RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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CHANGE REPORT

R0162 ACCESS TO SDES FOR GAS NETWORKS

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Energy Suppliers, Gas Transporters		

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OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal was raised by an Energy Supplier on behalf of a Gas Transporter (GT) to provide a secure means of transfer for queries or escalations between GTs and Energy Suppliers. The Proposer recognises that the queries and escalations are likely to be cross-code rather than limited to REC processes.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

When the Secure Data Exchange Service (SDES) was developed, before migration to the REC, GTs were not included as they were deemed out of scope as their main interactions were with Shippers rather than Energy Suppliers. The Uniform Network Code (UNC) does provide the Contact Management Service (CMS) but this facilitates queries between Xoserve and gas industry participants, not GTs. However, more recently, it has become clear that GTs do send queries directly to Energy Suppliers, including Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) level data, so there is a requirement for a secure means of transferring the data. The main current means of transferring data is via email which may or may not be secure and can be inefficient as there is no central list of contacts.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Energy Suppliers and Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) moved to SDES to ensure all communications were in a secure portal, with SLAs and for GDPR reasons. GTs do not have access to this portal, and were not considered during the implementation of the system. As such, communications are not being sent as securely as possible.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Indirect – Consumer data can be sent more securely

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
SDES Service Provider

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Energy Suppliers
Gas Transporters

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Service Data Exchange Platform

MHHS DESIGN
No impact

MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION
No impact

MHHS CODE DRAFTING
No impact

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

This change will be discussed at Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) to determine if there are any cross-code impacts.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**24-Mar-25**	**31-Aug-25**
	Solution Development	March	April
	Party Impact Assessment	April	April
	Solution Refinement	April	May
	Service Provider Impact Assessment	May	August

The Code Manager is only providing a plan as far as Service Provider impact assessment at this time, as the outcome of that impact assessment will be used to inform the further stages and timelines of the plan.

6 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	3	7	20
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	2	14	28
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		1	9	9
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		1	17	8
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	1	10	10
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	136

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

7 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link

8 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Energy Supplier	means a person which is either or both an Electricity Supplier and/or a Gas Supplier.
Gas Transporter	means a person holding a Gas Transporter Licence which requires that person to become a Party to this Code.
Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP)	means the portal of that name which forms part of the Secure Data Exchange Service.
Secure Data Exchange Service (SDES)	means the service described in the SDES Service Definition.