

Assurance Services for the Retail Electricity Market

Industry Governance Group (IGG)

Version 1

23rd October 2024

Market Assurance Activity – V14.00.00 Market Release

- **V14.00.00 Assurance: Inter Participant Testing stage**

- The third stage of Assurance conducted was IPT;
- IPT commenced on the 9th September in line with the planned timeline. IPT activities concluded on the 27th September (the additional contingency period not being required);
- 99 tests were conducted across 19 individual scenarios by 16 supplier units;
- In conclusion the Assurance Body, could confirm that IPT exit criteria was achieved and therefore were able to gain the necessary confidence that this phase of the Assurance Approach has passed successfully;
- The V14.00.00 IPT assessment outcome report has been submitted to the CRU for approval;
- An anonymised report has been prepared for issue to MPs;

- The final Assurance stage for the V14.00.00 Market Release is completion of the cut over declarations. The declarations were issued by RMDS on 11th October for completion and return by 17th October.

- The Assurance Body would like to thank RMDS for the organisation and planning of IPT and the Suppliers and ESB Networks who participated in the testing. It is acknowledged the level of co-ordination and effort involved by everyone.

V14.00.00 Timeline – Next Steps

- **V14.00.00 Assurance - Timeline**
 - All key Assurance milestones have been achieved;
- **IPT - Timeline**
 - IPT testing and assessment activities have been completed;
 - Reporting requirements recommending approval of the IPT assurance stage has been submitted;
 - The final step of V14 IPT Assurance is the completion of the cutover declaration.

Key stage	Date	Status
RMDS Issues IPT plan	10 May 2024	✓
Inter-Participant Testing Preparation	12 July - 23 August 2024	✓
Supplier MPRN data prep and connectivity testing	26 August - 6 September 2024	✓
Inter-Participant Testing (IPT) Execution phase	9 September - 18 October 2024	✓
IPT Findings Report issued to CRU	23 October 2024	✓
<i>Cutover declaration completed</i>	<i>11 October 2024 - 17 October 2024</i>	
Final Assurance Assessment Outcome Report issued to CRU	25 October 2024	
CRU go/no-go decision	5 November 2024	
Cut over	8 November 2024	
Go-Live (Schema)	11 November 2024	

V14.00.00 Timeline – Cyber Security

- **V14.00.00 Assurance - Cyber Security**

- An update to the V13.00.00 Cyber Security Assurance Assessment is required for Smart PAYG Suppliers and ESB Networks;

- **Cyber Security - Timeline**

- The drop-in clinic was held on the 16th September to assist with any queries completing the return;
- The Self-Assessment PQs have been completed and returned;
- Responses are presently being assessed. Follow up meetings have or are in course of being held to verify the supporting evidence.

Key Stage	Date	Status
RMDS Issues notification to Smart PAYG participants	21 August 2024	✓
Market Participant Self-Assessment Questionnaire released	6 September 2024	✓
Drop in clinic for MP queries	16 September 2024	✓
Market Participant Self-Assessment Questionnaire response	4 October 2024 extended to 11 October 2024	✓
Assurance Outcome Report issued to CRU	25 October 2024	
CRU - Go/no-go decision for tranche 1	29 October 2024	

Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Scheme IV 2024

- **ECEBS IV 2024 - MDR1237**

- The assurance approach was outlined by the Assurance Body at the Extraordinary IGG 09/10/2024;
- The approval follows the fast-track process, with IGG approval obtained in conjunction with the MDR/MCR approval.

- **Timeline**

- The Self-Assessment PQ (including the Self-Declaration) was issued on 14th October 2024
- The declaration is to be completed and returned by 18th October 2024
- Any queries that require interview will be completed between 21st - 23rd October

Key Stage	Date	Status
Assurance approach approved by CRU / IGG	9 th October 2024 / 23 rd October 2024	✓
Market Participant Self-Assessment Questionnaire released (including Self-Declaration issued)	14 th October 2024	✓
Market Participant Self-Assessment Participant Questionnaire response (including Self-Declaration completed and returned)	18 th October 2024	
Follow up interviews with Market Participants	21 st - 23 rd October 2024	
Assurance Outcome Report issued to CRU	25 th October 2024	
CRU - Go/no-go decision for tranche 1	29 th October 2024	

Participant Assurance Activity

- **Participant Entry Assurance**
 - Two new market entry applications are currently being processed.
- **Participant Requalification and Material Change Assurance**
 - Four material change requests applications are currently being processed.
 - A further material change request is in the planning stages.
- **Participant Exit**
 - Supplier exit assurance is being performed with one Participant.



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