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R0170 ALTERNATE SOLUTION

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on the alternate solution to R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance. This will allow Change Panel to vote on the proposed changes to the Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference, a Category 3 document for which Change Panel are responsible.

2 BACKGROUND AND SOLUTION

R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance is a REC change which proposes the removal of the STIRG document from REC governance and places it under the governance of the Energy Networks Association (ENA). The Party Impact Assessment of this change flagged concerns from electricity MEMs and Energy Suppliers over their loss of voting rights, loss of an appeals process to the Authority and the inability for them to directly raise a change to the document if this change went ahead. As such, the Code Managers minded to position at this time is to reject this change.

The Proposer, ENA, have discussed the outcome of the Party Impact Assessment and the Code Manager's minded to position with DNOs and have come up with an alternate solution which they feel comfortable with. This is to amend the Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference so that for the STIRG document only, unanimous approval is required from the MEM and Network Operator representatives for changes to be approved. The proposed legal text to facilitate this change have been provided with the Change Panel papers.

The Code Manager sees this option as a reasonable compromise which removes the concern raised by DNOs that they require more control over the STIRG document as it primarily relates to their assets and that under the current voting arrangements, changes could be approved they do not agree with. It also allows MEMs and Suppliers to retain their voting rights, raise changes to the document via their MEP representative and keeps the document under REC governance with the appeals process.

3 ASK FOR CHANGE PANEL AND NEXT STEPS

The Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference are a Category 3 document for which the Change Panel are responsible. As such, the Code Manager is asking for Change Panel approval of the proposed changes. Next steps after approval are for the Code Manager to raise a Category 3 change, which will have a 10 working day consultation window. This will run alongside and be linked with the R0170 consultation window. Dependant on the outcome of the consultation, the Category 3 Change could then be implemented.

4 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **NOTE** the contents of the paper; and
- **VOTE** on the proposed legal text changes.