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I0262 - ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION DATA (GAS) UNDER SMART ENERGY CODE

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to garner feedback on the proposed solution, and prompt discussion on outstanding elements of the solution.

2 BACKGROUND

Under the Smart Energy Code (SEC), the Data Communications Company (DCC) are entitled to receive 'Registration Data' to allow them to assess whether Users are eligible for certain services, or for the calculation of charges owed by Users. In the REC, the DCC currently function as the Central Switching Service (CSS) Provider – The SEC permits for the DCC to access Registration Data from the CSS Provider, i.e. from their role within the REC.

In addition to the Registration Data arrangements detailed above, there are arrangements for Additional Registration Data, sent outside the CSS-derived means described above. Clauses E.5.3 and E5.4 make arrangements for the provisional of Additional Registration Data, sent to the DCC by Gas Transporters (GTs) (via Xoserve as an intermediary acting on behalf of GTs), rather than via the CSS Provider. Additional Registration Data is provided by GTs to the DCC on a monthly basis. The data provided is as follows:

> *E5.3 Each Gas Network Party shall with effect from calendar month October 2020 provide (or procure that its Registration Data Provider provides) to the DCC by no later than the last day of each calendar month (the 'relevant calendar month') the data referred to in Section E5.4 in respect of each Gas Supplier Party.*
>
> *E5.4 The data to be provided to the DCC by the Gas Network Party in accordance with Section E5.3 is the number of Supply Meter Points on its network that relate to Designated Premises at which:*
> *(a) the Gas Supplier Party is Registered on the 15th day of the relevant calendar month; and*
> *(b) the quantity of gas supplied to the premises is measured by a Gas Meter that is an Advanced Meter,*

The Proposer, a GT, and Party to both the REC and the SEC, has identified that SEC Clauses E5.3 and E5.4 are the direct obligations for GT within the Smart Energy Code. The Proposer has suggested that these obligations may more naturally sit within the REC, as the gas

Additional Registration Data relates to data that is owned by the REC. As such, the Proposer has asked that the Code Manager explore how the REC may instead absorb the SEC E5.3 and E5.4 obligations, contingent on a SEC Modification to release them.

At the time of publication, the SEC Modification has progressed to such an extent as to have determined that it is likely that the SEC may release these obligations. As such, this Issue now seeks to explore how the REC may integrate these obligations, in a way that will provide continuity to the DCC, and delivery of the required Data in a way that is consistent with how it is currently delivered within the SEC.

3 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The Code Manager is looking to move the obligation from the SEC to the REC. The Code Manager wishes to preserve the obligation as much as possible to provide continuity for the DCC and for Gas Transporters. As such, the option found within the current SEC drafting to allow the Gas Transporter to send the required data by either sending it themselves or allowing a nominated data provider (Xoserve) to send it on their behalf will be preserved in the REC drafting.

Location within the REC:

The Code Manager is considering several areas within the REC to place the obligation, and would welcome a view from the CHIG on this. The current REC documents under consideration are:

- Schedule 23 – Registration Services
- Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management > **Code Manager Minded-To Position**
- Schedule 25 - Central Switching Service

The Code Manager believes that Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management – Paragraph 4 – Switching Operation Data is the most appropriate place. We would welcome views on this, either to affirm our position or to challenge and propose alternate areas.

Data Transfer Mechanism:

The Code Manager is considering how the means by which Additional Registration Data is currently transferred within the SEC can be reproduced within the REC. In the SEC, the data is sent using a DCC-designated File Transfer Protocol (FTP). Should this obligation be transferred to the REC, the Code Manager will need to determine the means by which this data is transferred. The current options under consideration are:

- A recreation of the FTP arrangements found within the SEC;
- The Secure Data Exchange Platform (SDEP);
- An undefined mechanism to give Gas Transporters the freedom to devise their own arrangements.

The Code Manager would also welcome alternative recommendations and commentary on the proposed options.

4 NEXT STEPS

- Finalise the legal drafting based on feedback in parallel from the REC Change Issues Group & the SEC Working Group (05/11/25);
- Issue a Party Impact Assessment to understand the impact of the proposed solution on affected industry parties (Gas Transporters).

5 QUESTIONS FOR THE CHANGE ISSUES GROUP

- Do you have a view on where the drafting can be placed within the REC?
- Do you have a view on the data transfer mechanism?
- Do you have any views on this Issue more broadly?
- Do you have any other comments?