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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

R0158 – AMENDMENT TO THE 'SUPPLIER REGISTRATION REPORT (MAP)' REPORT METHODOLOGY

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DOCUMENT APPROVAL STATUS	APPROVED

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	URGENCY	STANDARD

DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS	15/03/2024

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) can query the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) as part of their billing process to establish the Registered Gas Suppliers of their portfolio of Metering Assets. The reports via which MAPs can query the GES are not currently working exactly as intended due to incorrect wording in the GES Definition; this change seeks to rectify that.

	High Impact: N/A
	Medium Impact: N/A
	Low Impact: Meter Asset Providers

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1 BACKGROUND

The “Supplier Registration Report (MAP)” is a data report provided to Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) upon request by the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) Provider. The purpose of this report is to provide a MAP with a Registered Gas Supplier ID against each of the Metering Assets that the MAP provides, so that the MAP is able to identify Suppliers of its Metering Assets. Receipt of information for a given Metering Asset is contingent upon the GES Provider being given three identifying pieces of information that prove that the MAP owns the Asset in question: The Meter Serial Number, the Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) and the model name.

This report is not currently working exactly to their intended functionality. Due to a drafting error at a time before these reports were incorporated into the REC, MAPs are not being provided with complete and accurate information about who supplies their portfolios. The report text states that MAPs may only receive information back from the GES Provider “where the MAP is recorded within the Central Gas Register”. This statement was initially included as a precaution to prevent MAPs from inappropriately accessing Supplier data for Metering Assets not within their portfolio. Previously, when the UNC defined criteria to enable MAPs to access Supplier data for their portfolio, the test for whether MAP ID is recorded within the central gas register was not the relevant test; rather, it was the three key criteria outlined previously (MPRN, Meter Serial Number, model name). However, MAP ID was not recorded within the Central Gas Register at the time, and is not a mandated field in Market Messages pertinent to UK Link that fall outside the REC.

As a result, the requirement to only permit MAPs recorded within the Central Gas Register, whilst well-intentioned at the time, has created a scenario in which MAPs are excluded from accessing their portfolio data. As there was never an intention for the MAP to be recorded within the Central Gas Register at the time of drafting in 2013, an impossible requirement has been made by the revised wording. This change seeks to update the wording of the reports and restore their intended functionality.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The GES Service Definition defines two reports that MAPs can use to query the CDSP to find out which Registered Gas Suppliers supply Metering Assets in their portfolio, so that they can bill them. Due to a drafting error in the GES Service Definition, this report is not working as intended, and MAPs are not able to ascertain the Registered Gas Supplier for their entire portfolio. This change seeks to rectify the drafting error and restore the intended functionality of the two reports.

3 USER STORIES

REF.	USER STORIES
MARKET PARTICIPANT USER STORIES	
M1	As a Registered Gas Supplier, I want to receive accurate invoices from MAPs for use of their Metering Assets, so that I am not over or under charged.
M2	As a MAP, I want to be able to access accurate information about my portfolio so that I can be correctly remunerated by Suppliers.
M3	As the GES Provider, I want the reports that I am obligated to provide to be correctly defined, so that I am able to provide accurate data to MAPs regarding their portfolios.

4 IMPACTS

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
GES Provider

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Registered Gas Suppliers
MAPs

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
GES Definition
Gas Data Access Matrix (DAM)

There is minimal impact on REC Parties, service providers and none for Consumers. This is a background change, primarily affecting the relationship between a non-REC Party service user (the MAP) and the GES Provider. The GES Provider does not need to build a product or modify the existing reports, as they are not inherently going to be changed by the proposed solution; only the recipient list will change.

Registered Gas Suppliers are only impacted incidentally, as the proposed solution will mean they will have more confidence in the billing information they receive from MAPs, as the MAPs will have more accurate information regarding who supplies their portfolios..

There is no identifiable Consumer impact, either directly or indirectly.

