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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	CHANGE 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.

Initial 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, and it was agreed that a technical solution would be explored. This would have required detailed technical impact assessments from the relevant Service Providers for the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) and Gas Enquiry Service (GES).

At this point, on 16 September 2025, the REC Change Panel approved an Update to Plan to include, and only up until, an activity for the Code Manager to agree the prioritisation of the Technical Service Provider impact assessments before providing an update to the Responsible Committee.

Following a further review of the Issue, the Proposer (RECCo) has asked to explore options for proceeding with a non-technical solution. As such, the Technical Service Provider impact assessments are no longer required, and the Code Manager wishes to provide a new Update to the Proposal Plan based on the ask by the Proposer to proceed with a non-technical solution. This will also include an ask for the REC Change Panel to now become the Responsible Committee.

The Update to Proposal plan includes further solution development to explore this non-technical option and ensure there are not impacts, or interdependency with REC Change Proposal R0148 – Introduction of Classification-Based Access Model that have been identified by the Code Manager and impacted stakeholders.

The update to the Proposal Plan can be found below and includes plans for further solution development and a Party impact assessment.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05-Dec-24**	**31-Mar-26**
	Solution Development	December	February
	Non-Technical Service Provider Impact Assessments	Completed	Completed
	Legal Review	January	February
	Party Impact Assessment	February	February
	Solution Refinement	March	March

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the update to plan for I0218;
- **APPROVE** the REC Change Panel as the Responsible Committee; and
- **APPROVE** the update to plan for I0218.