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C3-0091 CHANGES TO THE REC METERING EXPERT PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE TO SUPPORT ALTERNATE R0170 SOLUTION

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on C3-0091 Changes to Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference to support alternate R0170 solution. This will allow Change Panel to vote on the proposed changes to the REC Metering Expert Panel (RECMEP) Terms of Reference (ToR), a Category 3 document for which the REC Change Panel is responsible.

2 BACKGROUND

On 15 November 2024, the Authority upheld the rejection of R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance, in line with the Code Manager and REC Change Panel recommendations.

In August 2024, following a suggestion from the Energy Networks Association (ENA), the Code Manager proposed a change to the RECMEP ToR to resolve the problem statement of R0170 via a different path. This proposed moving the STIRG document under bespoke arrangements, where unanimous approval would be required from the impacted Metering Equipment Manager (MEM) and Distribution Network Operator (DNO) representatives for changes to be approved.

The Consultation on this proposal provided valuable feedback from Parties and raised a concern that the current composition of the RECMEP as laid out in the ToR allows for the possibility of no electricity DNO representation.

3 UPDATES TO LEGAL TEXT

The Code Manager has updated the proposed legal text to support C3-0091, to amend the composition of the RECMEP to:

- Two members nominated by REC Parties who are Gas Suppliers and/or Electricity Suppliers;
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Gas Transporters;
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Distribution Network Operators;

- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Operator Agents; and
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Asset Managers.

This amendment should mean there is not a scenario where there is no DNO or MOA representation on the RECMEP.

The RECCo Legal team have confirmed they are comfortable with splitting out the representatives by fuel, and that this brings the RECMEP ToR more in line with the REC Change Panel ToR (which already specify a DNO and GT representative separately).

Updates have also been made to new paragraph 5.9 on the bespoke voting arrangements, to reference both these DNO and MOA representatives. Previously it referenced the Metering Equipment Manager representative directly impacted by the STIRG document, and this update to MOA makes the legal text much clearer.

The draft legal text has been provided alongside this paper.

4 ASK FOR CHANGE PANEL AND NEXT STEPS

The RECMEP ToR is 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 open a 10-working day consultation window for industry feedback on the new proposed legal text.

Dependant on the outcome of the consultation, the Category 3 Change could then be implemented on 20 December 2024.

5 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.