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RELATED METERING POINT ASSOCIATIONS

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We invite RIG members to note the following updates:

- When a Related Metering Point Association is incorrect this can cause erroneous switches, blocked switching and settlement issues. A process gap has been identified that suggests that these are less likely from being prevented so want to engage with industry on the best way to address this. This currently affects a small number of meters, but we are keen to act to prevent it becoming a wider issue.

Discussion:

- Throughout the paper we have highlighted discussion points and key questions we would like to bring to RIG members. If you have any feedback prior to the RIG meeting, please do share with us and we can provide an update accordingly.

BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE

- An issue has been identified within Section 5 of Schedule 28 based on RECCo discussions with ERDA on drafting changes brought by the MHHS programme.
- There is a clear requirement in the Code for Related Metering Points to have the same RMP Status, as highlighted in section 5 below.

5.1 All Related Metering Points must share the same RMP Status of Operational and can not be changed to another status whilst they are within a relationship.

5.2 If a Primary Related Metering Point requires a RMP Status change to Terminated then the process set out within Paragraph 4 must be followed. The DNO can then set the RMP Status to Terminated as per the processes set out within the Switching Data Management Schedule

5.3 If a Secondary Related Metering Point requires a RMP Status change to Terminated then the process set out within Paragraph 3 must be followed. The DNO can then set the RMP Status to Terminated as per the processes set out within the Switching Data Management Schedule.

- However, there is ambiguity on where responsibility lies and who the obligation applies to maintain the RMP Status. ERDA confirm that this is not a requirement that they are currently validating against.
- This ambiguity has led to scenarios where MPANs within active relationships have different RMP Statuses. This difference can lead to a risk of incorrectly related Metering Points being either erroneously switched or blocked from switching.



RIG Discussion Point

Given the ambiguity of responsibility, who should be resolving issues where RMP Statuses are different for MPANs in active relationships?

Would this be best resolved via Data Cleanse or a technical change to the Code?

Section descriptions

We have completed initial analysis of obligations, which is set out in the table below. This covers relevant sections of Schedule 28 in relation to responsibility for maintaining RMP Status.

Reference	Description	Suggested responsibility
A	Section 1: Contains rules and conditions to be met for relationships to be created between Related Metering Points. However, this remains silent on RMP Status rules or conditions.	Supplier
B	Section 2.3.a: Outlines the creation of a relationship by a Supplier which states that RMP Status of the Related Metering Points to have the same status of Operational.	Supplier
C	Section 2.4.3: Outlines ERDA's responsibility to validate requests to create a Related Metering Point relationship as set in Section 1 - which does not contain references to RMP Status (as shown in reference A).	DNO
D	Section 4.1 and 4.2: Outlines the ending of a relationship by a Supplier which the Primary Metering Point will be Terminated/Operational but no longer a Related Metering Point. The ERDA will require the Related Metering Point relationship to be ended before the RMP Status is changed to Terminated.	Supplier and DNO
E	Section 5: Relates to DNO management of Related Metering Points and states that all share the same RMP Status of Operational and cannot be changed to another status whilst they are within a relationship.	DNO