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CHANGE REPORT

I0340 – AMENDMENTS TO THE PARC RELATING TO ADDRESS MANAGEMENT

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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Performance Assurance Board	CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance
PRIORITISATION CATEGORY	Standard	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Central Switching Service (CSS), Performance Assurance Board (PAB)		

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OVERVIEW

This Issue seeks to remove six Address Management-related reports from the Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue (PARC) and alter another two reports to change their frequency from monthly to ad hoc. These reports have been identified as not fit for purpose and information contained in them is available to Central Switching Service (CSS) Users in a more accessible format.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** that this Change Report contains sufficient information to proceed to Consultation, noting the Code Manager Minded-to Position below.

The Code Manager Minded-to Position is to recommend that the Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;

- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

Under REC Schedule 29 – Address Management, the Central Switching Service (CSS) Provider has an obligation to maintain the Adress Management Service. This service entails the creation and maintenance of Retail Energy Location (REL) Addresses, including reviewing the accuracy and consistency of REL Addresses with other sources of address data. The CSS Provider's performance in ensuring the accuracy and quality of the REL Addresses is subject to Performance Levels and may be periodically reviewed by the REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB).

As part of the Centralised Registration Service (CRS) Improvements Plan, RECCo, the Code Manager and the Data Communications Company (DCC), in their function as the CRS Provider, reviewed the current reporting that is generated by the CSS Provider as required by their REC obligations. The review identified that some of the Address Management Service-related reports captured in the Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue (PARC) are not fit for purpose as they are only produced for the DCC's internal consumption and their production for the PARC creates an operational burden that could be avoided whilst they are available elsewhere. As such, this Issue seeks to remove these reports from the PARC. Some reports would however still be available on an ad-hoc request basis.

Address Management Service-related reports listed in the PARC have an indicative frequency of "latest monthly report to be provided on demand". While the financial costs of this reporting are low for the CSS Provider, they generate significant operational burden. These reports have millions of data rows, superseding the limit that can be viewed in the Excel format, meaning reports must be split into numerous Excel files which the CSS Provider must keep in case they are requested to be reviewed by the Code Manager. This formatting makes Address Management Service-related reporting unreasonably difficult for the CSS Provider to produce and store and is unfit for both the Code Manager's review and Performance Assurance purposes. Ceasing the production of these redundant reports will enable the DCC, RECCo and the Code Manager to focus on further meaningful analysis of more relevant reporting.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

As part of the CRS Improvements Plan, some Address Management-related reports included in the PARC were identified as not fit for purpose. These reports are produced only for DCC's internal consumption and are operationally burdensome to produce and store, but the PARC obligates their generation even where the data included in reports is available elsewhere.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS	REC SERVICE PROVIDERS	RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
No impact identified.	Central Switching Service (CSS) Provider	REC Code Manager

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS	REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
CSS Users	Performance Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC)

MHHS
No impact identified.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

No cross-code impacts have been identified.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**15 Sep-26**	**29 Sep-26**
	Solution Analysis	September	September
	Solution Development	September	September
	Legal Review	September	September
Change Proposal		**30 Sep-26**	**23 Nov-26**
	Consultation	October	October
	Solution Refinement	October	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**24 Nov-26**	**24 Nov-26**
	Appeal Window	25 November	09 December

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This proposal has been raised as an Issue with a proposed solution, which was presented by the Proposer on the 25 August 2026 Performance Assurance Board (PAB) meeting. Please find the minutes to this PAB session here. PAB Members supported the raising of the Issue and the removal of the identified reports from the PARC.

In the meeting, the PAB Chair sought clarification that the proposed removal of the reports was an efficiency measure, would not affect new address quality reporting or related initiatives, and

excluded those reports marked to continue. The CSS Provider confirmed that the reports were accessible only by them and that duplicated data is available through alternative means. Proactive production and storage of the reports would cease, but the underlying data and metrics would remain accessible through dashboards and on-demand reporting.

