

***Via email***

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Alex Plant  
UNC Modification Panel Chair

Dear Alex,

**RE: Offer of support for UNC0593 development activity**

Following the Ofgem decision to send back UNC Modification 0593 (Provision of access to Domestic Consumer data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries), the MRA Service Company (MRASCo) would like to extend an offer of assistance to the UNC Panel.

MRASCo has been working since early 2016 to implement process, governance and system changes to allow Price Comparison Websites (PCWs) access to the Electricity Central Online Enquiry Service (ECOES) in accordance with the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Order (published 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016).

In March 2016, MRASCo established the Third Party Access Group (TPAG) enabling all MRA parties and any interested Price Comparison Websites (i.e. those deemed to be in scope of the Order) to come together. This collaborative approach ensured there was appropriate due diligence applied, balanced with the need for reasonable access conditions and consideration of alternative proposals for achieving compliance with the Order. Separately, the MRASCo Security Committee (MSC) carried out a thorough Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) on ECOES to assure that PCWs accessing MRASCo systems were doing so in line with effective security standards and protocols and that will be compliant with the DPA.

This work has culminated in a fully compliant ECOES solution, providing the first applicant PCWs with access from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

We believe that our experience in delivering this solution could provide considerable assistance to gas colleagues in your discussions regarding PCW access to gas data. MRASCo would be happy to assist in any way, including sharing our lessons learned over the past twelve months with respect to PCW access to electricity data.

If you have any questions with respect to this request, please contact Paul Rocke on 020 7090 1007.

Yours sincerely



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