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CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

I0198 – METER ASSET MANAGER (MAM) COMMUNICATIONS METHOD REGISTER

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	TBD

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Gas Suppliers, Metering Asset Managers		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

Metering Asset Managers (MAMs) are permitted within the REC to communicate Market Messages via up to three methods: the Data Transfer Network (DTN), the Information Exchange (IX), or via email. Whilst some Market Messages and scenarios mandate one method only, many scenarios (especially those found in Schedule 14 – Metering Operations) allow for a MAM to communicate via any of the three aforementioned methods. Whilst this provides flexibility for MAMs to adapt to differing requirements across diverse business scenarios, it also presents challenges in assuring the quality of gas market data.

Following investigative work conducted by the REC Performance Assurance (RPA) team, it has been determined to be likely that having a spread of viable communication options may result mismatches where Data Items are held differently by different REC Users. For example, if a MAM sends a Market Message to another MAM using a method that the receiving MAM does not use, it is likely that the message will be missed, and they will record the same Data Item for a given Metering Asset differently. Additionally, it was also determined that having a spread of

viable methods makes RPA led data gathering exercises relating to MAM actions harder to achieve.

Due to the size, impact and complexity of such a change, the scope of this Issue is limited only to exploring an interim solutions that might facilitate an eventual move to a single method. This interim solution will take the form of a communications register, where MAMs may record which of the three methods they use to communicate with other Parties. This will aid in missed Market Message resolution and support self-service Data Item mismatch resolution.

2 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

		Previous		Proposed	
Milestone	**Activity**	**From**	**To**	**From**	**To**
Definition		**17-Dec-24**	**31-Mar-25**	**17-Dec-24**	**16-May-25**
	Code Manager Assessment	December	March	December	March
	Impact Assessment	March	March	April	April
	Business Case Assessment	March	March	April	May
	Solution Refinement	March	March	May	May

The Code Manager is proposing an extension to the Definition window to account for additional time to develop the solution. Whilst the solution did take longer to scope and define than anticipated in the initial plan, the Code Manager has now developed a solution, and is expected to move into an Impact Assessment in w/c 31 March following legal review.

3 COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:

- **REVIEW** the extension to plan for I0198; and
- **APPROVE** the extension to plan for I0198.