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CHANGE REPORT

R0308 – UPDATE CCSG TORS TO INCLUDE CROSS-CODE PRIORITISATION AS PER CODE REFORM

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.1
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	26 June 2026
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	CHANGE PATH	Self – Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	No Impact		

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OVERVIEW

In line with the Ofgem Code Reform, there is a need for standardisation of prioritisation across codes. This change is to update the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) Terms of Reference to include this information.

CODE MANAGER MINDED TO POSITION

The Code Manager recommends that the REC Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 26 June 2026.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

As part of the Ofgem Code Reform which looks to standardise how changes and modifications are prioritised across all Codes, there is confirmation that for cross-code changes the prioritisation will be set by the lead code with all non-lead codes using the same prioritisation. It has been discussed at the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) and for now, the preference is to include this within the CCSG Terms of Reference (ToRs) so this requirement is captured within codified documentation.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Failing to update the CCSG Terms of Reference could result in unintentional ambiguity and leave no place within any Code to record the requirement for all codes to align with the prioritisation of the lead code.

3 IMPACTS

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
CCSG ToRs

MHHS
N/A

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

As this change seeks to update the ToRs for the CCSG there will be minimal impact to other codes for ways of working in relation to prioritisation scoring.

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5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**03 Mar-26**	**12 Mar-26**
	Solution Development	March	March
Change Proposal		**13 Mar-26**	**04 May-26**
	Business Case Assessment	March	March
	Consultation	March	April
	Solution Refinement	April	April
	Final Determination	May	May
Voting		**05 May-26**	**05 May-26**
	Appeal Window	05 May	19 May

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This has been discussed at the CCSG and agreed to be placed within the CCSG ToRs.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	0	25	0
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	2	15	30
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	5	5
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	13	13
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	8	23
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	15	0
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Licence Modification (Excluding SCRs)	1	20	20
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	90

Priority Status	LOW
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

This change will introduce a new clause into the CCSG ToRs to detail the changes for prioritisation set out by Ofgem.

4.4 Once the lead code has been determined, the representative for that code shall ensure the relevant change proposal(s) are raised and impact assessed. Where change proposals are required under multiple codes, representatives from each code shall co-ordinate discussions and facilitate a single cross code impact assessment.

4.4a All codes will use the same prioritisation for the Issue/Change/Modification as set by the lead code.

9 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to I0308 can be found [here].

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

10 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

10.1 COSTS

There are no costs associated with this Change Proposal.

10.2 BENEFITS

This is a consequential change to R0304 and facilitates in achieving the benefits for that change, which is to support the REC's ability to operate consistently within the reformed code governance framework.

11 CASE FOR CHANGE

The Code Manager considers there is a positive case for change for implementing this Change Proposal on the basis that the proposed solution:

- Is both viable and implementable, and effectively resolves the problem statement;
- Has no associated central systems costs or any associated Party costs;
- Has minimal effort required for implementation; and
- Supports the REC's ability to operate consistently within the reformed code governance framework.

12 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link
RELATED CHANGE(S)	R0304

13 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Office Of Gas And Electricity Markets (Ofgem)	Ofgem is the regulator for Britain's gas and electricity industries, overseen by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)
Cross Code Steering Group	means the group of that name described in Paragraph 3 of the Change Management Schedule.