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CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE SOLUTION

ADDITIONAL METERING POINTS

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change looks to make the necessary amendments to the Secure Data Exchange Service (SDES) functionality to reflect the new Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) arrangements. Specifically, the changes will replace redundant data items within the request for an additional Metering Point with new data items required by the MHHS design for the establishment of a new Metering Point.

MHHS STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP OUTCOME

On 19 April 2023, the REC MSAG agreed that the solution for consequential change item CCT-09 should be taken forward for the MHHS Code Drafting. It was specifically agreed that this should include the removal of the 'Expected Profile Class' and 'Expected Measurement Class' and the addition of the 'Expected Market Segment' and 'Expected Connection Type'.

The early implementation of the addition of the 'Expected Connection Type' will be raised as a REC Issue and considered separately. The expectation is that if the decision was not to add the Expected Connection Type early then it would be added alongside the MHHS legal text drafting.

1 BACKGROUND

Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle defines the process by which Electricity Suppliers may request the establishment of additional Metering Points (which are not new connections) from a Distribution Network Operator (DNO) using the SDES. The REC itself does not detail the data items required as mandatory within the New Metering Point Request, however it is built into the service functionality. A change to the data items to be captured in a New Metering Point Request is therefore required and RECCo will need to progress a change directly with the SDES Provider.

A New Metering Point Request' currently requires the 'expected Measurement Class' and 'expected Profile Class' to be populated. Measurement Class will no longer be used following the introduction of the new MHHS arrangements, therefore it is proposed that this data item is removed from the request template. Similarly, Profile Class will not be relevant for New Metering Point Requests as it is only relevant for non-smart meters.

The MHHS design is introducing new data items that are required by DNOs for the creation of new Metering Points. It is therefore proposed that 'expected Connection Type' and 'expected Market Segment' are defined as mandatory data items within the New Metering Point Request to provide the DNO with the required information.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The existing New Metering Point Request function, within the SDES, does not provide all of the data needed by the DNO to establish a new Metering Point record, following the implementation of MHHS arrangements.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
N/A

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Secure Data Exchange Service Provider

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
N/A

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Electricity Supplier
Distribution Network Operators (DNOs)

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
N/A

The proposed change impacts the SDES functionality by amending the data items included within the request for additional Metering Points. This will also impact Electricity Suppliers and DNOs as they send and receive the required data.

4 SOLUTION OPTIONS

The required changes to the data items included in the New Metering Point Request was discussed with the CCIAG. It was agreed that 'expected Connection Type' and 'expected Market Segment' should be included in the request. No other suggestions were received.

There was a consensus view from the CCIAG 'expected Measurement Class' and 'expected Profile Class' should be removed.

5 SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

The proposed approach was developed by RECCo and presented at the Consequential Change Impact Assessment Group (CCIAG) meeting in August 2022. Industry attendees were invited to provide comments on the proposals following the meeting and no concerns were raised. The proposed changes were then presented at the CCIAG meeting in November 2022 with broad support received.

At the REC MSAG on 15 March 2023, the question was raised as to whether the 'expected Connection Type' is required. Further input was requested from DNOs, which indicated that this Data Item was needed so that the LLFC could be derived from it and therefore be provided as required when an MPAN is created.

6 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed approach is to remove the following data items from the New Metering Point Request (captured within SDES functional requirements):

- Expected Profile Class; and
- Expected Measurement Class.

It is also proposed that the following data items be added as mandatory within the request for additional Metering Points:

- Expected Connection Type; and
- Expected Market Segment.

These changes will require updates to both the user portal and the DNO import/export function. RECCo will engage with DNOs to ensure they are aware of the changes to this process.

7 GLOSSARY

Terms used in this document can be found within the following:

- Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions – Link
- MHHS Programme Glossary - Link