



CMA proposals, Price Comparison Website access to data Distribution Workgroup

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- The CMA Energy Market Investigation reports:
- Summary of the Final Report
- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/576c23e4ed915d622c000087/Energy-final-report-summary.pdf>
- And Final Report
- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5773de34e5274a0da3000113/final-report-energy-market-investigation.pdf>
- Detail the background to, and proposals (order) for, Price Comparison Website (PCW) access to data
- GTs intend to bring forward a modification to the UNC to permit the release of data to PCW.
- A number of matters require consideration

CMA report paragraph references in this presentation are to the Final report

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Summary of CMA report

- The CMA report places an “order” on GTs to grant access to the SCOGES database to PCW and other Third Party Intermediaries (TPI) on reasonable terms and subject to satisfaction of reasonable access conditions (para 13.349)
- For the strictly limited purpose of checking / identifying MPRN and other information provided by the customer against that held on SCOGES (para 13.345)
- By the beginning of 2017 onwards (para 13.355)
- With PCW and TPI having a legitimate justification for accessing the information (para 13.357)

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Recent developments

- Since the publication of the draft report in early 2016 Xoserve has met with PCW to discuss requirements
- Xoserve has attended the Third Party Access working group convened by Gemserv, which comprises; Gemserv, Suppliers, Ofgem and Xoserve. In addition a meeting in April 2016 included PCW representatives.
- Xoserve has convened a teleconference with PCW in June to further understand PCW requirements.
- PCW are requesting the following data:
 - MPRN, address including postcode, meter serial number, meter mechanism code (credit or pre-payment), meter capacity, current supplier id, SMETs code
- No input yet from TPI

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Matters for consideration – what is a PCW / TPI

- PCW / TPI are not licenced for subject to any register / accreditation
- Ofgem Confidence Code is a voluntary code that some PCW sign up to
- How are PCW / TPI to be recognised in UNC?
- It is expected that PCW / TPI will contract directly with Xoserve for the provision of the service. Should UNC require a confidentiality agreement between each GT and each PCW / TPI?

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Matters for consideration – data to be accessed

- Access is required for a sub-set of data held on the SCOGES database
- PCW are requesting a “machine to machine” interface
- Access requests will be as required by consumer enquiry on PCW
- PCW have been asked to provide estimated volumes of enquiries – system limits can be set to avoid exceeding a volume cap
- Xoserve has set out the requirement for PCW / TPI to be subject to audit to verify PCW / TPI accesses are legitimate (para 13.357)

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Matters for consideration – commercial matters

- GTs have agreed to fund reasonable development costs with the expectation that these costs will be recovered over time from the PCW / TPI community
- Initial views suggest the charging basis will be by access to the system, rather than commodity based.
- Commercial contracts with PCW / TPI likely to be developed with due regard to the FGO model for Xoserve

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- Xoserve to complete impact assessment by mid-August
- Likely to convene further meetings with PCW / TPI to confirm / develop proposals further
- GTs likely to raise UNC modification in August / September, target date for decision November / December
- Note: impact assessment includes ability to deliver this service without impacting the Nexus delivery. In the case of conflict Nexus will take priority.

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