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CHANGE PROPOSAL REPLAN

R0147 – PREPAYMENT LEVELISATION

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal seeks to introduce the necessary governance and charging arrangements into the Retail Energy Code, to reconcile the impact on Domestic Energy Suppliers of levelling the cost of standing charges to Domestic Consumers paying by means of a Prepayment Meter with those paying by Direct Debit.

This proposal is being raised on a contingent basis pending the decision of the Authority on whether to modify the standard conditions of the Gas and Electricity Supply Licences to levelise standing charges. That decision is expected in January 2024. This Change Proposal is being progressed in anticipation of the reconciliation of levelisation costs being administered by the Retail Energy Code Company.

2 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

The Code Manager would like approval to re-baseline the Change Proposal Plan for R0147 – Prepayment Levelisation. Due to a request from Ofgem to explore the possibility for a change to the requirement on the meter point data to be used in the reconciliation, we are not able to progress to publication of the Final Change Report on 20 December 2023. The intention is to still aim for the Change Panel recommendation on 16 January 2024 as planned but that the Final Change Report may not be published until much closer to this date, once the appropriate impact assessments have been completed.

The re-baselined plan supports consideration of the requirement to have greater data granularity relating to the count of single and multi-rate meters used within levelisation and the reconciliation mechanism. This split in data has now been discounted for inclusion in the solution for 01/04/2024 go live, however it is expected to be introduced post go-live. RECCo

and the Code Manager will continue to work with Ofgem on the delivery plan and expect a further Change Proposal is likely.

The Revised milestones are provided in the table below:

	APPROVED DATES		PROPOSED DATES	
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
IMPACT ASSESSMENT PERIOD	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	17/11/2023	17/11/2023	Complete	Complete
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE REVIEW	21/11/2023	21/11/2023	Complete	Complete
CONSULTATION	22/11/2023	13/12/2023	Complete	Complete
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	20/12/2023	20/12/2023	**12/01/2024**	**12/01/2024**
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	16/01/2024	16/01/2024	16/01/2024	16/01/2024
AUTHORITY DETERMINATION REQUESTED	17/01/2024	17/01/2024	17/01/2024	17/01/2024

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the proposed plan extension milestones for R0147.
- **APPROVE** the proposed plan extension milestones for R0147

Approval was provided by Committee Members on 19 December 2023.