Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 006: Encryption and Non Repudiation of Message Content

Modification proposal:	Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposal 006: Encryption and Non Repudiation of Message Content		
Decision:	Ofwat has decided to confirm these change proposals		
Date of publication:	30 September 2015	Implementation date:	30 September

Background

Development of the information technology system to handle market transactions began in September 2015. As the system was scoped out some of the assumptions about how the system would work proved to not be feasible by the builders of the system.

The modification proposal[1]

WRC006 was proposed by MOSL on advice from the builders of the IT system. This change was expressed as urgent and cost effective for the overall running of the system. Full technical specifications were explained to the Panel and assurances were given that the change was needed.

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[1] The proposal is available on: http://www.open-water.org.uk/icp/

Interim Code Panel recommendation

At its meeting on 22 September 2015, the Interim Code Panel voted unanimously to recommend WRC006. Minutes of the meeting indicate Panel considered the change to positively impact on the efficiency and 'Simplicity, cost effectiveness and security' [2].

Our decision

This proposal was subject to a discussion teleconference with the computer specialists of a number of parties. The teleconference provided for questions which were answered to satisfaction and written responses supported this. The Panel voted unanimously to accept the proposal. The Panel was satisfied are consistent with the Principals and Objectives[3]. We consider that confirming this change is consistent with our principal objectives and statutory duties.

Reasons for our decision

We consider that the implementation of WRC006 will contribute to effective codes and changes contained are correct and desirable.

Adam Cooper

Director, Retail Market Opening

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