SEM R2.4.0 (April 2014 Release)

Change Control Forum (CCF) Meeting - Minutes

Date: October 23rd 2013 10:00 – 10:30

Meeting Attendees	
Dermot Barry (CCF Chair)	SEMO
Brían McAuley	SEMO
Karen Sheils	Regulatory Authorities
Darrell Thomas	SSE
Jill Halliday	Power NI
Brian Mongan	AES Kilroot
Sean McCrea	Viridian

1. Introduction – CCF Chair

With respect to the SEM R2.4.0 release capacity, the Chair gave an overview of
- the SDS / CCF process;
- the release capacity allocation process; and
- the remaining capacity in the release.

Table 1 below summarises the capacity allocation for the release and the remainder available:

Modification Proposals				
CR Ref.	**Mod. Ref.**	**Description**	**ABB Hours**	**Brady Hours**
		Total Modification Capacity Usage	0	0
		Modification Capacity Surplus	1346	694
Non-T&SC Change Requests				
		Unused capacity from Modifications stream – Apr 2014	1346	694
		Non-T&SC Capacity Allocation – Apr 2014	337	173
		Unused capacity from previous releases	632	368
		Total Remaining Capacity Available	**2315**	**1235**

Table 1: Total Release Capacity allocation to date for the SEM R2.4.0 release

2. Change Requests considered – SEMO and Market Participants

Table 2 below lists the Change Requests that were discussed and considered at the CCF meeting along with the vendor hours that are required to deliver them:

Change Requests				
CR Ref	**Description**	**Priority (H/M/L)**	**Organisation**	**Vendor Hours**
SEM_PC_CR271	Automated FX download to the Central Market Systems	H	SEMO	372
SEM_PC_CR320	Dispatch Instruction Validation Change	H	SEMO	192
SEM_PC_CR324	Event Warning for DAM Event	H	SEMO	372
SEM_PC_CR292	MDP Dropdown in the MPI	H	SEMO	112
SEM_PC_CR226	Pop-up Reminder of Digital Cert Renewal	M	SEMO	172
SEM_PC_CR205	MPI Weblink User Access	M	ESB Powergen	400
Total ABB Changes				**1620**
SEM_PC_CR323	Bad Debt Smearing Calculation	H	SEMO	450
SEM_PC_CR309	Tax File Import	H	SEMO	350
SEM_PC_CR325	Automated Data Imports	H	SEMO	370
SEM_PC_CR326	Historical Process Warnings	H	SEMO	262
Total Brady Changes				**1432**
Total Hours				**3052**

Table 2: Listing of CRs Considered.

In addition a number of Change Requests to the Finance (Dynamics) system were proposed by Market Operations – see Table 3 below. These however do not form part of the prioritisation discussions as the Dynamics system is provided by different vendor.

CR Ref	Description	Priority (H/M/L)
SEM_PC_CR160	Reconciliation and Loading of Payments	**H**
SEM_PC_CR271	Automated FX Download to the CMS	**H**
SEM_PC_CR307	Exchange Rates B	**H**
SEM_PC_CR272	Amalgamation of payments for multiple SBIs per PT	**H**
SEM_PC_CR308	Extl CR SBI files automatically update in TRM	**H**

Table 3: Listing of Finance (Dynamics) Change Requests

3. Prioritisation Discussions

Each Change Request listed in Table 2 above was discussed and considered by the CCF. This section outlines comments and queries raised in relation to the proposed Change Requests during the prioritisation discussions.

There were no comments or queries raised by the CCF in relation to the following Change Requests:
- SEM_PC_CR326 – Historical Process Warnings
- SEM_PC_CR324 - Event Warning for DAM Events
- SEM_PC_CR309 – Tax Rate Input Screen
- SEM_PC_CR325 – Automated Data Imports
- SEM_PC_CR323 – Bad Debt Settlement
- SEM_PC_CR271 – Automated Exchange Rate download to the Central Market Systems
- SEM_PC_CR320 – Dispatch Instruction Validation Change

SEM_PC_CR292 – MDP Dropdown in the MPI
Will this affect Participant interfaces and how will the dropdown control be populated with the relevant MDP names?
This change will not affect interfaces between Participant Systems and the Central Market Systems.
The dropdown control will be populated by MDP Names stored in a table on the Central Market Systems database.

SEM_PC_CR226 – Pop-up reminder of Digital Cert Renewal
Will this change affect Type 3 Participant Interfaces?
No – this change will only be incorporated in the Type 2 interface.

SEM_PC_CR205 – MPI Weblink User Access
This change was originally proposed some time back by ESB Powergen. At the previous CCF meeting (re October 2013 release) where this change was discussed its priority was downgraded from High to Medium and the Participant specified that they were operating a workaround which reduced the priority of the change.

There was no representation from the Participant at this meeting to support the change and on the basis of previous discussions this Change Request was not proposed for inclusion in the release scope.

4. Resultant SDS Scope Agreement

Following the prioritisation discussions the following ABB/Brady Change Requests were proposed for inclusion in scope for the SEM R2.4.0 release:

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SEM_PC_CR320	Dispatch Instruction Validation Change	**H**	SEMO	192
SEM_PC_CR324	Event Warning for DAM Event	**H**	SEMO	372
SEM_PC_CR292	MDP Dropdown in the MPI	**H**	SEMO	112
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SEM_PC_CR325	Automated Data Imports	**H**	SEMO	370
SEM_PC_CR326	Historical Process Warnings	**H**	SEMO	262
Total Brady Changes				**1432**
Total Hours				**2652**

5. Next Steps/Actions

- SEMO to publish minutes of the CCF Meeting of October 23rd, update the SEMO website and issue an email alert to Participants;
- SEMO IT to confirm release capacity with vendors based on proposed Change Requests;
- SEMO IT to compile and issue final recommendation report to the Regulatory Authorities;
- On receiving final Regulatory approval, SEMO IT will direct our vendors to include the approved Change Requests in scope; and
- SEMO IT to publish complete scope to the industry immediately once finalised