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CHANGE REPORT

I0306 REC CHANGE TO ALIGN WITH DCP467 ASSET CONDITION REPORTING

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	TBD

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	CHANGE PATH	Authority Determined
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	DNOs, Electricity Suppliers, MOAs, SIPs		

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OVERVIEW

DCUSA change DCP467 has been raised to propose that Category A and B defects reported currently using the Asset Condition Report (MM00023 / D0135) or via phone call to the Distribution Network Operator (DNO), should instead be reported via an online reporting tool where the DNO has one available. This is expected to have impacts to the REC.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) holds obligations for Meter Operatives on Site to report a Category A Situation or Category B Situation to the relevant DNO.

Under the DCUSA, these are defined as “a situation in which the Company's Electric Lines or Electrical Plant does (or is likely to) pose a danger, including danger of death of or injury to persons and/or danger of damage to or destruction of property” and “a situation in which the condition of the Company's Electric Lines or Electrical Plant prevents metering work from being carried out or prevents a meter from being exchanged but where the situation is not a Category A Situation” respectively.

The current obligations require a Category A situation to be reported via telephone, and a Category B situation to be reported by sending the Asset Condition Report Market Message (MM00023 / D0135). These obligations extend to an Energy Supplier reporting the situation if their on Site operative has made them aware of such an issue.

A change proposal has been raised under the DCUSA as DCP467 Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects, which proposes that if the DNO has their online reporting tool it would be mandated that Category A and Category B Situations would be reported via this rather than current methods (with current obligations remaining unchanged where such a tool is not present).

This will have consequential impacts the REC, with updates being required to the Guidance for Service Termination Issue Reporting (STIR) document and to the Asset Condition Report (MM00023 / D0135) and Asset Condition Report Response / Clearance (MM00016 / D0126) Market Message flow notes. Although the STIR is a Category 3 Product, it cannot be amended under the Category 3 Change Proposal process in this instance as it makes changes to the obligations of Parties.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Where DNOs have enhanced reporting tools for Category A or Category B situations, it is not mandatory for Parties to submit reports using this method. This may lead to a detrimental Consumer experience, as it is limited what information can be provided over the telephone or via Market Message (e.g. it is not possible to provide photographs of the situation).

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity Consumers

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Energy Suppliers
MOAs

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Guidance for Service Termination Issue Reporting
Data Specification

SIPs
DNOs

MHHS
There are no impacts to MHHS from this Change Proposal.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

This is a cross-code change with DCP467 Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects, with DCUSA acting as the lead code.

These change proposals will be required to be implemented in the same release.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**12 Jan 26**	**27 Mar 26**
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	January	January
	Solution Development	January	February
	Impact Assessment	February	March
Change Proposal		**28 Mar 26**	**07 July 26**
	Business Case Assessment	March	April
	Consultation	April	May
	Solution Refinement	May	June
	Final Determination	June	July
Voting		**08 July 26**	**08 July 26**
	Issue for Authority Determination	09 July 26	09 July 26

This Proposal Plan has been discussed with DCUSA to align impact assessments, consultations and submission to the Authority.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This Issue is mostly being developed under the DCUSA work group, but the Code Manager will use the Change Issues Group as and when required.

Documents and minutes for the DCUSA work group can be found here.

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7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Direct	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	2	17	33
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	7	7
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	0	14	0
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	9	28
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		1	17	8
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Cross Code Activity	2	10	20
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	123

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

8 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
RELATED CHANGE(S)	DCP 467 Online reporting tools for Category A and B defects

9 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Category 3 Change Proposal	means a proposal to change Category 3 Products in line with the Category 3 Change Process as set out in Section 28 of the Change Management Schedule.
Category 3 Product	refers to the operational documents and RECCo guidance which are required to support, but do not place obligations upon, market participants and as such will be maintained by the Responsible Provider.
Category A Situation	a situation in which the Company's Electric Lines or Electrical Plant does (or is likely to) pose a danger, including danger of death of or injury to persons and/or danger of damage to or destruction of property.
Category B Situation	a situation in which the condition of the Company's Electric Lines or Electrical Plant prevents metering work from being carried out or prevents a meter from being exchanged but where the situation is not a Category A Situation.
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Guidance for Service Termination Issue Reporting	means a guide for MOAs and EMOs on reporting and acting on DNO asset condition issues.
Market Message	means a structured communication sent between two Market Participants in the form and with the content required (and as otherwise specified) by the Data Specification.
Meter Operative	means an individual who attends a Site as an employee, agent or subcontractor acting on behalf of a MEM, AMI, EMO, SIP, ASP or DNO
Site	unless stated otherwise means the area around which the Metering Point is located, in respect of the relevant meter(s) in relation to which a MEM has been appointed to perform meter operation services.