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CHANGE REPORT

I0335 – INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRCITY METERING WORK CATEGORIES

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBC
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance
PRIORITISATION CATEGORY	Standard	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Approved Meter Installer – Electricity (AMI), Electricity Meter Operator Agent (MOA), Electricity Metering Operative (EMO).		

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OVERVIEW

This Issue seeks to introduce defined electricity metering work categories for electricity third-party activities within the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) for electricity metering and related activities.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the REC Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** the Proposal Plan, including the Responsible Sub-Committee, Change Path, Priority Status, Urgency and timetable.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

This Issue seeks to introduce defined electricity metering work categories for electricity third-party activities within the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) for electricity metering and related activities. Accreditation for gas metering and related activities are already aligned to defined categories of work, which trigger specific audits when new categories are sought and provide clear records of approved scope of activity. This Issue seeks to include equivalent arrangements for electricity metering accreditation to ensure the scope of activities, and any changes to, are recorded for Electricity Meter Operator Agents (MOA) and Electricity Metering Operatives (EMO).

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The CoMCoP does not include defined work categories for electricity metering accreditation but does set specific work categories for gas metering. There is also no requirement in REC Schedule 15 – Metering Accreditation for electricity metering entities to report a change in the scope of their activity. Schedule 15 – Metering Accreditation does not place an obligation on gas metering entities to report these changes, but in order to ensure they maintain compliance with Appendix 1 of the CoMCoP, they report any changes to work categories. The inconsistency between gas and electricity practices limits the ability to align electricity metering accreditation with operational activity, restricts the ability to apply targeted, risk-based audit assurance, and reduces the transparency of company capabilities and scope of work.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Consumers - Electricity

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Metering Scheme Auditor (Wilcock)

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Approved Meter Installer – Electricity (AMI)
Electricity Meter Operator Agent (MOA)
Electricity Metering Operative (EMO)

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 15 – Metering Accreditation
Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)

MHHS
The Code Manager has not identified any MHHS impacts for this change.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

The Code Manager has not identified any cross-code impacts of this change.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**20 July-26**	**31 Jan-27**
	Code Manager Impact Assessment	August	August
	Solution Development	August	October
	Legal Drafting	August	January
	Information Request	September	October
	Solution Refinement	October	January

This Issue will be in the Definition stage when the REC undergoes Energy Code Reform. This milestone plan will likely be updated when the dates for the Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) and the Design Authority (DA) are confirmed.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

An Information Request will be issued to gather feedback from industry on the electricity metering work categories and their proposed definitions. The work categories will also be taken to the REC Change Issues Group for industry input. Only after the work categories are finalised via stakeholder engagement will the activities in CoMCoP be assigned to the relevant categories.

7 PRIORITISATION CATEGORY AND URGENCY

7.1 PROPOSER REVIEW

The Proposer of this Issue has provided a review stating this Issue:

- Does not meet the criteria for Urgency.
- Limited or no Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) relevance when compared to other Standard changes, as it supports improved governance and standardisation of metering activities, aligning with broader industry priorities to strengthen assurance, consistency and consumer protection;
- Has a high importance as it adresseses a gap in how metering work is defined and categorised within accreditation arrangements. It will improve clarity for industry

participants, reduce ambiguity in audit and assessment, and support more consistent application of requirements.

- Is expected to be of low to moderate complexity. It is primarily definitional but will require updates to accreditation documentation and supporting guidance, along with stakeholder engagement. No system impacts are anticipated.

Their review can found in the initial submission form here.

7.2 CODE MANAGER REVIEW

The Code Manager is proposing this Issue be given an Urgency Status of Standard and a Prioritisation Category of Standard.

The Code Manager believes this Issue:

- Does not meet the Ofgem criteria for Urgency;
- Limited or no SDS relevance when compared to other Standard changes;
- Has high importance as it adresseses a gap in how metering work is defined and categorised within accreditation arrangements. It will improve clarity for industry participants, reduce ambiguity in audit and assessment, and support more consistent application of requirements; and
- Has a medium-to-low complexity as it is a legal text change but will require updates to accreditation documentation and supporting guidance, along with stakeholder engagement.

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is to add the following electricity work categories to CoMCoP:

- Whole Current Single Phase
- Whole Current Polyphase (includes split-phase)
- Low Voltage (LV) Current Transformer (CT)
- High Voltage (HV) CT/VT Metering /Voltage Transformer (VT) Metering

A Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) work category will be defined and implemented under REC Issue I0278 – Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party.

The proposed solution may also amend Schedule 15 to include a provision for Parties to notify RECCo and ensure accreditation is required when seeking to carry out work which falls into a new work category for which they do not have accreditation.

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10 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Approved Meter Installer (AMI)	means a Party which is approved (or which is seeking approval) as such under the Metering Accreditation Schedule, being the entity, which undertakes the installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of gas Metering Equipment.
Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)	means the code of practice forming part of this Code against which Meter Asset Managers, Meter Operator Agents, Approved Meter Installers, Electricity Metering Operatives and AMR Service Providers are assessed pursuant to the Metering Accreditation Schedule.
Electricity Metering Operative (EMO)	means a Party which is approved (or which is seeking approval) as such under the Metering Accreditation Schedule, being an entity which undertakes the installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of electricity Metering Equipment.
Meter Operator Agent (MOA)	means a Party which has Qualified in that role under the Qualification and Maintenance Schedule. Where used in respect of a particular Metering Point, it means the MOA Appointed by an Electricity Supplier in accordance with the Metering Operations Schedule. The MOA is accountable for the installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of electricity Metering Equipment (either itself or by an EMO), and the MOA must also therefore be Accredited under the Metering Accreditation Schedule.