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R0054 - CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN RE-BASELINE

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1 PURPOSE

Change Proposal R0054 – EES Access for Virtual Lead Parties is under the governance of the Technical Expert Panel (TEP). The Change Proposal Plan was approved at the Change Panel meeting on 19 July 2022, this set out that on publication of the Preliminary Change Report the change would go out for consultation, without first being presented to the TEP for review. This reflected the simplicity of the change, which had a solution defined.

This document aims to provide the TEP with an update on the Change Proposal, ahead of the Final Change Report being presented to the TEP for decision on 26 November 2022.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 CHANGE PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Virtual Lead Parties (VLPs) are a Market Participant defined under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). VLPs independently aggregate Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) registered units to be entered into the balancing mechanism. VLPs are required by the BSC to provide their customer's MPAN as part of their application to provide balancing services.

As an independent aggregator with no link to an Energy Supplier, a VLP does not fit into any of the Market Roles currently defined as users of the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) within the electricity Data Access Matrix (DAM).

This Change Proposal seeks to update the DAM to include VLPs as a new EES User Category, which will allow them access to the Data Items required to fulfil their Market Role. The change will also require the EES to be updated to reflect the new access for VLPs. There are currently only a small number of VLPs, however, this change will provide the mechanism for all VLPs to request access without the need for further change proposals to be raised.

2.2 CHANGE ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Impact Assessment

This Change Proposal began with a fully defined solution, because of this the first activity was to issue a Service Provider Impact Assessment to the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Provider. We requested they assess the different impacts of implementing this change before or after R0022 – Amendment to the REC Data Access Matrix due to the potential impact on the cost of implementing this change.

The EES Provider confirmed that should this be implemented at the same time as, or after, R0022 there would be no additional cost for this Change Proposal. They also provided a cost of £7,776 (exclusive of VAT) should this change be implemented prior to R0022 or should R0022 be rejected.

They also advised that should this change be implemented without R0022 they would not be able to restrict access to the following items:

- Cancelledindicator
- Currentsupplierregistrationdate
- Mpandesignation
- Relationshipstatusindicator
- Energisation status
- GSP group
- Trading status
- Distributor

Preliminary Change Report & Consultation

The Preliminary Change Report (PCR) and Consultation were published on 02 September 2022 and closed on 16 September 2022.

Within the PCR the Code Manager recommends that this Change Proposal is **Approved** with the Implementation Date of **04 November 2022**, which is aligned with the proposed implementation date for R0022.

Two responses to the consultation were received, as well as feedback from the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) on the proposed solution.

The consultation responses have resulted in a change to the drafted legal text to Schedule 1 - Interpretations, to ensure the definition of Market Role is fit for purpose when considering the role of Virtual Lead Parties. A full summary will be provided withing the Final Change Report.

3 NEXT STEPS

The Final Change Report will be published for this Change Proposal on **14 November 2022,** this will then be brought to the TEP on **26 November 2022** for final decision.

Committee Members are invited to:

- **CONSIDER** the Change Proposal progress, ahead of the Final Change Report publication and presentation for decision at the TEP meeting in November.