

MHHS Programme Steering Group (PSG) Headline Report

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New / Outstanding Actions

Area	Ref	Action	Owner	Due
Programme Update – Testing	PSG40-01	Programme to provide documentation to the DNO Rep explaining the exercise taken in Q4 2024 to optimise SIT through descoping and reprofiling of SIT tests.	Programme	05/02/2025
Delivery Dashboards	PSG40-02	RECCo Rep to review the impacts from the EMDS on the QAD.	RECCo	05/02/2025
	PSG40-03	RECCo to provide an update on the overall impact of the errors to EMDS following the full review.	RECCo	05/02/2025
Previous meetings	PSG34-01	Elexon Settlement Analysis model to be issued to Participants as soon as constructed and to update Participants on any changes to the 4-week construction timeline.	Programme / Elexon	07/08/2024
	PSG34-02	Programme to provide an update on post-M10 Change Management.	Programme	07/08/2024
	PSG33-01	Programme to provide information on expectations on parties post-M10 to support resourcing and management view.	Programme	03/07/2024

Decisions

Area	Ref	Decision	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	PSG-DEC97	The Headline Report of the previous meeting was approved with no amendments.	There were no amendments raised by PSG members.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Minutes and Actions	<p>The PSG Headline Report from the December PSG was approved with no amendments (PSG-DEC97).</p> <p>ACTION PSG34-01: This action was recommended to be kept open and listed as ‘Ongoing’.</p> <p>ACTION PSG33-01: Programme advised that there is a TORWG later in the afternoon, 15 January 2025, where there will be a presentation on the Transition Governance Framework and the Early Life Support Model.</p>
Sponsor Update	<p>A Representative from Ofgem provided a verbal update. Ofgem acknowledged the recent improvements and progress in testing and thanked the Programme and industry for the work thus far to adhere to the CR055 timelines. Ofgem advised that the MHHS Programme has gained significant attention from high level officials, including the Secretary of State and the Ofgem CEO, who are highly invested in the Programme staying on track, noting the MHHS Programme will be included in future communications from the Environment Select Committee and in NESO’s Clean Power 2030.</p> <p>Ofgem advised of Regulatory packages that would be introduced to support timely delivery of the Programme. The first package will be directions to Elexon as Implementation Manager (IM) which will involve additional checkpoints and fortnightly reporting to Ofgem. A consultation on these directions will be published on 16 January 2025, with a 10-day window and Ofgem encourages industry to respond. Further directions will be issued to PPs, focusing on issues such as collaboration and timely content provision. Ofgem are working through these directions, which will likely be published in the following 2 weeks, but no firm date has been set.</p> <p>Ofgem also outlined upcoming license changes which will hardwire in the CR055 timeline, noting there will be an industry consultation prior to implementation. Ofgem advised that any license changes will utilise the backstop dates and so if CR055 timelines are met, there will be no impact on PPs.</p> <p>Programme asked for clarity on the timelines for the Elexon, as IM, directions following completion of the consultation. Ofgem advised that the directions are being targeted to take effect in the first week of February.</p> <p>The DNO Rep asked about the timeline for the hardwiring of milestones in the license changes. Ofgem explained that the license condition changes would likely take effect after Migration has started, and noted that the Elexon IM directions will include Checkpoints in February and in July 2025.</p> <p>The Programme emphasised the importance of exploring every opportunity to move dates forward while recognising the constraints and challenges of the Programme. The Programme highlighted the need to use the checkpoints to provide evidence and take a pragmatic approach to protect Go-Live.</p>
Settlement Analysis Model	<p>The Helix Rep advised that the CR013 Settlement Analysis Model, as presented to PSG in December 2024, has been delivered. However, following a presentation of the outputs to the DNOs and other industry representatives, Helix received feedback to convert the data into a more user-friendly format. The work to convert the data has stalled due to unexpected leave, and as a result third party support is being contracted. Helix plan to present the Model with the additional work at the February or March PSG.</p>

