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CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE SOLUTION

CENTRAL SWITCH SERVICE USERS

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change proposes to reflect any amendments to the list of Central Switching Service (CSS) Users required as a direct result of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) arrangements.

MHHS STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP OUTCOME

On 15 March 2023, the REC MSAG agreed that the solution for consequential change item CCT-10 should be taken forward for the MHHS Code Drafting.

1 BACKGROUND

The CSS is responsible for mastering the Supplier Registration data under REC governance. The main CSS Users are the Suppliers and Switching Data Service Providers, including the Electricity and Gas Enquiry Services and Electricity and Gas Retail Data Services. In addition to these mandatory CSS Users, other Market Participants can choose to become CSS Users to receive notifications directly from the CSS when Registration Requests are Confirmed and Secured. Voluntary CSS Users include Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs), Meter Asset Providers (MAPs), Data Collectors (DCs) and Data Aggregators (DAs).

The MHHS Programme is removing the DC and DA roles from the electricity market. Therefore, these organisations need to be removed from the list of CSS Users defined in Schedule 25 - CSS Schedule and where they are referenced elsewhere in the REC. For example, within Schedule 24 - Switching Data Management Schedule.

As part of the new MHHS arrangements, a new market role is being created for Data Services. Consideration is therefore required on whether Data Services should become CSS Users. This

item was discussed at the Consequential Change Impact Assessment Group (CCIAG) meeting in August 2022.

There was general consensus from attendees at this meeting that Data Services did not need to receive notifications directly from the CSS and that no changes should be made to the existing access arrangements for MEMs and MAPs.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The MHHS Programme is removing the DC and DA roles and introducing a new Data Service role. Consideration required on whether Data Services should be eligible to become CSS Users and also any impacts on existing user types.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
N/A

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Central Switching Service Provider

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
REC Performance Assurance

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
CSS Users

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 25 – Central Switching Service

The table above identifies the potential impacts. Whilst the CSS Provider has been included in the assessment, the solution proposed would not impact the CSS functionality as user access is managed manually by the Code Manager. Therefore, on the basis that no new CSS User types are being proposed, no system impacts are expected for this change.

4 SOLUTION OPTIONS

The MHHS design clearly defines the removal of DC and DA roles with the introduction of the new Data Service role. Therefore, no alternative solution options were considered over and above the key question on whether Data Services should become voluntary CSS Users, as set out below.

5 SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

The CCIAG considered whether Data Services should be eligible to become voluntary CSS Users. General feedback was that existing Supplier Agents didn't rely on messages issued directly by the CSS. There are two messages that Supplier Agents can receive from the CSS, one to inform them that there is a Confirmed Switch, and one to inform them that the Switch has been Secured. This gives the agent notice that they will, or should, be de-appointed by the

Supplier. As the MHHS design will result in the automatic de-appointment of agents following Secured Active processing, these messages become less relevant to agents moving forward. Therefore there was a consensus view that Data Services would not need to receive CSS messages or become CSS User.

Although the CCIAG did not believe MEMs needed to receive data directly from the CSS, there was no clear rationale for removing this existing ability and it was agreed that no change should be applied to the existing access rights. Whilst the role of Metering Service under the MHHS design is being separated into Advanced and Smart MEMs, the assumption being taken forward by RECCo is that the CSS will not be required to recognise this distinction and therefore no change is required manage these separate roles.

6 PROPOSED SOLUTION

Changes are proposed to the list of CSS Users within the Schedule 25 - Central Switching Service, to remove DCs and DAs. Additionally, changes are proposed to Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management, to remove DAs and DCs from the list of market roles included within the Market Participant Data issued to the CSS.

Qualification of CSS Users is managed by the REC Code Manager and therefore access to any existing DC and DA organisations will be revoked at the end of MHHS migration, with no new DC or DA CSS Users granted access after the start of MHHS migration.

The solution also confirms that Data Services should not be added to the list of voluntary CSS Users within Schedule 25.

7 GLOSSARY

Terms used in this document can be found within the following:

- Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions – Link
- MHHS Programme Glossary - Link