

Modification proposal:	Supply Point Administration Agreement (SPAA) Change Proposal (CP) 07/75 (CP07/75): Add converter model table amendments to Market Domain Data (MDD) fast-track process.		
Decision:	The Authority ¹ directs that this proposal be made ²		
Target audience:	SPAA Parties and other interested parties		
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Background to the change proposal

Currently, only changes to the meter model detail and market participant detail can be processed through the Meter Domain Data (MDD) fast-track route.

The modification proposal

This change proposal was raised to add converter model detail changes to the list of MDD attributes that can be amended via the fast-track route.

The Authority's decision

The Authority has considered the issues raised by the change proposal and the Change Report (CR) dated 14 May 2007. The Authority has considered and taken into account the responses to the SPAA consultation on the change proposal which are attached to the CR. The Authority has concluded that:

1. implementation of the change proposal will better facilitate the achievement of the relevant objectives of the SPAA³; and,
2. directing that the change proposal be made is consistent with the Authority's principal objective and statutory duties⁴.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

The MDD process, as set out in voluntary SPAA Schedule 18 deals with technical information relating to meters and market participants. Specifically, it sets out a number of specific codes to be used in communications between industry parties.

Ofgem considers that technical data which are a matter of fact and do not require consultation may not require the same degree of change control as more substantive policy based changes. Ofgem considers that converter model detail changes should be subject to this approach. In addition, we understand that by adding technical data, such as converter model detail changes to the list of MDD to include within the fast-track

¹ The terms 'the Authority', 'Ofgem' and 'we' are used interchangeably in this document. Ofgem is the Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

² This document is notice of the reasons for this decision as required by section 38A of the Gas Act 1986.

³ As set out in Standard Condition 34A of the Gas Suppliers Licence, see: http://epr.ofgem.gov.uk/document_fetch.php?documentid=4257

⁴ The Authority's statutory duties are wider than the relevant objectives and are detailed mainly in the Gas Act 1986.

change process may improve the speed at which the data will be accessible to industry. This should contribute to the efficiency of the process and as such, will better facilitate the relevant objectives of SPAA, in particular relevant objective 4A 'the development, maintenance and operation of an efficient, coordinated and economical change of supplier process'. However, we note that the Proposer did not specify which relevant objective they believe this change proposal would better facilitate and we would expect to see this information in future change proposals.

Decision notice

In accordance with Standard Condition 34A of the Gas Suppliers Licence, the Authority, hereby directs that change proposal [CP07/74]: '*Add converter model table amendments to Market Domain Data (MDD) fast-track process*' be made.



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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose.