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# CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

## I0187 – SCHEDULE 8 REVIEW AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

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| **PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE** | TBC |
| **IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH** | BIG BANG |

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| **RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE** | CHANGE PANEL | **CHANGE PATH** | SELF-GOVERNANCE |
| **PRIORITY STATUS** | LOW | **URGENCY** | STANDARD |
| **IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS** | Energy Suppliers, Gas Transporters, Distribution Network Operators | | |

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## 1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

REC Schedule 8 – Unbilled Energy Code of Practice outlines the relationship between Network Parties and Energy Suppliers in respect of Energy Theft and their obligations to identify and resolve situations by taking appropriate actions. It also describes how those Parties shall deal with Occupiers who are identified as being Unregistered Consumers. This Issue seeks to carry out a review of Schedule 8 utilising the REC Theft Issues Group (TIG).

## 2 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 25 June 2026, the REC Change Panel approved this extension to plan.

## 3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

During the solution development phase, it was determined that additional engagement with the Theft Issues Group (TIG) was necessary. A number of potential inconsistencies and areas requiring clarification were identified, necessitating detailed discussions and agreement on next steps with the TIG and Change Issues Group. This engagement has now been completed, and

the Code Manager has proceeded with the legal drafting to incorporate the changes agreed upon following these discussions and the resolution of identified issues. Details of these discussions can be found in the meeting minutes from the TIG, available on the REC Portal, here.

The legal drafting is now in progress with the amended Schedule 8 undergoing a comprehensive review by the REC Legal Advisors, the REC Code Manager and the RECCo Market Design team to ensure the drafting aligns with the scope of the Issue and to and confirm that no unintended consequences arise.

Following completion of both the legal review, the amended Schedule 8 will be issued for a Party impact assessment. This will provide Parties with the opportunity to formally review the proposed changes, offer feedback, and highlight any anticipated impacts on their organisations. Given the size of the Schedule and the extent of the legal drafting involved, the Code Manager intends to extend the Party impact assessment period beyond the standard 15 Working Days to allow sufficient time for thorough consideration. The Code Manager will engage with stakeholders prior to the impact assessment to discuss the length of the impact assessment period, but in line with changes of similar stature within the REC, the Code Manager expects this could be between 6 and 8 weeks.

The Code Manager proposes the following extension to the plan:

| Milestone | Activity | From | To | From | To |
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| **Definition** | | **26 Sept-24** | **30 Jun-26** | **26 Sept-24** | **31 Oct-26** |
| | Solution Analysis | **Complete** | **Complete** | **Complete** | **Complete** |
| | Engagement with the Theft Issues Group | ~~August '25~~ | ~~January '26~~ | **Complete** | **Complete** |
| | Solution Development | ~~March '25~~ | ~~March '26~~ | **Complete** | **Complete** |
| | Legal Review | ~~March '26~~ | ~~March '26~~ | June '26 | July '26 |
| | Party impact assessment | | | August '26 | September '26 |
| | Solution Refinement | | | October '26 | October '26 |