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CHANGE REPORT

I0284 UPDATES TO SCHEDULE 14 MEASUREMENT TRANSFORMERS COMMISSIONING TIMESCALES

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

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	DNOs, MOAs, Electricity Suppliers		

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OVERVIEW

The current timescales in the REC Schedule 14 Metering Operations sections 15.6 and section 30.6 where an Electricity Metering Asset requires commissioning in accordance with BSC Metering CoP4 need to be reviewed before the Settlement timetable changes the Reconciliation Final (RF) run from being 14 to 4 months to ensure the timescales remain fit for purpose.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

REC Schedule 14 Metering Operations sets out in section 15.6 and section 30.6 the process that shall be followed where an Electricity Metering Asset requires commissioning in accordance with BSC Metering Code of Practice 4 (CoP4) and the Measurement Transformers are owned by the Distribution Network Operator (DNO). The timescales for this are currently:

- DNO commissions the Measurement Transformers within 16WDs of Energisation (or receipt of D0139);
- DNO sends D0383 Notification of Commissioning Information within 21WDs of Energisation;
- Meter Operator Agent (MOA) commissions Metering Asset within 32WDs of Energisation;
- Electricity Supplier resolves any defects/omissions preventing commissioning within 65WDs of Energisation;
- After resolution, MOA commissions Metering Asset within 80WDs of Energisation; and
- MOA notifies Electricity Supplier commissioning has been completed within 5WDs of completion.

In total, this process could take up to 85WDs. Under the new Settlement timetable being introduced at Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) milestone M16 (currently planned for July 2027), the RF run will be changing to 4 months which is very close to this 85WD window.

This could lead to issues where defects are identified very close to or potentially after the RF run has passed, making it difficult for any Settlement errors to be corrected. This REC Change Proposal looks to review these timescales to make sure they are still appropriate once MHHS milestone M16 has passed.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The current timetables in REC Schedule 14 Metering Operations sections 15.6 and 30.6, where an Electricity Metering Asset requires commissioning in accordance with BSC Metering CoP 4 and the Measurement Transformers are owned by the DNO, may no longer be fit for purpose post the implementation of MHHS Milestone M16, where the Settlement timetable reduces the RF run to 4 months.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity Consumers with this Metering set up

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Electricity Suppliers
DNOs

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 14 – Metering Operations

MOAs

MHHS
Indirect impact, as will be proposing changes to REC Schedule 14 Metering Operations section 30.6 which is specific to MHHS migrated Metering Points.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts expected from this Change Proposal. However, this will be monitored via the Cross Code Steering Code (CCSG) for any potential impacts to the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA).

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**12 Dec 25**	**30 Apr 26**
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	December	January
	Solution Development	January	February
	Impact Assessment	February	March
	Solution Refinement	March	April
	Business Case Assessment	March	April
Change Proposal		**01 May 26**	**11 Aug 26**
	Consultation	May	June
	Solution Refinement	June	July
	Final Determination	July	August
Voting		**12 Aug 26**	**12 Aug 26**
	Appeal Window	13 Aug 26	27 Aug 26

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager will utilise the Change Issues Group alongside its usual methods (impact assessment, consultation) of stakeholder engagement for feedback into this Change Proposal. It will also as required use the REC Metering Expert Panel as a critical friend.

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7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Direct	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Retail Risk(s)	2	17	33
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	7	7
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	0	14	0
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		2	9	18
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	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	3	10	30
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	115

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

8 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link

9 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
BSC Metering Code of Practice 4 (CoP4)	means, the Code of Practice for the Calibration, Testing and Commissioning Requirements of Metering Equipment for Settlement Purposes, established or adopted in accordance with the Balancing and Settlement Code.
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Electricity Supplier	means a person holding an Electricity Supply Licence.
Energise	shall have the meaning given under the DCUSA, and 'energised', 'energisation' and similar expressions shall be interpreted accordingly.
Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS)	means market-wide half hourly settlement, which is being introduced pursuant to the BSC (see MHHS Implementation).
Measurement Transformers	means either a Current Transformer (CT) or a Voltage Transformer (VT) or a device carrying out both such functions, whose purpose is to enable the Metering Equipment to operate at a more convenient current and/or voltage than otherwise present.
Meter Operator Agent (MOA)	means a Party which has Qualified in that role under the Qualification and Maintenance Schedule. Where used in respect of a particular Metering Point, it means the MOA Appointed by an Electricity Supplier in accordance with the Metering Operations Schedule. The MOA is accountable for the installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of electricity Metering Equipment (either itself or by an EMO), and the MOA must also therefore be Accredited under the Metering Accreditation Schedule.
Metering Asset	shall have the same meaning as Metering Equipment.
Metering Equipment	means: (a) in relation to gas, all the components of a meter installation and ancillary equipment, as defined in IGEM/G/1 edition 2; or

	(b) in relation to electricity, means the equipment associated with a particular meter, including the meter itself and any related Current Transformer (CT) and/or Voltage Transformer (VT), communication and/or control equipment, as may be further defined in the BSC.
Metering Operations Schedule	means REC Schedule 14.
Metering Point	has the meaning given to it in the Electricity Distribution Licence, which for the time being means: "the point, determined according to the principles and guidance given in the MRA Transition Schedule to the Retail Energy Code, at which a supply of electricity taken into or conveyed from the licensee's Distribution System: (a) is or is intended to be measured; or (b) where Metering Equipment has been removed, was or was intended to be measured; or (c) in the case of an Unmetered Supply, is treated as measured."
MHHS Migration	means the act of migrating a Metering Point in accordance with the REC MHHS Migration Schedule. "MHHS Migrated" shall be interpreted accordingly.
Working Day (WD)	means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day that is a bank holiday in either or both England and Wales within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.