RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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CHANGE REPORT

I0227 – DOMESTIC ELECTIVE HALF HOURLY SWITCHING

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	MEDIUM	URGENCY	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	ENERGY CONSUMERS & ENERGY SUPPLIERS		

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OVERVIEW

This change aims to remove unnecessary blocks to Consumer Switching, where a Domestic Consumer is registered as elective Half Hourly (HH) with the Losing Supplier, but the Gaining Supplier does not offer this.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

Until Market Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) work is completed, most Domestic Consumers will continue to be settled on a 'Non-Half Hourly (NHH)' basis. The choice as to whether or not to offer this is decided by Suppliers. Some Suppliers have already begun to settle Consumers Half Hourly (HH) through Ofgem's elective HH Settlement work, though not all Suppliers offer this.

Metering systems are given a Measurement Class (MC) and Profile Class (PC) to predict Settlement to identify their likely usage into ranges. For Domestic Consumers opted into elective HH, these would be MC "F" and PC "00."

Because not all Energy Suppliers have opted into providing elective HH, a Supplier has identified an issue where the Gaining Supplier request that the Losing Supplier update the Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN) to NHH before they take on the MPAN, rather than following the Change of Measurement Class process from HH to NHH and Change of Supplier as defined in the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). The Proposer has requested that guidance is added to the Retail Energy Code (REC) stating that this process should be followed.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

There are issues when a Domestic Consumer intends to Switch Suppliers, but their MPAN is registered as elective HH with their current Supplier, and this is not offered by the Gaining Supplier. This can cause delays with Switching for Consumers.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Domestic Electricity Consumers

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Electricity Suppliers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Registration Services Schedule

MHHS DESIGN
No impact

MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION
No impact

MHHS CODE DRAFTING
Indirect impact

This change has an indirect impact to the MHHS code drafting as it makes changes to Schedule 23 Registration Services Schedule, which is impacted by MHHS. Any legal drafting will need to be assessed against the MHHS drafting to ensure there are no impacts.

Any amendments that are approved for implementation on or before M8 will need to be incorporated into the MHHS version of Schedule 23 Registration Services Schedule implemented at M8.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

No cross-code impacts have been identified as part of this change.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05-Dec-24**	**30-April-25**
	Solution Development	December	April

This Change Proposal Plan does not extend beyond solution analysis and development as a full understanding of the solution is required prior to the planning of impact assessment activity and subsequent change process actions.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager plans to work closely with Suppliers to ensure that their views and operational requirements are represented and acknowledged during solution development. Additionally, the Code Manager plans to engage more widely with industry during the progression of this Issue, at forums including, but not limited to the Change Issues Group.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	2	17	33
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	2	7	13
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		1	9	9
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		1		8
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	0	10	0
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	105

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

8 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link

9 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Consumer	means any person supplied (or seeking a supply) of Energy at an RMP (whether or not that person also exports or is seeking to export electricity at an RMP).
Domestic Consumers	means a Consumer at Domestic Premises.
Gaining Supplier	means, in relation to a proposed Switch (or Switch), the Energy Supplier which is proposing to become the Registered Supplier at an RMP as a result of that proposed Switch (or which has become the Registered Supplier as a result of that Switch).
Half Hourly (HH)	refers to electricity being traded and/or settled on a half hourly basis
Losing Supplier	means, in relation to a proposed Switch (or Switch), the Energy Supplier which will cease to be the Registered Supplier at an RMP as a result of that proposed Switch (or which has ceased to be the Registered Supplier as a result of that Switch).
Market Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS)	Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) is the new electricity market arrangements that will enable the flexibility to support transition to Net Zero. A shorter and more accurate Settlement timetable using Half Hourly meter readings for settled energy will support a cost-effective electricity system, encourage flexible use of energy, and help Consumers lower bills. The MHHS Programme is an industry-led programme established to deliver the Target Operating Model and aims of the Electricity Settlement Reform Significant Code Review (SCR). Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) - REC Portal
Measurement Class (MC)	A classification of Metering Systems which indicates how Consumption is measured i.e. Non-Half Hourly Metering Equipment (equivalent to Measurement Class “A”) Non-Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies (equivalent to Measurement Class “B”) Half Hourly Metering Equipment at above 100kW Premises (equivalent to Measurement Class “C”) Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies (equivalent to Measurement Class “D”)

	Half Hourly Metering Equipment at below 100kW Premises with current transformer (equivalent to Measurement Class “E”) Half Hourly Metering Equipment at below 100kW Premises with current transformer or whole current, and at Domestic Premises (equivalent to Measurement Class “F”) Half Hourly Metering Equipment at below 100kW Premises with whole current and not at Domestic Premises (equivalent to Measurement Class “G”) BSC Section X-2: Technical Glossary - Elexon Digital BSC
Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN)	means the unique reference number used to identify electricity Metering Points.
Non-Half Hourly (NHH)	Refers to electricity being traded and/or metered by reference to periods of more than half an hour (normally monthly or longer).
Profile Class (PC)	A classification of profiles which represents an exclusive category of customers whose Consumption can be reasonably approximated to a common profile for Settlement purposes Profile class “00” represents the consumers with the highest usage and rely on Half Hourly metering. BSC Section X-2: Technical Glossary - Elexon Digital BSC
Settlement	means settlement under the relevant industry codes (the BSC for electricity and the UNC for gas).
Switching	means a change to the Registered Supplier for an RMP.