

## Review of the 2010/11 Year

The year has been another successful year for the AMO, with growing involvement in the smart metering implementation programme just one example of AMO's positive influence across a number of important industry groups and development programmes.

This paper summarises the key successes and outlines future challenges for the Association.

### 201/11 Successes

- **Smart Metering DECC/Ofgem Implementation Programme and Other Consultations**
  - Representation on the SMDG, DCG and majority of sub-groups (including PDOG). AMO Representatives at approximately 90 DECC/Ofgem meetings from Sep 2010-March 2011
  - DECC have acknowledge need for even greater AMO involvement in Phase 2 and 3 of the Programme, acknowledging MOPs role in the Smart Meter roll-out
  - AMO Responses to the [Prospectus Consultation](#) and [Ofgem Review of Metering Arrangements](#) amongst 9 other formal responses to DECC/Ofgem
  - 19 MRRs issued in 2010/11
- **MOCOPA / MAMCoP**
  - A number of positive steps to resolve electricity and gas 'old chestnuts' with six sub-groups (electricity and gas) created to further develop solutions.
  - Excellent results from several change proposals (CPs) for electricity MOPs in particular including auditing of Distribution Businesses under MOCOPA and enhanced safety governance for cable colours, ESQCR reporting and HV/LV CT meter labelling. MOPs are also driving further changes to improve safety under MOCOPA with CPs being developed for height of meters, earthing, meter panels and inadequate meter boards.
- **Elxon (TAMEG)** – Number of new non-compliances at an all-time low. Promoting a review to best determine how to deal with missing VT/CT certificates
- **New British Standards** – AMO providing valuable input and resource to produce a new BS8567 – Electricity Meter Boxes and supporting the development of the new BS7856 – Design and other features of alternating current watthour meters for active energy (classes A and B) for use in the UK (expected to be released in 2011)
- **National Skills Academy for Power** – Active involvement in the development of resource needs for the smart meter roll-out (Member party chairing NSAP Metering Industry Forum, 3 Members involved in pilot of Assurance scheme, and majority of Members now providing data to assess workforce requirements)
- **IST 4** – Promoted the commencement of In-Service Testing following internal delays at NMO
- **AMO Awareness enhanced** – Contributed to debates within DECC, DCUSA, Elxon, ENA, ERA, EU Skills/NSAP, HSE, IGEM, IMAG, MAMCoP, MRA, NMO, Ofgem, SPAA and UKMF. Supported several industry conferences and events
- **Constitution Review completed** – Version 1.71 released in March 2011

## **Future Challenges**

- Smart Meter Roll-Out – expected to be a massive challenge, even more so than the introduction of the competitive market for electricity and gas (primarily as a result of the fact all customers in GB will be disrupted in some way)
- On-going involvement and resource needs to support DECC and the Smart Meter Implementation Programme
- National Skills Academy for Power – Training and development of operatives for the smart role out
- Installation Code of Practice Agreement – refining expectations of meter operators
- Enhanced value for AMO Members, in particular for gas MAMs (Gas Meter Forum)