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CHANGE PROPOSAL UPDATE TO PLAN

R0294 – IMPLEMENTATION OF IF-051 DATA REFRESH IN EES FOR BSC CP1607

DOCUMENT VERSION	V2.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBC
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	High	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Electricity Enquiry Service Provider, EES Users		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change seeks to implement the IF-051 Data Refresh Market Message in the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES), following its approval for implementation via Balancing & Settlement Code Change Proposal BSC CP 1607.

2 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On **28 October 2026**, the Technical Expert Panel voted, in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, to approve this extension to plan for R0294.

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3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

REC Change Proposal R0294 is one part of a set of cross-code changes to implement a new Data Integration Platform (DIP) Market Message into the market arrangements. The lead change was BSC CP 1607 - Implementation of data refresh message to ensure alignment of MHHS design, which at the point of R0294 being raised was already approved for implementation on 26 March 2026.

The design of the IF-051 Data Refresh arrangements has evolved since CP1607 was approved and a delay to the implementation of CP1607 to June 2026 was also sought. As a result, on 25 March 2026, the REC Technical Expert Panel approved to put R0294 on hold to allow further development into the lead CP1607 solution.

On 02 June 2026, the BSC's Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) decided to defer the implementation date of CP 1607 to 22 February 2029. Further solution development was still required to align the legal text with requirements for the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) and greater clarity was needed on the IF-051 structure and process elements. Further review identified that the approved implementation package was incomplete and still lacked all the necessary EMDS changes as well as governance and operational arrangements required to use the IF-051 message effectively. As such, on 04 August 2026, CP1647 - Cancellation of CP1607 'Implementation of 'Data Refresh' Message' was raised to cancel CP1607 and remove the associated redlining from BSCP703, BSCP706 and the EMDS. This would negate the approved but incomplete CP1607 changes and return the affected documentation to the position that existed before CP1607. On 08 October 2026, SVG approved CP1647 for implementation 05 November 2026 and amended the implementation date for CP1607 to align with CP1647.

Elexon now intends to raise a replacement Change Proposal to establish a complete end-to-end solution, including the required market message specification, governance arrangements and operational processes. Stakeholder workshops will be held to run through the new 'Data Refresh' message, discuss the proposed change and gather stakeholder views on the full solution. The Code Manager will be attending these workshops to provide input on the new BSC CP, as well as impacts on the REC and REC services (primarily the Electricity Enquiry Services).

Due to the extensive solution development work needed to implement the message under both the BSC and the REC, that CP1607 will no longer be the originating lead code change, and noting lessons learnt from CP1607 and R0294, it is proposed that a new change is raised in 2027 to provide alignment with the new BSC CP.

The proposed updated plan however takes into consideration the mobilisation of the Stakeholder Advisory Forum and the planned award of the Licenced Code Manager to RECCo and looks to avoid duplicate governance activities across the new and old arrangements. The Code Manager therefore proposes that R0294 is maintained and taken off hold to provide industry with REC visibility of solution development of the data refresh message and governance arrangements under the existing governance. The Code Manager will provide updates via the R0294 Portal page, as well as to the Change Issues Group when relevant. At the appropriate time, under licensed Code Manager governance, a new submission will be made based on a clear, new baseline for the data refresh message solution.

Milestone	Activity	From	To	From	To
Change Proposal		**01 Dec-25**	**18 Mar-26**	**01 Dec-25**	**TBD**
	Impact Assessment	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
	Business Case Assessment	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
	Consultation	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
	Solution Refinement	March	March	March 2026	N/A
	Consultation TBD	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A
	Final Determination	March	March	N/A	N/A
	IF-051 Data Refresh Workshops	N/A	N/A	October	TBD
	R0294 withdrawal	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD