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UPDATE ON - R0170 WITHDRAWAL OF STIRG FROM REC GOVERNANCE

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on REC Change R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance to the REC Metering Expert Panel (MEP).

2 BACKGROUND

R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance is a REC change which proposes the removal of the STIRG document from REC governance and places it under the governance of the Energy Networks Association (ENA). The Party Impact Assessment of this change flagged concerns from electricity MEMs and Energy Suppliers over their loss of voting rights, loss of an appeals process to the Authority and the inability for them to directly raise a change to the document if this change went ahead. As such, the Code Manager's 'minded to' position at this time is to reject this change.

The Proposer (ENA) has discussed the outcome of the Party Impact Assessment and the Code Manager's 'minded to' position with DNOs, and has developed an alternate solution which they feel comfortable with. This is to amend the Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference so that for the STIRG document only, unanimous approval is required from the MEM and Network Operator representatives for changes to be approved.

The Code Manager sees this option as a reasonable compromise which removes the concern raised by DNOs that they require more control over the STIRG document. This is because it primarily relates to their assets and that under the current voting arrangements, changes could be approved that they do not agree with. It also allows MEMs and Suppliers to retain their voting rights, raise changes to the document via their MEP representative, and keeps the document under REC governance with the appeals process.

3 UPDATES AFTER CHANGE PANEL

On 06 August 2024, the Code Manager presented the Change Report (For Consultation) and the alternate solution to the Change Panel. Unanimous approval was provided agreeing that the Change Report contained enough information for R0170 to move to the consultation phase of the change process. Unanimous approval was also obtained for the red-lined version of the MEP Terms of Reference drafted by the Code Manager to support the alternate solution.

4 NEXT STEPS

On 09 August 2024, the Code Manager will publish the consultation for R0170. This will be open for the standard 15 working days, and close on 02 September 2024.

On 09 August 2024, the Code Manager will also raise a Category 3 Change to propose the alternate solution amendment of the MEP Terms of Reference. A separate consultation will be opened alongside this for 10 working days, closing on 23 August 2024. Depending on that outcome of that consultation, the Category 3 change will either be implemented on 30 August 2024 or, if major concerns are raised that the Code Manager has not considered, it will go back to Change Panel for discussion.

At time of writing this paper the Category 3 Change has not been raised, but the change number will be provided in the MEP meeting on 14 August 2024.

5 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **NOTE** the contents of the paper.