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I0275 – MHHS METERING POINTS ACROSS MARKET SEGMENTS

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1 PURPOSE

Within the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) design it is assumed that all Metering Points across a Relationship are in the same Market Segment (either Advanced or Smart). In line with this, agent appointments for Related MPANs will be automatically aligned to the Primary MPAN. Meaning that a single MOA (either Smart or Advanced) and single Data Service (either Smart or Advanced) will be appointed across a Relationship.

In addition, the recently implemented MHHS changes to the REC now classify Related MPANs as being within either a 'Smart' or 'Advanced' relationships. With these categories replacing the existing NHH and HH classifications.

However, the MHHS Data Cleanse Working Group (DCWG) has identified around 3,000 MPAN Relationships where Metering Points would span multiple Market Segments. This is either where the Relationship spans multiple Connection Types or Meter Types, with the most common being a mixture of Traditional and Advanced meters.

Whilst the majority of these are valid set-ups in legacy arrangements, they are not supported by the MHHS design and are unable to migrate into MHHS arrangements. The main issue being that agent appointments cannot be aligned where a relationship covers multiple Market Segments.

Without considering this Issue, there will be a risk to the MHHS Milestone 15 (Migration Complete).

The purpose of this paper is to provide attendees with an overview of the Issue and solution options to be discussed during the Change Issues Group before considering next steps.

2 SOLUTION OPTIONS

A number of options have been identified to resolve the issue:

1. MHHS Design Updates

This would involve allowing Relationships to span Market Segments. Updates would be required to the REC to account for this and an SMRS Change would be required to allow different agents to be appointed across the relationship. This option would resolve the issue but would involve central system change and a key amendment to the MHHS design.

2. Supplier Physically Resolve the Issue

Parties could ensure that the meters installed across a Relationship were compatible with a single Market Segment. This would not require any Code or system change but Suppliers would need to resolve 100% of issues prior to M15.

3. De-link Impacted Relationships

By removing the relationship Suppliers could ensure that the impacted Metering Points can migrate to MHHS arrangements. However, this would leave Metering Points that should be Related being able to be separated during a switch.

3 ENGAGEMENT WITH CHIG

A solution needs to be found to avoid a risk to the MHHS Migration due to Related Metering Points not being able to migrate when they would be assigned different Market Segments.

Should the issue not be resolved these Metering Points would not be able to fully migrate, putting the MHHS Milestone 15 (Migration Complete) at risk.

This paper has provided a few solution options for the Change Issues Group to consider during the meeting to help resolve this Issue.

4 ACTIONS FOR THE CHANGE ISSUES GROUP

To assist with the discussion and development of a solution for I0275 – MHHS Metering Points across Market Segments, the three solution options will be discussed at the October Change Issues Group meeting where the Code Manager will ask for feedback, suggestions and alternative options, before considering next steps.

Change Issue Group attendees can also choose to submit any comments, or feedback, on the draft guidance document by contacting Lead Analyst or via the REC Service Desk before, or after, the meeting.