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I0284 - UPDATES TO SCHEDULE 14 MEASUREMENT TRANSFORMERS COMMISSIONING TIMESCALES

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on I0284 Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales to the Change Issues Group.

2 BACKGROUND

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.

The Code Manager has made an assumption that the timescales do need to be reduced from feedback received at the REC Issues Group in August 2025, with 87% of respondents to a poll stating they wanted this to happen by the June 2027 release.

3 POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

The Code Manager has developed two potential solutions, both of which lower the total amount of time for this process to less than 85WDs. The Code Manager is seeking feedback from the Change Issues Group on whether they are of the view that one is more appropriate than the other, or whether there are other timescales they would propose.

These options will be presented during the Party impact assessment.

3.1 SOLUTION OPTION 1

The below proposal reduces the total potential time allowed to 75WDs, changes to the current timescales are red-lined.

- DNO commissions the Measurement Transformers within 15~~6~~WDs of energisation (or receipt of D0139)
- DNO sends D0383 Notification of Commissioning Information with 20~~1~~WDs of energisation
- MOA commissions Metering Asset within 30~~2~~WDs of energisation
- Electricity Supplier resolves any defects/omissions preventing commissioning within 5~~6~~5WDs of energisation
- After resolution, MOA commissions Metering Asset within 7~~8~~0WDs of energisation
- MOA notifies Electricity Supplier commissioning has been completed within 5WDs of completion

3.2 SOLUTION OPTION 2

The below proposal reduces the total potential time allowed to 65WDs, changes to the current timescales are red-lined.

- DNO commissions the Measurement Transformers within 10~~6~~WDs of energisation (or receipt of D0139)
- DNO sends D0383 Notification of Commissioning Information with 15~~21~~WDs of energisation
- MOA commissions Metering Asset within 25~~32~~WDs of energisation
- Electricity Supplier resolves any defects/omissions preventing commissioning within 50~~65~~WDs of energisation
- After resolution, MOA commissions Metering Asset within 6~~8~~0WDs of energisation

- MOA notifies Electricity Supplier commissioning has been completed within 5WDs of completion

4 QUESTIONS FOR THE CHANGE ISSUES GROUP

The Code Manager would like the opinion of the Change Issues Group on the following questions:

- Do you have any preference between option 1 and 2?
- Do you feel option 1 is far enough below the new RF window of 4 months to be suitable?
- Are there any other timescales you would like to propose?

These questions will also be asked as part of the Party impact assessment issued by the Code Manager.