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REC METERING EXPERT PANEL CLOSURE REPORT

CLOSURE OF THE METERING EXPERT PANEL AND TRANSITION TO THE REFORMED REC GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report formally records the closure of the Retail Energy Code Metering Expert Panel (MEP), recognises the contribution made by its members and Chairs, and sets out how the Panel's responsibilities and metering expertise will be carried forward under the reformed REC governance arrangements. It also provides assurance that in flight business, document ownership and routes for industry engagement have been identified and transferred.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its establishment in 2021, the MEP has provided an important source of independent metering, operational, and market expertise within the REC. The MEP has considered metering related Change Reports and Change Proposals. They have maintained reviewed and assessed a portfolio of Category 3 operational products and guidance. Its work has helped ensure that proposals were tested against practical delivery experience, safety considerations, consumer impacts and the needs of different REC Party categories.

The MEP closes as part of the implementation of Energy Code Reform. Formal modification decision making will transfer to the Licensed Code Manager, which will have due regard to advice from the Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) and evidence obtained through wider stakeholder engagement. The closure of the MEP changes where formal decisions are made; it does not reduce the importance of metering expertise in the development and assessment of REC change.

3. RECORD OF CONTRIBUTION

Alongside its Change activity and stewardship of metering products, the MEP contributed operational expertise and industry insight to the assessment of proposed solutions. Members drew on practical delivery experience to challenge assumptions, identify unintended consequences and test proposals against safety considerations, consumer impacts and the needs of different REC Party categories.

Over its lifetime, the MEP has provided governance and expert scrutiny across a substantial programme of metering work. 25 metering related Change Proposals and Change Reports considered; 6 Category 3 changes considered and 60 meetings held.

The Panel also looked after a portfolio of 11 retained metering products and guidance documents identified for transfer under the future governance arrangements. These cover electricity metering point guidance, Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance, Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) supplementary guidance, prepayment meter key supplier identifiers, change of market segment guidance, sharing metering asset data guidance, Meter Operator Agent appointment guidance, metering point guidance, two Meter

Configuration Tables and Meter Product Data. The MEP Terms of Reference have closed with the Panel rather than transfer as a live product.

4. THANKS TO MEMBERS AND CHAIRS

RECCo would like to record their sincere thanks to every individual who has served as a MEP member, alternate, Chair, secretariat representative, subject matter expert or observer. Members have given their time, knowledge and constructive challenge on behalf of the REC arrangements, frequently working through technically complex or time critical matters and balancing safety, operational practicality, market efficiency and consumer outcomes.

Particular thanks are extended to those who have served as Chair over the life of the Panel. Their leadership has supported impartial discussion, effective decision making and the constructive participation of representatives from suppliers, network operators and metering organisations. The strength of the MEP has rested not only in its formal decisions, but in the willingness of its members and Chairs to share practical experience, identify unintended consequences and improve proposals before implementation.

5. TRANSITION TO THE SAF AND LICENSED CODE MANAGER

Under the new arrangements, the Licensed Code Manager will make decisions on REC Modifications and changes to relevant REC products. In doing so, it will obtain evidence and advice through the route best suited to the subject matter. The SAF will be the principal stakeholder advisory body and will provide independent industry insight, challenge and advice so that Code Manager decisions are informed by stakeholder expertise and market experience.

MEP business that remains in progress at the effective date will be transferred into the new arrangements. The transfer will preserve the evidence and expert input already obtained and avoid unnecessary repetition or delay.

6. FUTURE METERING ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE OPERATIONAL METERING FORUMS (NAMING TO BE CONFIRMED)

The new Gas Operational Metering Forum, Electricity Operational Metering Forum and Dual Fuel Operational Metering Forum will provide continuing routes for REC Parties to contribute to metering related work. The proposed activities include raising operational matters, sharing emerging risks and implementation experience, testing proposed solutions and providing specialist input into modifications, guidance and Category 3 product changes. Any role for an Operational Metering Forum as, or in support of, a workgroup for a specific modification will be subject to the scope and arrangements set out in the final Terms of Reference.

The forums are advisory and operational rather than replacement decision making panels. Accountability for formal decisions will rest with the Licensed Code Manager, informed by the SAF and by proportionate engagement with the relevant forum, dedicated workgroup or specialist stakeholders. This approach is intended to retain access to gas and electricity

metering expertise while widening opportunities for parties to contribute to the work that affects them.

7. CLOSURE ASSURANCE AND OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

The portfolio of 11 metering products and guidance documents will transfer to the Code Manager to manage.

Any open actions have transferred, preserving decision and audit records.
The final MEP minutes, headline report and closure report will be published following its final meeting.

When the final Terms of Reference have been published, these will include the scope and frequency of the Operational Metering Forums, and communications explaining how parties can contribute will be circulated.

The MEP Terms of Reference have been archived, and the REC governance material and portal content have been updated to reflect the new arrangements.

8. CONCLUSION

The closure of the MEP marks the end of a significant chapter in REC governance. The Panel leaves a strong record of expert scrutiny, collaborative problem solving and stewardship of important metering products. Its contribution provides a sound foundation for the new arrangements, in which the SAF, Operational Metering Forums, workgroups and targeted expert engagement will continue to ensure that practical metering experience informs the evolution of the REC.