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;
- Aligns to the Stragetic Direction Statement (SDS) as it aligns with Objective 2.3 (Deliver effective and proactive monitoring, supervision, compliance, and enforcement activities) and Objective 2.4 (Use data to drive up supplier performance), as ceasing the production of these redundant reports will enable CSS Service Provider and the Address Management team to focus on further meaningful analysis of more relevant reporting, which may result in positive developments of new initiatives;
- Has medium importance as it allows the CSS Provider to correct inefficiencies within existing reporting while remaining compliant with the REC; and
- Has low complexity as it will be simple to implement as the proposed solution is to simply remove/edit existing reports from the PARC.

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;
- Has a medium alignment to the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) as it has a reasonable SDS link but is one of several similar Standard changes with comparable strategic value;
- Has medium importance as it delivers useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard changes;
- Has a low complexity as it can be delivered late in the Standard queue without increasing risk or effort.

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SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution involves removing six Address Management-related reports from the PARC and changing two reports' indicative frequencies to "Ad hoc on Demand". The table below outlines how each Address Management-related report will be impacted:

Report name	Current Requirement	Impacted	Change
Address Quality Summary	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✗	
Unmatched REL Extract	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✗	
Unmatched ME Extract	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
Matched Extract	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
Adress Quality Report	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✗	
Address Quality Postcode Report	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
Unchanged Postcodes Report	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
REL Updates Report	Multiple Reports specified as below		
• REL Change	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
• REL Source Initial Registration	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	No longer produce
• REL Initial Registration	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	Ad hoc on Demand

• REL Change RMP	Latest Monthly Report to be provided on Demand	✓	Ad hoc on Demand

9 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to I0340 can be found here.

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

10 SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

10.1 SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Service Provider impact assessment was required as part of this Change Proposal.

10.2 REC PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Party impact assessment was conducted as part of this Change Proposal.

10.3 SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE FOLLOWING IMPACT ASSESSMENT

No amendments were made following impact assessment.

11 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

There are no risks, issues, assumptions or dependencies associated with this Change Proposal.

12 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

12.1 COSTS

There are no costs associated with this Issue.

12.2 BENEFITS

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
REDUCED OPERATIONAL BURDEN	The reports identified by the Proposer are burdensome for the CSS Provider to create and store. Ceasing their monthly production would reduce operational burden for the CSS Provider.

12.3 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

There are no central systems costs, no expected costs to Parties and one intangible benefit associated with this Issue. As such, the Code Manager believes that there is a positive case for change.

13 CASE FOR CHANGE

SELF GOVERNANCE

The Code Manager considers that there is a case for change to implement this solution, on the basis that it:

- Is both viable and implementable, and it appropriately resolves the problem statement;
- Has a positive impact on REC Objective (c) to drive continuous improvements and efficiencies in the operation of the REC and the central systems and communication infrastructures it governs;
- Has no associated central system costs and no associated Party costs;
- Has proportionate effort required for implementation;
- Causes no detriment to Market Participants or consumers;
- Creates efficiencies in the operation of the retail market in reducing the CSS Provider's operational burden; and
- Will support the DCC (in their function as the CRS Provider) to enact the changes required for the CRS Improvements Plan.

14 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link

15 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Address Management Service	means the component of the Central Switching Service which undertakes activities to identify and maintain a matching REL Address for each RMP as further described in the Address Management Schedule.
Retail Energy Location (REL) Address	means the address (or other spatial reference) of each Retail Energy Location, as created and maintained by the CSS Provider.
Registrable Measurement Point (RMP)	means a Supply Meter Point or Metering Point identified in the Central Switching Service.
Meter Point Location (MPL) Address	means the address (or other spatial reference) of a Supply Meter Point's or Metering Point's Location, as created and maintained by the Gas Transporter or Distribution Network Operator (as applicable) for that Supply Meter Point or Metering Point.
Retail Energy Location (REL)	means a Location to which Energy is delivered via an RMP, and/or from which electricity is exported via an RMP.