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DATA ACCESS REQUESTS

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ADDITION OF OTHER CODE PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE TO THE ELECTRICITY DATA ACCESS MATRIX

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APPENDICES	• RECPAB_25_0527_03A - Electricity Data Access Matrix v4.8_Draft • RECPAB_25_0527_03B – Service User Categorisation and Assessment Document 5.7_DRAFT

1 THE ROLE OF THE REC PAB

The REC PAB agree access requests in accordance with the Code Manager's recommendation because the PAB are responsible for specifying REC Party, Non-Party REC Service User and REC Service Provider security and data protection requirements under the REC.

One key area for consideration is whether the appropriate process has been followed, for example some changes require additional information security analysis, whereas others might require consultation with industry participants.

BESPOKE REPORT REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS (GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT CATEGORY)

1 BACKGROUND

A bespoke report request has been made from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) which is the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics related to the economy, population and society at national, regional and local levels. The data is being requested for the Future of Population and Migration Statistics (FPMS) in England and Wales. These statistics are crucial in determining:

- The amount of housing needed;
- Number of educational places; and
- Other infrastructure requirements.

For over 200 years, Census data has been the main way of collecting data for population statistics and this only occurs every 10 years. This means that the data becomes less accurate as the years go on. ONS is looking at alternative data sources to meet its needs.

If this data proves to be useful, it may be used within products such as Admin Based Population Estimates (ABPE).

2 JUSTIFICATION FOR USE CASE

This dataset will support already obtained data from other sources and will be used to understand the density and distribution of domestic population across England and Wales.

3 ELECTRICITY DATA ITEMS

The request covers the following data items from EES:

Data Item	Purpose	Classification (Future, subject to change based on implementation of R0148)
Address Line 1 – 9	Geo-referencing and linkage to other datasets.	Personal
Current Supplier Registration Date	To understand a Supplier's registration to a metering system.	Always Open

Energisation Status	To understand if a metering system is active.	Always Open
Energisation Status Date	To understand from which date the energisation status is applicable from.	Always Open
Postcode	Geo-referencing and linkage to other datasets.	Personal
Profile Class	To identify residential usage.	Always Open
Domestic Consumer Indicator	To identify residential usage.	Always Open
MPAN Designation	To identify residential usage.	Always Open
MPAN Last Updated Date	To understand the MPID of the last organisation to update MPAS Metering Point details.	Always Open
Metered Indicator	To identify a metered supply.	Always Open
Direction of Energy Flow	To enable any export MPANs to be excluded to ensure no double counting.	Always Open
MPAN Core	For linkage to other datasets.	Personal
MPAN Trading Status	To understand whether a supply is fully operational.	Always Open
Associated Import / Export MSID	To enable any export MPANs to be excluded to ensure no double counting.	Always Open
Number of MPANs for Meter	To enable any differing metering configurations such as Economy 10 to be excluded from the dataset to ensure no double counting.	Always Open
MPAN Relationship - Primary MPAN	To ensure no double counting relating to MPAN relationships.	Personal
MPAN Relationship - Secondary MPAN	To ensure no double counting relating to MPAN relationships.	Personal

The provision of this report is expected prior to MHHS, therefore no MHHS data items have been included within the request.

4 DATA PROTECTION, INFORMATION SECURITY AND ANY SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

This will be for circa 32-million-meter points and access will not rely on Consumer Consent but a different lawful basis to access personal data, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Article 6(1)(e) - processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

ONS is in the process of completing its ISDP which has been set at the medium level.

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ADDITION OF OTHER CODE PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE CATEGORY TO THE ELECTRICITY DATA ACCESS MATRIX

1 BACKGROUND

The Uniform Network Code (UNC) Performance Assurance Committee (PAC) is tasked with ensuring that the gas industry is performing to expected industry levels to achieve the timely and accurate settlement of gas. It has asked the Performance Assurance Framework Administrator (PAFA) to conduct a review of smart metering, following unexpectedly low levels of performance over the last 12 months and the way in which the UNC treats smart meters that are not communicating.

To do this, the PAFA requires a baseline of the number of electricity meters that are not communicating and how that looks across different meter types. A request for this data has also been submitted to the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) through UK Link.

2 JUSTIFICATION FOR USE CASE

The PAFA does not require meter level data to conduct this review and is only requesting a limited data set. PAC is made of 9 Shippers and 3 Transporters, and the headlines of this review will be shared with PAC only. PAC is a confidential meeting.

3 ELECTRICITY DATA ITEMS

This request covers the following items from EES:

Data Item	Purpose	Classification (Future, subject to change based on implementation of R0148)
DCC Service Flag	To understand the number of meters that are or aren't communicating with the DCC.	Always Open
Meter Type	To understand how communicating/non-communicating meters look across differing meter types.	Always Open

The provision of this report is expected prior to MHHS, therefore no MHHS data items have been included within the request.

4 DATA PROTECTION, INFORMATION SECURITY AND ANY SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

For this category the Code Manager considers the following assurance approach will apply.

		Description	Current	Proposed
ISDP Level	Low	Basic information only	N/A	No External Assessment
	Medium	Assessment relevant security	N/A	Verification External Assessment for GUI

		accreditation (cyber essentials +)		
	High	Assessment if information security risk management in REC relevant areas	N/A	Standard External Assessment for API

Currently, they are not requesting GUI or API access but only access to an aggregated report, therefore, the risk determination is low and no External Assessment required. Where incremental access is requested, the approach above will be applied to determine the extent of assurance.

6 CHANGES TO THE ELECTRICITY DAM TO SUPPORT THE OTHER CODE PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE CATEGORY

Due to the one-off nature of the PAFA application and the expectation that other Codes may request bespoke access in future, the Code Manager is proposing that a new category be created. However, that data approvals are dependent on the specific use case and not provisioned in an enduring way. The new category will state TBC against each EES data item in the same way as Research Bodies and Government Departments.

There is no requirement to update Appendix 1 as it states that Enquiry Service access is available to each manager or administrator of another Energy Code for the purposes of fulfilling its functions under the relevant Energy Code.

7 NEXT STEPS

The ONS request does not require any changes to REC documentation and following approval from the PAB and sign-off of an ISDP and Access Agreement, provision of the report can be progressed.

Due to the limited dataset for the PAFA request, the Code Manager does not propose a consultation is carried out. Following approval from the PAB and sign off of an ISDP and Access Agreement, the provision of the report can be progressed. The changes to the Electricity DAM to support the new category for Other Code Performance Assurance is proposed to be implemented on 06 June 2025.

8 PAB ACTIONS

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