5 MARKET-WIDE HALF HOURLY SETTLEMENT IMPACTS

MHHS DESIGN
No impact

MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION
No impact to Market Messages or Data items
No impact to Data Specification documents

MHHS CODE DRAFTING
No impact

This change is a gas only change and is therefore out of scope of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Design. No consequential impacts or alignment to the electricity market are expected for consideration as a result of the change.

The REC documents and products expected to be impacted by this change are not impacted by MHHS code drafting.

6 CROSS CODE IMPACTS

There are no Cross-Code impacts.

7 CHANGE PATH AND RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel

This change will follow a Self-Governance path.

The Responsible Committee for making self-governance decisions on changes to the GES Definition and the GES Technical Specification(s) is the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) as set out in the REC Baseline Statement. This change will also affect the Gas DAM so as this is now a Category 3 document following approval of R0118, changes to the Gas DAM will be handled outside the scope of this change.

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8 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	0	25	0
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	0	15	0
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	5	5
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	2	13	25
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	8	23
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		2	15	15
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity (High Priority activity)	1	20	20
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	88

Priority Score	Priority Status
171 and above	Critical
151 to 170	High
101 to 150	Medium
0 to 100	Low

Priority Status	LOW
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

Urgent Change Proposals meet the Criteria for Urgency as set out by Ofgem

This Change Proposal has been classified as “Low” priority, based on a priority score of 88. This score has been calculated as follows:

- There is a Complexity/Effort/Duration score of three, representing a “Minimal” complexity. The Code Manager expects that this change will be straightforward to develop, as it has a pre-defined solution and no need for impact assessment for REC Parties or service providers for the reasons outlined in Section 4.
- Impact on REC Parties & service providers in terms of legal and regulatory compliance has as a score of two, representing a moderate impact/improvement. The Code Manager expects that the proposed solution has the potential to yield an improved confidence in data quality, and a reduction in the need for MAPs to obtain supplier data for their portfolio outside of the recognised reporting pathways.
- Strategic alignment with the objectives of the REC has a score of two, representing moderate impact/improvement. This is because the Code Manager expects the proposed solution to result in the protection of Consumer data, as well as driving improvement in the operation of REC central systems (the GES Provider).

All other metrics have been given a score of zero or one, as appropriate.

9 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

This change seeks only to introduce specific and targeted changes to the wording found within three REC Documents (the GES Definition, the Gas Data Access Matrix, and the GES API Technical Specification), with no other changes to REC products or processes planned.

This change is not proposing any modification to the operation or functionality of either the Supplier Registration Report (MAP) report. This change seeks only to update the criteria that specify who may receive the above report and will not consider any changes to the report itself.

	FROM	TO
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT AND CONSULTATION ISSUED	15/03/2024	15/03/2024
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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	24/04/2024	24/04/2024
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	08/05/2024	08/05/2024

10 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Central Gas Register	means the register of Supply Meter Points maintained by the CDSP.
Data Access Matrix	means the matrix describing which Enquiry Service Data each Enquiry Service User Category can access, which forms part of the Data Specification and is updated in accordance with the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Enquiry Service	means: (a) until CSS Go-Live Date, the enquiry service provided pursuant to the UNC which allows authorised users to access Gas Retail Data; and (b) from CSS Go-Live Date, the service of that name procured by RECCo pursuant to the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Enquiry Service Provider	means the provider of the Gas Enquiry Service.
Gas Supplier	means a person holding a Gas Supply Licence.
Meter Asset Provider	means the person that makes the Metering Assets for an RMP available for use by the Registered Supplier and the Consumer.
Meter Point Registration Number	means the unique reference number used to identify gas Supply Meter Points.
Meter Serial Number	means the serial number that identifies the meter at an RMP
Metering Asset	shall have the same meaning as Metering Equipment.
Uniform Network Code	means the Uniform Network Code established under the Gas Transporter Licences.