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CHANGE REPORT

R0229 – SUPPLY POINT ENQUIRY API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION UPDATES

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	27 JUNE 2025
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	URGENCY	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	GAS SUPPLIERS, GAS SHIPPERS, GES SUPPLY POINT ENQUIRY SERVICE USERS		

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OVERVIEW

This change aims to address an inaccurate sample response for the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) found in the GES Supply Point Enquiry Application Programming Interface (API) Technical Specifications document.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

Where market participants have a need to search through the market for specific Consumers, they are able to use the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) to search by Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN), Address ID, and Address details. In order to provide guidance on how this service works, the REC contains a document referred to as the 'GES Supply Point Enquiry Application Programming Interface (API) Technical Specifications.' Amongst other items this document contains samples of requests and responses – the latter of which is detailed in section 4.2. Section 4.2 aims to clarify that there will only be one record returned for each input, but it will be displayed as a table with four data items listed as the first four outputs in an API call.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The example responses detailed in section 4.2 of the GES Supply Point Enquiry API Technical Specification are broken down as 'mprn' with three demoted data items; 'mprn', 'installation name', and 'network name.' This is, however, not reflective of the correct responses that would be returned on an API call. The actual structure is 'supplier' with the demoted data items actually being 'amr_indicator', 'amr-sp', and 'csep_id.'

Fundamentally, this would mean that users are consuming incorrect information when looking to this document for guidance. This could potentially be causing negative impacts when the document is relied upon, especially for newer users seeking guidance.

3 IMPACTS

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Gas Suppliers
Gas Shippers
GES Supply Point Enquiry API Users

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
GES Supply Point Enquiry API Technical Specifications document

MHHS DESIGN
No impact

MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION
No impact

MHHS CODE DRAFTING
No impact

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

No impacts on other code documents have been identified.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05 Dec-24**	**14 Jan-25**
	Code Manager Assessment	December	January
Change Proposal		**15 Jan-25**	**25 Mar-25**
	Business Case Assessment	January	January
	Consultation	January	February
	Final Determination	February	March
Voting		**26 Mar-25**	**26 Mar-25**
	Appeal Window	27-Mar-25	10-Apr-25

The Code Manager has determined no Party Impact Assessment is required as there will be no material impacts on Parties other than the guidance offered to them being factually accurate.

6 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	0	17	0
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	7	7
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		1	9	9
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		1		8
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	0	10	0
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	65
				Priority Status	LOW
				Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

Priority Score	Priority Status
171 and above	Critical
151 to 170	High
101 to 150	Medium
0 to 100	Low

Urgent Change Proposals meet the Criteria for Urgency as set out by Ofgem

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The Proposer has provided legal text that aims to address this problem. It simply updates section 4.2 to correctly list the data items as 'supplier' with the demoted data items actually being 'amr_indicator', 'amr_sp', and 'csep_id.'

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The draft legal text to support this Change can be found here. They are also below with the red-lining, as the draft legal text is not red-lined.

The following is taken directly from the proposed legal text:

4.2 Responses

For any positive response for the requests above, there will always be only one record returned:

#	Response	Response description

1,2,3	{
	"mprn": [{
	"mprn": "1234567890",
	"installation_number": "12345",
	"network_name": "National Grid Gas",
	...
	}]
	}
	
	{
	"supplier": {
	"amr_indicator": " ",
	"amr_sp": " ",
	"csep_id": " ",
	...
	}
		Positive Responses

9 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link

10 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)	means the process of automatically collecting data from a utility meter not defined as a Smart Meter. The term AMR can refer to various types of technical solution and communication means and can support various meter read periods
Automated Meter Reading Service Provider (AMR_SR)	means a person or persons that are approved, or are seeking approval, in accordance with the Metering Accreditation Schedule to offer Company services relating to the provision of consumption data from a utility meter collected through an AMR system
Connected System Exit Point (CSEP)	A "Connected System Exit Point" (or "CSEP") is a System Point comprising one or more Individual System Exit Points which are not Supply Meter Points.
Gas Supplier	means a person holding a Gas Supply Licence.
Gas Shipper	means a person holding a Shipper Licence.
Gas Enquiry Service (GES)	means: (a) until CSS Go-Live Date, the enquiry service provided pursuant to the UNC which allows authorised users to access Gas Retail Data; and (b) from CSS Go-Live Date, the service of that name procured by RECCo pursuant to the Data Access Schedule.
Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN)	means the unique reference number used to identify gas Supply Meter Points.