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I0228 - ECOES API FOR EXPORT MPAN CREATION AT SCALE

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on I0228 ECOES API for Export MPAN Creation at Scale to the Change Issues Group and gather feedback from the group on the questions in section 4.

2 BACKGROUND

REC Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle outlines that 'Any request for 50 or more Export Metering Point per Electricity Supplier per day will be deemed to be a bulk request and as such will be subject to a bi-lateral agreement between the Electricity Supplier and the relevant Distribution Network Operator' (DNO). The Proposer of this change identified a key issue with this process in that the growing number of consumers with microgeneration infrastructure means that this restriction of 50 is overly burdensome.

The Proposer of this change identified they are aiming to scale up their export MPAN portfolio meaning; they are currently averaging roughly 150-200 Export MPANs a day across their portfolio and aiming to scale this up by roughly 50%. This will not all be with a single DNO, but it is possible that they are surpassing the 50 Export Metering Points per day with individual Suppliers. Working around the current threshold before it becomes a bulk request requires manual work; adding to costs and slowing the process down.

The Proposer asked the Code Manager to explore the creation of an API to streamline this process. They would also like to discuss increasing or removing the limit of 50 Export MPANs created a day before it becomes a bulk request.

3 DNO INPUT CALL

In order to develop the solution requirements and more clearly define the problem statement for this change, a meeting was arranged to gather input from DNOs on 18 February 2025. The aim of the meeting was to allow the Code Manager to have greater understanding of the current process, how it is working in practice, and if the 50 per Supplier threshold was still required before bringing the Issue for wider discussion at the Change Issues Group.

The meeting noted that the threshold of 50 per Supplier and the bilateral process that follows it were not a cause for concern. DNOs additionally highlighted that SDEP is being used for that bilateral process. Those on the call also noted that this is likely to be a temporary issue because as Suppliers process historic Export Consumers that need an MPAN, the volume of new MPAN requests is expected to decrease.

4 DISCUSSION

The Code Manager is asking the Change Issues Group to provide input into this problem statement and any feedback that could help to formulate a solution to this issue.

The Code Manager is therefore asking the following questions:

- Is the current process for creating Export MPANs working for members?
- What are members views of the current bilateral process?
- If there is an issue with the current process of creating Export MPANs, will this still be an issue in the future or is this only a temporary issue?
- What are members views about how a potential API for this process could work in practice?
- Are there any other issues you would like the Code Manager to consider as part of this solution? One example could be Export MPANs being created and not registered