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CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

R0252 – Increasing Frequency of Annual Portfolio Reconciliation Exercise to Support Data Cleanse

DOCUMENT VERSION	V5.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	February 2026
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	MAMs, CDSP, REC Performance Assurance		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

Every year in April, Metering Asset Managers (MAMs) are required by REC Schedule 14 – Metering Operations to submit selected Data Items for each Metering Asset in their portfolio to the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) for the purposes of a reconciliation.

The CDSP compares the Data Items submitted by the MAM to their own copies of these Data Items for any given Metering Asset, and in this way, discrepancies are identified. These discrepancies are then reported to the REC Performance Assurance team, who work with MAMs to resolve them.

The Proposer has identified two issues with this process. Firstly, the reconciliation exercise is not frequent enough, taking place only once a year. They have asked the Code Manager to explore the possibility of increasing the frequency to twice yearly. Secondly, the turnaround time of the reconciliation data by the CDSP currently takes several months – MAMs historically have received the reconciled data set between August and October. The Proposer has asked the Code Manager to explore reducing this turnaround time.

2 CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the Metering Expert Panel:

- **REVIEW** the extension to plan for R0252; and
- **APPROVE** the extension to plan for R0252.

3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

		Previous		Proposed	
Milestone	**Activity**	**From**	**From**	**From**	**From**
Definition		**13 May 25**	**07 Apr 26**	**13 May 25**	**07 Apr 26**
	Solution Analysis	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
	Solution Development	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
	Legal Drafting	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
	Impact Assessment	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Change Proposal		**08 Apr 26**	**13 Oct 26**	**08 Apr 26**	**31 Jan 27**
	Business Case Assessment	April	April	April	September
	Consultation	May	June	December	January
	Solution Refinement	June	June	January	January
	Final Determination	June	June	January	January
Voting		**14 Oct 26**	**14 Oct 26**	**TBD**	**TBD**
	Appeal Window	June	June	-	-

As of publication of this re-plan, the Code Manager has produced a proposed solution, and completed impact assessments with the CDSP, with REC Parties, and with three elements of the REC Code Manager: Party Assurance, Operational Account Management, and Data Analytics. As a result, the Code Manager now has an understanding of the impact of the proposed solution on all affected parties, and has a complete view of the costs to deliver the proposed solution.

During the determination of whether the cost benefit assessment has been met, the Code Manager has been prompted to more closely examine the benefits case. Currently, an intangible benefits assessment has been made, but no quantifiable benefits data is available to the Code Manager. In order to make the most balanced assessment possible, the Code Manager is exploring whether quantifiable benefits can be identified. As a result, the Code Manager will seek to initiate a second impact assessment with the REC Performance Assurance function in order to see if the impact of the reconciliation taking place only annually, relative biannually (as proposed) can be quantified. Additionally, this impact assessment will determine the impact of the 75WD turnaround time relative to the proposed 45WD turnaround

time. In this way, the impact of not applying the proposed solution can be identified, and used to make a final, informed determination of the cost-benefit of the proposed solution.

The proposed second impact assessment with the REC Performance Assurance function was not factored into the previous plan for this Change. As a result, additional time is required in order to complete this impact assessment prior to consultation. Additionally, because of the proposed changes to the REC Change process arising from Code Reform, the consultation will not be able to start until at least December 2026, despite the planned impact assessment closing in September 2026. Furthermore, as the voting date cannot be determined at this stage due to the aforementioned changes to the Change Process, the voting milestone has not been included in the scope of the proposed change to plan. As soon as a voting date can be determined with certainty, one will be presented.