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CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE SOLUTION

RELATED METERING POINTS AND METER TIMESWITCH CODES

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change looks to make the necessary amendments to the Related Metering Point arrangements as a result of the removal of the Meter Timeswitch Code, Non-Half Hourly (NHH) Unmetered Metering Points and NHH Metering Assets in the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) design.

MHHS STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP OUTCOME

On 15 March 2023, the REC MSAG agreed that the proposed solution detailed below for consequential change item CCT-07 should be taken forward for the MHHS Code Drafting.

1 BACKGROUND

The related Meter Timeswitch Code (MTC) is currently acting as a secondary indicator for NHH Related Metering Points that helps identify Related Metering Points that haven't been set up or updated accurately and require correction. The Switching Programme reduced reliance on this item by introducing a new data item to identify Related Metering Point relationships. However, at the time, reference to MTCs was retained within Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points while data cleanse activities were ongoing.

When the MTC is fully removed as part of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme, all Related Metering Points will need to rely on the Related Metering Point relationships created by Electricity Suppliers in accordance with Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points, without the MTC to fall back on. As a result it was agreed, through discussions with the Consequential Change Impact Assessment Group (CCIAG) in September 2022, that meter timeswitch data was no longer required to support retail arrangements.

In addition, Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points currently defines NHH, Half Hourly (HH) and Unmetered Related Metering Points. With the move to MHHS, references to NHH require

amendment. BSC Modification P343 'Mandate to Half Hourly Settle the Non-Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies Metering Systems' is also removing NHH Unmetered Metering Points, therefore Unmetered Related Metering Points will no longer exist.

In September 2022, the CCIAG discussed the existing definitions for Related Metering Points and concluded that with the removal of the concept of NHH Metering Assets, Related Metering Points should be defined separately based on the Connection Type, with new definitions for Whole Current and Current Transformer Related Metering Points. It was also agreed that reference to Unmetered Related Metering Points should be removed as a result of BSC Modification P434.

Industry attendees were invited to provide comments on the proposed changes to the Related Metering Point definitions following the September CCIAG meeting. With no concerns raised, RECCo confirmed the proposed definitions at the following CCIAG meeting in November 2022.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The existing Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points references MTCs, which will no longer be retained for settlements following the introduction of MHHS. the REC needs to be updated to remove these references.

In addition, the current Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points defines Related Metering Points separately for NHH, HH and Unmetered Related Metering Point. Revised definitions are required to recognise the removal of NHH Metering Assets and the expectation that there will no longer be Unmetered Related Metering Points following the introduction of MHHS.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
N/A

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
N/A

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
N/A

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Electricity Suppliers
Distribution Network Operators (DNOs)

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points

The proposed change impacts Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points. This should not impact REC Party systems and processes, over and above changes already being progressed via the MHHS Programme. However, Suppliers and DNOs have been recognised in the tables above to ensure they are aware of the proposed change and in particular the removal of reference to MTCs in connection with Related Metering Points.

4 SOLUTION OPTIONS

In terms of the reference to MTCs and Unmetered Related Metering Points within the Related Metering Points Schedule, the only option considered was the removal of references. No appetite was expressed by industry to consider any alternatives.

In terms of the replacement of the definitions for NHH and HH Related Metering Points; an alternative approach was discussed by the CCIAG to separate the definition based on Market Segment rather than Connection Type. This suggestion was dismissed on the basis that Metering Points in a relationship generally have the same Connection Type, whereas they may be mixed across Market Segment. There was a consensus view from the CCIAG that separate definitions by Connection Type was appropriate.

5 SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

The proposed approach was developed by RECCo and presented at the CCIAG meeting in September 2022. Industry attendees were invited to provide comments on the proposals following the meeting and no concerns were raised. The proposed changes were then presented at the CCIAG meeting in November 2022.

6 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed approach is to amend the definitions within the Related Metering Point Schedule as follows:

1.2 An Electricity Supplier can create a Related Metering Point relationship between two or more Import Metering Points for which it is the Registered Supplier where:

(a) for ~~Non Half Hourly~~ Whole Current Metering Points:

(i) all the Metering Points supply electricity to the same Consumer at the same Location (or at any part of the same Location);

(ii) the Meter Point Location Address and the Retail Energy Location Address are the same for each Metering Point; and

(iii) the Electricity Supplier has identified that an appropriate Distribution Use of System Charge tariff, as set out within the DCUSA, is currently applicable to the Primary Related Metering Point and Secondary Related Metering Point(s), or can become applicable to those Metering Points following creation of the Related Metering Point relationship; and

(iv) the Connection Type is Whole Current; or

(b) for ~~Half Hourly~~ Current Transformer Metering Points:

(i) the Metering Points supply electricity to the same Consumer at the same Location (or at any part of the same Location);

(ii) the Meter Point Location Address and the Retail Energy Location Address are the same for each Metering Point;

(iii) the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) has notified the Registered Supplier that some or all of the Distribution Use of System Charges are aggregated and charged against a single Metering Point; and

(iv) that aggregated Distribution Use of System Charges are only levied against the Primary Related Metering Point; and

(v) the Connection Type includes the use of Measurement Transformers.

~~(c) for Non-Half Hourly Unmetered Supplies, each Metering Point relates to an Unmetered Supply which is recorded within a single Unmetered Supply Certificate.~~

In addition, other references to Meter Timeswitch Codes and Unmetered Related Metering Points will be removed.

7 GLOSSARY

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

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