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CHANGE REPORT

R0259 – UPDATE TO R0173 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	22 SEPTEMBER 2025[1]
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	**CHANGE PATH**	SELF GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	**URGENCY**	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	ENERGY SUPPLIERS		

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OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal seeks to update the implementation date of R0173 Improvements to the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS) following the Authority's decision to approve.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 22 September 2025 with an effective from date of 1 October 2025.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

On 2 May 2025, the Authority approved R0173 Improvements to the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme. The decision document is published on the REC Portal. The initial implementation date proposed under the Change Report was 1 April 2025. The published Authority decision does not include an indication for when the approved solution should be implemented.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Without an update to the implementation date of R0173, the Code Manager would not be able to implement the proposed solution following Authority approval.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
All consumers

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Gas and Electricity Suppliers

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
REC Performance Assurance

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions
Schedule 7 – Energy Theft Reduction
The Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue (PARC)

MHHS
No impact.

This change looks to update the implementation date of the approved R0173, with no additional amendments to the proposed solution.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

No cross-code impacts have been identified.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**04 Jun-25**	**15 Jul-25**
	Consultation	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Final Determination	July	July
Voting		**15 Jul-25**	**15 Jul-25**
	Appeal Window	16 July	30 July

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager engaged with the Theft Issues Group (TIG) on 28 May 2024 on the scope of this Change Proposal and their preferred date to implement R0173.

As the scope of this Change Proposal is only update the implementation date of R0173, a Party Impact Assessment has not been conducted. A consultation was circulated on 20 June 2025 to obtain views from the industry. No responses were received during the consultation period.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	0	27	0
	Retail Markets Impact	Retail Risk(s)	1	17	17
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	0	7	0
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	2	14	28
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	9	28
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	2	10	20
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	93

Priority Status	LOW
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution for this change is to amend the implementation date of R0173 to 22 September 2025 (MHHS M8), with an effective from date of 1 October 2025.

9 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

Implementation dates are outside the scope of the REC legal text, therefore there is no draft legal text for this change.

For reference, the R0173 Approved Legal Text can be found here.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

10 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

10.1 RISKS AND ISSUES

NO.	RISK	MITIGATION
R0259.R001	If R0259 is not approved, the Code Manager would not be able to implement the approved solution of R0173.	Proposal plan developed to ensure Responsible Committee approval of proposed amendments to R0173 implementation date.

No issues have been identified.

10.2 DEPENDENCIES

NO.	DEPENDENCY	STATUS
R0259.D001	The intended implementation date for R0173 is directly dependent in the progression and approval of this change, R0259.	Open

11 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

11.1 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

There are no consequential cost impacts as a result of moving the implementation date of R0173.

12 CASE FOR CHANGE

SELF GOVERNANCE

The Code Manager considers that there is a case for change to implement this Change Proposal, on the basis that:

- the proposed solution is fully formed and appropriately resolves the problem statement;
- there are no costs associated with implementation of this change or ongoing operations;
- without implementation of this change, the original intent of the R0173 implementation date cannot be achieved; and,
- a positive business case can be made, as set out in section 11 of this report.

13 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING (FOR R0173)	Link
RELATED CHANGE	R0173 Improvements to the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS)