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CHANGE REPORT

R0217 – AMENDING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR SIPS AT NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	01 April 2025
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs)		

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OVERVIEW

The contractual obligations in section 21 of Schedule 14 Metering Operations are too restrictive or not relevant to Non-Domestic Premises making delivering isolators to Non-Domestic Premises more complex than it needs to be.

CODE MANAGER MINDED TO POSITION

The Code Manager recommends that the Metering Expert Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 01 April 2025.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) have identified that section 21 of Schedule 14 Metering Operations is too restrictive or not relevant to Non-Domestic Premises. The obligations currently state that SIPs can only contract with the Premises owner, when for Non-Domestic Premises the occupier will often have rights allowing them to conduct these works.

This change proposes amending the legal text in section 21 of Schedule 14 Metering Operations to provide separate obligations for Domestic and Non-Domestic Premises that are relevant to these different market segments.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Non-Domestic Consumers who occupy (but do not own) a Premises with relevant permissions allowing metering work to occur are unable to contract with SIPs due to the restrictions in section 21 of Schedule 14 Metering Operations.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS	REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS	REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Non-Domestic Consumers	SIPs	Schedule 14 Metering Operations

MHHS DESIGN	MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION	MHHS CODE DRAFTING
No impact	No impact	Indirect impact

This change has indirect impact to the Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) code drafting as it makes changes to Schedule 14 Metering Operations, which is heavily impacted by MHHS. Although this change does not make any amendments to text being rewritten by MHHS, any amendments that are approved for implementation on or before M8 will need to be incorporated into the MHHS version of Schedule 14 implemented at M8.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts identified with this change.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**09-Dec-24**	**21-Jan-25**
	Code Manager Assessment	December	January
Change Proposal		**22-Jan-25**	**11-Mar-25**
	Business Case Assessment	January	February
	Consultation	February	February
	Solution Refinement	February	March
	Final Determination	March	March
Voting		**12-Mar-25**	**12-Mar-25**
	Appeal Window	13-Mar-25	27-Mar-25

The Code Manager has decided that no Party impact assessment is required as part of this change, as it comes with a fully formed solution and should have minimal impacts to Parties.

6 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Direct	2	27	53
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	1	17	17
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	2	7	13
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		1	9	9
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	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	0	10	0
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	107

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

SOLUTION

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The solution for this change is to make amendments to section 21 of Schedule 14 Metering Operations.

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to R0217 can be found here.

It proposes the introduction of new text, splitting out how SIPs can contract with Domestic and Non-Domestic Premises. It requires SIPs contracting with Domestic Premises to contract with the owner of a Premises but allows SIPs contracting with Non-Domestic Premises to contract with either the owner or occupier of the Premises subject to confirmation that the occupier has obtained any permissions/consents required.

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

9 SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

No Service Provider or Party impact assessment was conducted as part of this change.

10 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

No risks, assumptions, issues or dependencies have been identified as part of this change.

11 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

11.1 COSTS

No costs have been identified as part of this change.

11.2 BENEFITS

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
ALLOW OCCUPIERS OF NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES WITH CORRECT PERMISSIONS TO CONTRACT WITH SIPS	For Non-Domestic Premises, the Occupier will often have permission from the Owner to make changes to the Premises. The current wording in of section 21 in Schedule 14 Metering Operations is too restrictive in not allowing SIPs to contract with Non-Domestic Occupiers who have these permissions. The proposed legal text will benefit Non-Domestic Consumers with these permissions as they will be able to contract directly with SIPs (where they can evidence they have these permissions).

11.3 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

As there are no costs associated with this change and one intangible benefit which will provide positive outcomes for Non-Domestic Consumers, the Code Manager believes there is a positive case for change.

12 CASE FOR CHANGE

The Code Manager considers there is a positive case for change for implementing this Change Proposal on the basis that the proposed solution:

- Is both viable and implementable, and effectively resolves the problem statement;
- Has no costs and has proportionate effort required for implementation; and

- Provides a benefit for Non-Domestic Consumers, by no longer preventing Non-Domestic Premise Occupiers with relevant permissions from contracting directly with SIPs.

13 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link

14 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Domestic Premises	means a premises at which a supply of Energy is (or will be) taken wholly or mainly for domestic purposes, which is to be interpreted in accordance with the Energy Supply Licences.
Non-Domestic Premises	means a premises at which a supply of Energy is (or will be) taken wholly or mainly for non-domestic purposes, which is to be interpreted in accordance with the Energy Supply Licences.
Premises	is to be interpreted in accordance with the Gas Act and the Electricity Act.
Safe Isolation Provider (SIP)	means a Meter Operator Agent which has been (and remains) accepted as a Safe Isolation Provider in accordance with paragraph 9 of the Metering Accreditation Schedule.