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CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

I0187 – SCHEDULE 8 REVIEW AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

DOCUMENT VERSION	V3.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBC
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	**CHANGE PATH**	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	**URGENCY**	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Energy Suppliers, Gas Transporters, Distribution Network Operators		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

REC Schedule 8 – Unbilled Energy Code of Practice outlines the relationship between Network Parties and Energy Suppliers in respect of Energy Theft and their obligations to identify and resolve situations by taking appropriate actions. It also describes how those Parties shall deal with Occupiers who are identified as being Unregistered Consumers. This Issue seeks to carry out a review of Schedule 8 utilising the REC Theft Issues Group (TIG).

2 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

The Code Manager is proposing to update the Proposal Plan for I0187 to allow sufficient time to develop the proposed solution following the completion of the solution analysis and engagement with the Theft Issues Group. The update to the Proposal Plan also includes the addition of an extended Party impact assessment and a period of solution refinement.

During the solution development phase, it was determined that additional engagement with the Theft Issues Group (TIG) was necessary. A number of potential inconsistencies and areas

requiring clarification were identified, necessitating detailed discussions and agreement on next steps with the TIG. This engagement has now been completed, and the Code Manager will proceed with the legal drafting to incorporate the changes agreed upon following these discussions and the resolution of identified issues. Details of these discussions can be found in the meeting minutes from the TIG, available on the REC Portal, here.

Once the legal drafting is complete, the amended Schedule 8 will undergo a comprehensive review by the REC Legal Advisors to ensure consistency and confirm that no unintended consequences arise. Throughout this phase, the Code Manager will maintain close engagement with the Proposer to support alignment and clarity.

Following completion of both the legal drafting and review, the amended Schedule 8 will be issued for a Party Impact Assessment. This will provide Parties with the opportunity to formally review the proposed changes, offer feedback, and highlight any anticipated impacts on their organisations. Given the size of the Schedule and the extent of the legal drafting involved, the Code Manager intends to extend the Party Impact Assessment period beyond the standard 15 Working Days to allow sufficient time for thorough consideration.

The Code Manager proposes the following extension to the plan:

Milestone	Activity	From	To	From	To
Definition		**26 Sept-24**	**30 Jan-26**	**26 Sept-24**	**30 Jun-26**
	Solution Analysis	**Complete**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Engagement with the Theft Issues Group	~~August '25~~	~~January '26~~	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Solution Development	~~March '25~~	~~January '26~~	March '25	February '26
	Legal Review	~~September '25~~	~~September' 25~~	March '26	March '26
	Party impact assessment			April '26	May '26
	Solution Refinement			June '26	June '26

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the extension to plan for I0187; and
- **APPROVE** the extension to plan for I0187.