	<p>The iDNO Rep expressed their gratitude to the Helix team for producing the Model and acknowledged its usefulness following attendance at the walk-through meeting in December 2024.</p>
<p>Programme Update - Testing</p>	<p>Programme provided an overview of testing progress by the end of Cycle 3 Sprint 8. The key headline is that Sprint 8 was very successful, with the total number of passes across Cohorts higher than any previous Sprint. The top 3 MVC Cohorts met the Sprint 8 target, with 2 Cohorts significantly over-performing that target, following the major release of IR8.4 functionality. Cumulatively, against the CR055 revised model, the top 3 MVC Cohorts are performing to 105% of plan, and in fact the performance of all 4 MVC Cohorts achieved 100% of plan. Non-MVC Cohorts also performed well in Sprint 8, with 2 of 4 Cohorts reaching at least 100% of the MVC Sprint 8 target. Furthermore, during Sprint 8 more defects were closed than in any other Sprint and more defects were closed than new defects raised. SIT Migration is also now approaching Cycle 3 exit criteria with 85% tests passed by 3 MVC Cohorts. There is still no intention to use the contingency Sprints.</p> <p>Programme advised that Sprint 9 is not moving quite as fast as Sprint 8 as it has faced some challenges to start the year, including resourcing issues, but the pace is picking back up. Sprint 9 performance is below the Sprint 9 plan for all cohorts albeit that 2 of the 4 MVC Cohorts are still likely to meet the cumulative CR055 execution model (due to their over-performance in Sprint 8). Programme highlighted the emerging importance of paired testing as many of the remaining Functional tests are paired, meaning key Cohorts are highly dependent on each other.</p> <p>The Small Supplier Rep asked why the Testing Rag Status was listed as Amber on the Programme Status (Slide 5) while Slide 10 reports it as Green. Programme advised that SIT Functional and Migration are listed as Green, but the Amber status on Slide 5 is due to the upcoming preparation and risks involved for the next SIT stages, Operational and Non-Functional testing.</p> <p>The DNO Rep asked for some commentary on the changes that have occurred in testing pre-CR055 and post-CR055, noting the significant reduction in points targets. Programme explained that the reduction in test points was due to a descoping exercise, removing duplications and reprofiling certain tests, primarily complex SIT Migration tests. Programme advised that the changes were fully documented, agreed with the Code Bodies and followed formal governance. Programme shared the December PSG papers in the meeting chat which included an explanation. Programme took an action to share the formal audit trail with the DNO Rep (ACTION PSG40-01).</p> <p>Programme also outlined the choreography for Operational Testing Theme 3 Batch 1 (Service Management Testing) Readiness and Themes 1, 2 and 3 Batch 2 Readiness as well as Non-Functional Testing Theme 1 Readiness and Non-Functional Testing Theme 2 and 3 Readiness. Programme highlighted the outstanding PIT documentation for each, which is also the cause of much of the RAG Red status in the Delivery Dashboards Milestones Slides in the PSG papers.</p>
<p>LDSO QT Update</p>	<p>Programme advised that LDSO QT test execution commenced on 06 January 2025 in accordance with the Programme Plan, with 4 LDSOs starting testing. A further 4 LDSOs are expected to start testing at a later date in January. Programme also outlined the Milestones and work-offs approved by the December QAG to ensure LDSO QT commenced on time. Programme expressed gratitude to the LDSOs for their hard work in getting testing to start on time.</p> <p>Programme advised that testing has had a slow but steady start but the ways of working between LDSOs, Programme and Code Bodies have been embedded and have set a good foundation for positive progress.</p> <p>The iDNO Rep recognised how useful FTIG has been for testing and asked whether a similar forum would be useful for the LDSO Qualification. Programme advised that a proposal for a group specifically for the LDSOs who have started testing will be taken to the Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing Sub-Group (LQTSG) on 22 January 2025, following which a trial may be organised.</p>

