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I0235 MISSING SCENARIO VARIANTS IN D0179

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to gather feedback from the Change Issues Group on I0235 Missing Scenario Variants in D0179.

2 BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

I0235 was presented to the Change Issues Group in March (minutes and paper available here) and the Code Manager explained that the Scenario Variants of Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to Meter Operator Agent (MOA), and MOA to DNO, were missing for the Confirmation of Energisation/De'-'Energisation of Prepayment Meter Market Message (D0179/ MM00093).

The Change Issues Group fed back that there was appetite for the D0179 to be removed entirely from Schedule 14 - Metering Operations, and instead to only use the D0139 moving forwards. This was for three reasons:

- Firstly, that the D0179 is only used for traditional Prepayment Meters, which should be phased out over the coming years as they are replaced with Smart Meters in prepayment mode;
- Secondly, that the D0179 DNO to MOA variant was removed under MRA Change CP2891 and this should not have been added into Schedule 14 at REC go-live; and
- Thirdly, even for traditional Prepayment Meters, DNOs and MOAs often send the D0139 rather than the D0179.

The Code Manager has validated this third point with the Data Transfer Network (DTN), who have confirmed that between 01 January 2024 and 11 March 2025, only 22 D0179s had been sent by DNOs and 258 by MOAs.

The responses to the Party impact assessment have also been published, here.

3 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The Code Manager and the Proposer have spoken, and they have confirmed they are happy for the solution to be changed to the removal of the D0179 from Schedule 14 - Metering Operations and for the D0139 to be used in its place in all instances.

4 QUESTIONS FOR THE CHANGE ISSUES GROUP

The Code Manager would like input from the Change Issues Group on the following questions:

- Does the Change Issues Group have a view on the most appropriate solution – adding these Scenario Variants into the Data Specification, or removing the legal text from Schedule 14 requiring them?
- Would Parties prefer that an alternate Change Proposal is raised so they can consult on both solution options?