



SEM R2.2.0 (April 2013 Release)

Change Control Forum (CCF) Meeting - Minutes

Date: August 15th 2012 14:00 – 15:30

Meeting Attendees	
Dermot Barry (CCF Chair)	SEMO
Mary Doyle	SEMO
Laura Plunkett	SEMO
Jill Halliday	Power NI
Neil Cammish	Bord Gais
Cormac Cahill	Bord Gais
Matthew Reid	ESB
Sinead O' Hare	Power NI Ltd PPB
John Cooper	Ventyx
Eamonn Walsh	ESB International
Paula Leonard	ESB
Morgan Gilbert	Endesa
Patrick O' Hagan	Endesa

1. Introduction – CCF Chair

With respect to the SEM R2.2.0 release capacity, the Chair gave an overview of

- the SDS / CCF process;
- the release capacity allocation process;
- those Change Requests that have already been included in scope (Approved Modification Proposals) and
- the remaining capacity in the release available to SDS sourced change.

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

Modification Proposals			
CR Ref.	Mod. Ref.	Description	Vendor Hours
SEM_PC_CR281	17_11	Addition of a D+3 DI Report	124
SEM_PC_CR290	03_12	VAT arrangements	3,868
		Total Modification Capacity Usage	3,992
		Modification Capacity Surplus	-562
Non-T&SC Change Requests			
		Unused capacity from Modifications stream	-562
		Non-T&SC Capacity Allocation	858
		Total Remaining Capacity Available	296

Table 1: Total Release Capacity allocation to date for the SEM R2.2.0 release

The Chair noted however that SEM_PC_CR290 which contains the bulk of the approved scope to date will be delivered by just one of the CMS vendors (Brady). As a result there is scope for approximately 1500 - 2000 hours of SDS sourced change if prioritised by the SDS and approved by the Regulatory Authorities.

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	System	Description	Priority (H/M/L)	Organisation	Vendor Hours
SEM_PC_CR186	MA	Export Functionality in MA	M	SEMO	348
SEM_PC_CR188	STL	Include a "Download in PDF" option for SEMO Published invoices	M	ESB International	562
SEM_PC_CR189	STL	Invoices Filter Checkbox	M	ESB International	388
SEM_PC_CR193	MI	TLAF publishing in the MPI	M	Energia	432
SEM_PC_CR198	MI	Additional COD validations	M	ESB International	652
SEM_PC_CR204	STL	MGR report inclusion of resource type	M	ESB Powergen	232
SEM_PC_CR205	MI/STL	MPI Weblink User Access	M	ESB Powergen	TBC
SEM_PC_CR224	STL	Ad-hoc Flag in Type 3 Statements	H	Airtricity	840
SEM_PC_CR262	MI	Unit Under Test Submission Screen	H	SEMO	1,216
SEM_PC_CR263	MI/STL	POMAX does not read updates From MPI	H	SEMO	356
SEM_PC_CR271	All	Automated Exchange Rate download to the CMS	H	SEMO	372
SEM_PC_CR294	STL	DDF Linked to System Type within POMAX file import	H	SEMO	192
SEM_PC_CR289	MI	Internal Submission Gates (Option 1)	M	SEMO	400

SEM_PC_CR295	MA	MA System Summary Interconnector Flow	M	SEMO	100
SEM_PC_CR297	MI	Wind Forecast Validation	M	SEMO	144
Total (ABB/Brady) CR Hours based on vendor impact assessments					6.234

Table 2: Listing of CRs Considered.

3. Prioritisation Discussions

Each Change Request listed in Table 2 above was discussed and considered by the CCF. The following comments were raised in relation to specific Change Requests and during the prioritisation discussions.

There were no comments or queries raised by the CCF in relation to the following Change Requests:

- SEM_PC_CR186 – Export Functionality in MA
- SEM_PC_CR263 – POMAX does not read updates from MPI
- SEM_PC_CR271 – Automated Exchange Rate download to the CMS
- SEM_PC_CR294 – DDF Linked to System Type within POMAX file import
- SEM_PC_CR295 – MA System Summary Interconnector Flow
- SEM_PC_CR297 – Wind Forecast Validation

SEM_PC_CR262 – Unit Under Test Submission Screen

Matthew Reid (ESB) asked if SEMO could confirm that there was no type 3 impact if this Change Request was to be implemented.

Dermot Barry (SEMO) confirmed that there would be a change to type 3 submissions should this Change Request be approved.

Matthew Reid (ESB) asked if the vendors could reassess the work necessary e.g. using radio buttons and in turn reduce the hours needed for the Change Request.

Dermot Barry (SEMO) explained that there would be a higher risk of data errors being introduced by implementing radio buttons rather than a separate Unit Under Test screen - due to differing business process timelines Unit Under Test screens should be made available separately to the Registration Data screens.

