Scottish Water. If Scottish Water fails to complete this prior to 1 September 2013, the configurable date shall remain at 1 April 2014.

Finally, I understand that market participants may wish to discuss the implications of MCCP095 further, in particular the use of private trade effluent meters within the CMA central systems and the effect these meters may have on performance charges etc. You agreed that the CMA is willing to facilitate a working group being set up under the auspices of the Market Participant Forum. I will therefore leave it to the market participants to contact you should they wish to take these discussions forward.

As I confirmed at last week's meeting, I am copying this letter to Scottish Water and all of the licensed providers.

Yours sincerely



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