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CHANGE PROPOSAL UPDATE TO PLAN

I0218 – PROPOSAL TO ENABLE BROADER USE OF RETAIL ENERGY LOCATION (REL) DATA FOR NON-SWITCHING APPLICATIONS

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IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL	**CHANGE PATH**	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	MEDIUM	**URGENCY**	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	ENQUIRY SERVICE USERS AND PROVIDERS, CODE MANAGER, RECCO		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

The REC currently specifies that Retail Energy Location (REL) Data can only be used for Switching purposes and cannot be used in other use cases. This means that stakeholders, such as REC Parties, Ofgem, and Energy Consultants, have been unable to benefit from this data and therefore Consumers are unable to benefit from the full potential use of their data. This Issue aims to allow the use of REL Data for non-Switching applications.

2 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

The REC Change Panel previously approved a Proposal Plan for Change Proposal I0218 on 21 January 2025. At that time, the scope of the Proposal Plan was limited to solution development, as further clarity was required regarding the nature of the solution and its associated requirements before progressing to subsequent change activities, including impact assessments.

Solution development proceeded, with REC Legal advisors having drafted and reviewed a legal text solution in April 2025. This milestone enabled the Code Manager to initiate non-technical, Service Provider impact assessments with REC Professional Services (RPS) and REC Performance Assurance (RPA), and the Proposal Plan was subsequently extended to incorporate these activities.

Following completion of the initial Service Provider impact assessments, the solution went through further refinement and review, and following conversations with the proposer, it has been determined that a technical solution will be required. The proposed solution will require detailed technical impact assessments from the relevant Service Providers for the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) and Gas Enquiry Service (GES). These assessments will need to explore the technical practicality, and potential system changes necessary to support the proposed solution.

As a result, the Proposal Plan will require an update to reflect this expanded scope and the requirement of a technical solution. This updated plan will include time for:

- Detailed technical impact assessments for EES and GES;
- engagement with Service Providers to define the scope and depth of the technical analysis required; and
- additional time allocated for a review of the solution and inclusion of the technical Service Provider impact assessment outcomes into the solution refinement process.

Due to the impacts of the MHHS Code Freeze, the Code Manager will agree with the relevant Service Providers to agree prioritisation and will provide a further update to the Responsible Committee in November, including the planned start dates for the technical Service Provider impact assessments, if they have not already commenced.

The update to the Proposal Plan can be found below.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05-Dec-24**	**18-Nov-25**
	Solution Development	December	November
	Legal Review	April	April
	Non-Technical Service Provider Impact Assessments	April	August
	Agreement on Prioritisation of Technical Service Provider Impact Assessments	November	November

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the update to plan for I0218; and
- **APPROVE** the update to plan for I0218.