SEM_PC_CR289 – Internal Submission Gates (Option 1)

Morgan Gilbert (Endesa) asked if implementing this Change Request would impact on Type 3 submissions.

Dermot Barry (SEMO) confirmed that type 3 submissions would not be affected; the gate would be re-opened for internal SEMO use only and would remain closed to external Participants.

SEM_PC_CR224 – Ad-hoc Flag in Type 3 Statements

Dermot Barry (SEMO) stated that, in the presentation published on Monday August 13th, the hours specified to implement this Change Request were specified incorrectly as 1770 and should have been specified as 840. SEMO agreed to publish a revised slide pack and send an alert to Participants. There was no representative from Airtricity present at the meeting.

Jill Halliday (Power NI) mentioned that she didn't see why Resettlement should be flagged on statements when M+4 and M+13 are currently not flagged.

John Cooper (Ventyx) added that the addition of the modified date to the Settlement Calendar on the SEMO website may have reduced or removed the need for this Change Request.

Participants represented at the meeting and SEMO agreed that this Change Request would be excluded from the scope of the April 2013 release and that SEMO would follow up with Airtricity directly in relation to the need for this Change Request at the present time given the comments raised at the meeting.

SEM_PC_CR189 – Invoices Filter Checkbox

Dermot Barry (SEMO) suggested this Change Request be excluded from scope discussions as SEM_PC_CR224 was already excluded by the CCF and the design of this SEM_PC_CR189 was dependent on SEM_PC_CR224.

All Participants present were in agreement.

SEM_PCR_CR188 – Include a “Download in PDF” option for SEMO published Invoices

Patrick O’Hagan (Endesa) outlined a workaround that Endesa have put in place, whereby they print the invoice to pdf format via pdf writer.

Eamonn Walsh (ESB International) confirmed that he would investigate the suggested workaround to see if the requirement could be delivered without the implementation of this Change Request.

Dermot Barry (SEMO) suggested that, in light of the workaround being investigated, this Change Request be excluded from scope discussions and SEMO would follow up with ESB International afterwards to see if there was a need to keep this Change Request open for consideration for a future release.

All Participants present were in agreement.

SEM_PC_CR198 – Additional COD Validations

Paula Leonard (ESB) requested that this Change Request be put on hold and excluded from the current scope discussions.

All Participants were in agreement.

SEM_PC_CR193 – TLAF Publishing in the MPI

Dermot Barry (SEMO) stated that this Change Request was originally raised by Sean McCrea from PowerNI.

Jill Halliday (PowerNI) confirmed that this Change Request was not raised on behalf of PowerNI business however believed that this Change Request would be beneficial for the generator business. Jill Halliday confirmed that if Sean were present he would push for this Change Request to be included in scope.

Matthew Reid (ESB) confirmed that the ESB Operation teams stated that this Change Request would be useful as this team handles TLAFs for 40+ generators.

SEM_PC_CR204 – MGR Report Inclusion of Report Type

Paula Leonard (ESB) confirmed that this Change Request was desirable for ESB Power Generation. Patrick O’Hagan (Endesa) also confirmed support for this Change Request.

Subsequent discussions on prioritisation confirmed that although this was a desirable change there was no criticality on its implementation and if other Change Requests were deemed of higher priority then this could be excluded from the current discussion.

SEM_PC_CR205 – MPI Weblink User Access

Paula Leonard (ESB) requested that this Change Request be kept on the Open request list. She explained that SRA data is really a Settlement matter and having to give Settlement representatives Trading access goes against ESB business practices.

Dermot Barry (SEMO) confirmed that a full impact assessment would be requested from the vendors before the next CCF meeting to confirm hours required, and that SEMO would follow up directly with ESB Power Generation if any further information was needed.

4. Resultant SDS Scope Agreement

Following the prioritisation discussions the following ABB/Brady Change Requests were proposed for inclusion in scope for the SEM R2.2.0 release:

Resultant Scope for R2.2.0			
CR Ref.	System	Description	Vendor Hours
SEM_PC_CR262	MI	Unit Under Test Submission Screen	1216
SEM_PC_CR289	MI	Internal Submission Gates (Option 1)	400
SEM_PC_CR193	MI	TLAF Publishing in the MPI	432
SEM_PC_CR295	MA	MA System Summary IC Flows	100 ¹
Total Vendor Hours for R2.2.0 prioritised by CCF			2148

Table 3: Resultant SDS Scope.

5. Next Steps/Actions

- SEMO to publish revised Slide-pack (update to number of hours required for SEM_PC_CR224) and issue an email alert to Participants;
- SEMO to publish minutes of the CCF Meeting of August 15th, 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

¹ Dependent on vendor capacity