

Reporting between the CDSP and the DTSA

Background

The Data Transfer User Agreement (DTSA) is an agreement which was set up with Suppliers to use the Data Transfer Network (DTN) for electricity flows. The DTSA expanded its remit to include some Supplier gas flows (RET, SAR, NOSI plus DAP).

To invoice for the use of the service, ElectraLink needs to be provided with customer number counts (total of MPRNs) once a year for all Suppliers who use the service. This is currently collated by ElectraLink contacting all Suppliers directly.

Issue

Not all participating Suppliers provide the customer number counts by the deadline, which causes issues for the invoicing process. The CDSP currently provides customer number totals to the SPAA for the secretariat costs, but as the DTSA is a different agreement (albeit with the same company) there aren't the permissions for the numbers to be used for both services so a new agreement would be required.

Proposal

To introduce an annual reporting process between the CDSP and the DTSA to provide a consolidated customer numbers report to replace the individual number reporting which is in place today.

This will be based on the SPAA approach but an independent report, it will be to provide the single data item for the count of MPRNs, it will be a contractual agreement rather than the DTSA becoming part of the Data Permissions Matrix (DPM).

ElectraLink will provide a list of participating Suppliers to the CDSP who are acceded to the DTSA and who utilise the service (and therefore would have previously been asked to email their customer numbers). The CDSP will only report back on those Suppliers, all other Suppliers will be excluded from customer number provision.

It is hoped to initiate this request for the customer numbers required for [November 2020], as invoicing is not due until [April] 2021. This will endeavour to set up the contract in time for 2021 invoicing. If a contract is not agreed by [January] 2021 then Suppliers will have to individually provide the information until this agreed.

Benefits

- Efficiency of a single report rather than contacting all participating Suppliers
- Data coming from a single source with a single view of the requirements reducing the possibility of conflicting reporting between parties

High-level requirements

1. The approach is to be followed for RET, SAR, NOSI and DAP processes for DTSA invoicing.
 - a. Where the participating Suppliers lists are identical a combined request will be issued, where the named Suppliers differ individual requests will be issued.

2. The DTSA administrator is to provide on an [annual] basis a list of participating Suppliers to the CDSP.
 - a. The list will be at Supplier Market Participant Identity level.
 - b. The list will also contain the Ofgem licence organisation name – this is to ensure where necessary all Supplier IDs as part of a single Ofgem licence are accounted for.
3. The DTSA administrator will state the gas day e.g. [30/11/YYYY] the extract is to be based on and the gas day should have already passed e.g. a request of 30/11/2019 cannot go to the CDSP until the earliest of 01/12/2019.
4. Within [10] working days of receipt from the DTSA Administrator, the CDSP will create a report for the DTSA for the participating Suppliers provided in the list from requirement 1. The report will include:
 - a. The Supplier Market Participant Identity;
 - b. The Market Participant Ofgem licence organisation name;
 - c. The customer number total (count of MPRNs) as of the gas day specified in requirement 3.
5. Should a SoLR have occurred on or around the gas day specified in requirement 3, it will be the responsibility of the DTSA administrator to consider this as part of the overall process.
6. Should the Supplier have multiple entities the CDSP reporting will report them on an individual entity level based on the participating Supplier list provided in requirement 1. The CDSP will not aggregate the numbers, where a Supplier has more than one Supplier identity per entity e.g. Supplier 1 has short codes AAA and BBB the CDSP will provide totals per ID and not a combined total for both.
7. Encryption will be applied regardless of who is sending the information between the DTSA Administrator and the CDSP. The minimum requirements being compliant to legal standards. These can be bilaterally agreed and may change with agreement of both parties. E.g. the mechanism could move from encrypted email to restricted portal access.
8. Where the CDSP identifies an issue or requires clarity as part of requirement 4 they shall question/query the DTSA Administrator, during this time the countdown of the [10] working days will be stopped and will resume once the query has been resolved or the countdown will restart should a new List of participating Suppliers be provided.
9. The DTSA Administrator may review and seek clarity on the count of MPRNs received, this should be completed within [10] working days of receipt.

Next Steps

To present this paper at the following meetings to seek comments on the proposal before progressing any formal agreements:

- DTSA User Group
- IGT UNC Workgroup
- SPAA Expert Group
- UNC Distribution Workgroup

Feedback on this is to be provided to Kirsty Dudley (E.ON) by 30/10/2020.