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CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

I0252 – Increasing Frequency of Annual Portfolio Reconciliation Exercise to Support Data Cleanse

DOCUMENT VERSION	V2.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	MAMs, CDSP, REC Performance Assurance		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

Every year in April, Metering Asset Managers (MAMs) are required by REC Schedule 14 – Metering Operations to submit selected Data Items for each Metering Asset in their portfolio to the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) for the purposes of a reconciliation. The CDSP compares the Data Items submitted by the MAM to their own copies of these Data Items for any given Metering Asset, and in this way, discrepancies are identified. These discrepancies are then reported to the REC Performance Assurance team, who work with MAMs to resolve them.

The Proposer has identified two issues with this process. Firstly, the reconciliation exercise is not frequent enough, taking place only once a year. They have asked the Code Manager to explore the possibility of increasing the frequency to twice yearly. Secondly, the turnaround time of the reconciliation data by the CDSP currently takes several months – MAMs historically have received the reconciled data set between August and October. The Proposer has asked the Code Manager to explore reducing this turnaround time.

2 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

		Previous		Proposed	
Milestone	**Activity**	**From**	**To**	**From**	**To**
Definition		**13 May 25**	**10 Feb 26**	**13 May 25**	**07 Apr 26**
	Solution Analysis	May	October	May	December
	Solution Development	October	November	December	January
	Legal Drafting	November	December	January	February
	Impact Assessment	October	February	February	March
Change Proposal		**11 Feb 26**	**07 Apr 26**	**08 Apr 26**	**12 May 26**
	Business Case Assessment	February	February	April	April
	Consultation	February	March	April	May
	Solution Refinement	March	April	May	May
	Final Determination	April	April	May	May
Voting		**08 Apr 26**	**08 Apr 26**	**13 May 26**	**13 May 26**
	Appeal Window	April	April	May	May

Following initial consideration of two solution options, the Code Manager is now exploring only one. This solution option will involve asking the CDSP to reduce the timescales over which they conduct the reconciliation exercise, coupled with a more robust Performance Assurance approach for MAMs in respect of their data submission.

This Issue was initially raised only with the intention of increasing the frequency of the reporting from annually to biannually. This relatively straightforward solution was not anticipated to require significant resource to develop and assess. However, during the course of the development the of the Solution, it became clear that as well as increasing the frequency of the reporting, the turnaround time of the reporting should be reviewed as well, in order to reduce it. This broadening of the scope of the solution, as well as the consideration of an alternative solution option, has meant that development of the Issue has taken longer than expected, and as a result the initial timeframes are no longer viable.

The Code Manager is asking for a revised plan, in which a concurrent Service Provider and Party Impact Assessments are published in early February, ahead of a review by the REC Metering Expert Panel on 08 April 26 prior to a 15WD consultation.

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the extension to plan for I0252; and
- **APPROVE** the extension to plan for I0252.