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PROPOSAL TO INTEGRATE THE THEFT ISSUES GROUP INTO THE CHANGE ISSUES GROUP

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to update Members of the REC Theft Issues Group (TIG) on the proposal to integrate the Theft Issues Group into the Change Issues Group.

2 BACKGROUND

The TIG is a working group and was set up to provide stakeholders the opportunity to have visibility and contribute to the development of Change Proposals (CP) and Change Issues relating to Energy Theft activities with other Energy Theft specialists. The TIG was established with effect from 24 April 2024. The functions of the TIG are defined in its Terms of Reference and currently meets monthly.

Since the establishment of the TIG, several Change Proposals relating to Energy Theft have been successfully developed and implemented. However, more recently there have been fewer Issues and CPs raised.

Since the establishment of the TIG, a new working group, Change Issues Group (CHIG) has been formed. This group provides input into REC Change Issues, including developing potential solutions and supporting issue resolution. These activities may result in a REC Change Proposal, or the issue may be resolved through alternative routes, such as revising or introducing new guidance. The CHIG is well attended with high levels of engagement, including from those who also attend the TIG, and supports the Code Manager activity by sharing knowledge, best practice, advice and giving stakeholders an engagement route into the REC Change process.

3 PROPOSAL

The Code Manager proposes to formally integrate the Theft Issues Group into the Change Issues Group, with any Issues that would have been considered by the group instead being addressed through the CHIG, subject to the following considerations:

- where necessary, a separate working group can be established for an Issue, or Issues (as has successfully been carried out for I0265 – Theft Calculator Usage and Suitability Assessment); and a standing CHIG agenda item will be ensured for Issues related to Energy Theft; Where necessary, a separate working group can be established

- To allow for the TIG to be re-instated in future if circumstances require the Code Manager to do so.

The Code Manager would like to express its gratitude to the members of the TIG for their valued input into the Issues and CPs developed through this working group and looks forward to continuing working and collaborating with you at the CHIG.