
Wholesale Retail Code Change Proposals – CPW014 and CPW022

Amendment to implementation date

Background

Change Proposals CPW014 and CPW022 were approved by Ofwat on 1 September 2017 and 17 November 2017 respectively. The implementation date for both Change Proposals is 3 March 2018 which was consistent with the initial planned implementation of the Central Market Operating System (CMOS) Release 4.0.

MOSL (The Market Operator) has requested that Ofwat amend the implementation date of Change Proposals CPW014 (CSD 0301 (Data Catalogue) Updates) and CPW022 (Requesting a new connection SPID when the retailer is unknown).

The issue

The Market Operator has postponed the implementation of the CMOS Release 4.0 from 3 March 2018 to 18 May 2018. The release has been deferred to accommodate two system impacting Change Proposals¹ which Trading Parties requested be implemented ahead of the next scheduled release in September 2018. The Market Operator has confirmed that the revised release date of the Change Proposals of 18 May 2018 was determined following engagement with Trading Parties.

The Market Operator has informed us that unless the implementation date of the Change Proposals is amended, they will be given effect in the Wholesale Retail Code (WRC) on 3 March 2018 without CMOS supporting the requirements. This will mean that Trading Parties could not operate in compliance with the WRC for the period between 3 March 2018 and 18 May 2018.

The Panel noted this matter at its meeting on 30 January 2018 and endorsed the Market Operator's proposal to request amended implementation dates for these Change Proposals.

Reasons for our decision

There has been a general consensus between Trading Parties, the Panel and MOSL on the amendment to the implementation date of CPW014 and CPW022. The

¹ CPW022 (Requesting a new connection SPID where the retailer is unknown) and CPW027 (QC Error Codes)

Market Arrangements Code does not prevent an amendment to the implementation date of Change Proposals.

Our decision

Ofwat approves the amendment of the implementation date of CPW014 and CPW022 to 18 May 2018.

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