	<p>The Chair expressed gratitude towards the Qualification Workstream for their hard work in commencing LDSO QT on time and on plan, highlighting the confidence this brings to the wider industry.</p>
<p>Qualification Update</p>	<p>The Code Bodies provided an update on the December QAG, including the artefacts that were approved and completed/ongoing consultations. More information can be found in the meeting slides. The Code Bodies advised that the Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) v4.0 was baselined and approved at the December QAG and that this would be the final version - the version used for the initial and final PP QAD submissions. There is a caveat that a decision is expected from Ofgem at the end of January regarding Smart Exemptions, which may result in an update, but it will not change any of the existing questions.</p> <p>Programme asked about the overall confidence of the Qualification workstream in staying on track with timelines. The Code Bodies Rep acknowledged the tight timelines and highlighted the importance of engaging with the Programme to ensure that PAB fully understand the task ahead, and to build the confidence of PPs in attaining the approval of PAB. Programme also noted the culture shift for PAB in moving from strictly assurance to paving the way for PPs to support their readiness and likelihood of approval.</p>
<p>Delivery Dashboards</p>	<p>The RECCo Rep provided an update on errors identified in the published version of the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS), approved as part of REC CP209. RECCo has alerted the Programme and Ofgem and communications have been issued to industry via RECCo and Programme channels. These errors include discrepancies between the approved MHHS Design Artefacts and the published version, affecting certain data flows and data items. The main errors are non-material, but they do include missing scenario variants. A full review is underway to capture all impacted areas before implementing a fix. A further update with a fixed date is expected by 17 January 2025. In the meantime, PPs are reminded to reference the MHHS Design Artefacts and not the published EMDS for their design, build, and test activities. The corrected version of the data specification will be released as soon as possible and will go through formal governance in May or June 2025. Meetings with the Programme and Electralink are planned to update the corrected version for use in SIT and test flows. A similar update will be provided to CCAG, and discussions will be held on industry involvement in reviewing the corrected version. An update will also be provided at QWG to address any questions related to qualification preparation.</p> <p>Following a question from the Programme regarding Ofgem’s involvement, the RECCo Rep advised that Ofgem have been notified and the approach to signing off the updated versions in May/Jue still stands, but if anything changes In relation to that process, a conversation will be held between the Code Bodies and the Programme. Ofgem advised their priority is to get the correct documentation updated as soon as is practicable.</p> <p>The iDNO Rep asked whether this would have an impact on QAD Submission. The RECCo Rep advised that it likely does not but took an action to review and confirm that assertion (ACTION PSG40-02).</p> <p>Programme advised it will also support a review as to whether there is an impact on SIT.</p> <p>There was a further action to provide an update on the overall impacts from these errors following the full review (ACTION PSG40-03).</p> <p>IPA provided an update on the current Assurance Period, Period 8, and the outlook for Assurance Period 9 as the Programme approaches M10.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>The Large Supplier Rep asked about the nature and format of the February M10 checkpoint. Programme advised a proposal is under development, with input from the IPA, which will be presented at the beginning of February 2025.</p>

Date of next meeting: 05 February 2025 at 10:00am

Attendees

Chair

Helen Adey (Chair)

Industry Representatives

Andrew Campbell

Chris Price

Elaine Eyles

Paul Daniels

Andrew Green (replacing Gareth Evans)

Graham Wood

Simon Harrison

John Abbott

Neil Dewar (replacing Keren Kelly)

Jenny Rawlinson

John Purnell (replacing Del Kang)

Jonathon Hawkins

Joel Stark

MHHS IM

Andrew Margan

Jason Brogden

Keith Clark

Lewis Hall

Philip McCann

Roger Robar

Nic Brancaccio

Nicola Farley

Smitha Pichrikat

Paul Pettitt

Chris Welby

Chris Harden

Other Attendees

Laura Kennedy

David Gandee

Richard Stilton

Andy McFaul

Fahreen Japp

Sinead Quinn

Jenny Boothe

SRO (Elexon IM)

Small Supplier Representative

DNO Representative

Medium Supplier Representative

Avanade Representative

I&C Supplier Representative

Large Supplier Representative

Supplier Agent Representative

Elexon Representative (Central Systems Provider)

NESO

IDNO Representative

DCC Representative

RECCo Representative

Supplier Agent Representative

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