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NON-CONFIDENTIAL CONSOLIDATED CONSULTATION RESPONSES

R0319 - CLARIFICATION OF IN-YEAR AMENDMENTS TO THE CRS BUDGET

On 10 April 2026, the Code Manager issued a consultation to industry to seek feedback on the Change Report (For Consultation) for R0319 - Clarification of in-year amendments to the CRS budget.

The purpose of this document is to consolidate the responses and for the Code Manager to answer any questions raised within those responses.

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Question 1:	Do you agree with the proposed solution? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	Yes. DCC has submitted two Change Proposals in subsequent years, as per REC Main Body Clause 9.33 and has flagged that the process would benefit from a review, given the at times tight turnaround required to agree amended budgets.	Thank you for your comments.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes, we are supportive of this proposal.	Thank you for your comments.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes. The proposed solution appears to be a sensible resolution for the issue in question.	Thank you for your comments.

Question 2:	Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach (BIG BANG)? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes, as it is purely a legal text change.	Thank you for your comment.

Question 3:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's assessment of the costs and benefits for this change?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.

Question 4:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's assessment of the Change Path, that this Change Proposal should be subject to Self-Governance approval by the Change Panel?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	Yes. This is a straightforward change with minimal impact to REC Parties.	Thank you for your comment.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes, we feel self-governance approval is sufficient for this Change Proposal.	Thank you for your comment.

Question 5:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's recommendation that this Change Proposal should be approved for implementation on 26 June 2026? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes, we are supportive of the implementation date.	Thank you for your comment.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	Yes.	Thank you for your comment.

Question 6:	Do you have any other comments relating to this Change Proposal?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
Smart DCC (DCC)	DCC is currently working with the Code Manager and RECCo to understand the detail / process of seeking REC Board approval of in-year budget amendments (reductions), however this should not delay R0319.	Thank you for your comments.
SP Energy Networks (Distribution Network Operator)	No additional comments.	N/A.
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator)	No further comments.	N/A.