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CHANGE PROPOSAL UPDATE TO PLAN

I0318 – INTRODUCTION OF CONSUMER CONSENT SOLUTION

DOCUMENT VERSION	V2.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	**CHANGE PATH**	AUTHORITY DETERMINED
PRIORITY STATUS	HIGH/CRITICAL	**URGENCY**	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	ALL CONSUMERS, ALL PARTIES, THIRD PARTY INTERMEDIARIES, NEW SERVICE USERS & SERVICE PROVIDER(S), REC CODE MANAGER		

LEAD ANALYST (SOLUTION LEAD)	SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT
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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

Ofgem has selected RECCo as the delivery body responsible for developing a Consumer Consent Solution and confirmed that the solution will be governed under the REC - Consumer Consent decision | Ofgem, published 29 April 2025.

The new Consumer Consent Service (CCS) being developed will be introduced as a REC Service. Its purpose is to provide a central, standardised and trusted mechanism for capturing, managing and validating Consumer consent for the sharing of energy data. Consumer consent is key to a more transparent, efficient, and Consumer-centric energy market. This initiative will support the transformation of how energy is managed and consumed, by giving Consumers control over their energy (gas, electricity, heat, or other) data, enabling innovation through third-party services, and advancing sustainability goals.

Delivery of the CCS is being managed through a bespoke RECCo project[1] covering the procurement of technical service providers; design, build and test of the CCS; and definition of

[1] Consumer Consent Solution - The Retail Energy Code Company

the governance framework and associated REC drafting. Consultation on the design and drafting is included in the RECCo project activities.

The project is working towards delivering a Minimum Marketable Product at the end of Q1 2027. The CCS provisions will be introduced into the REC via standard REC change governance.

2 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 30 September 2026, the REC Change Panel approved this update to plan.

3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

The Proposal Plan for I0318 was approved by Change Panel on 21 April 2026. Since then, the RECCo CCS programme plan has been updated. The Proposal Plan has a direct dependency on the CCS REC drafting consultation, as it is not until the outcomes of that consultation are confirmed that the REC change can progress. An update to plan could not therefore be developed until the consultation was published, which was on 07 September 2026.

As well as reflecting the dependencies on the CCS project, the update to plan has also needed to take into consideration Code Reform and License Code Manager implementation, which currently does not have a confirmed date, however a decision is expected in December 2026. The Code Manager has worked with RECCo to develop the revised plan with that decision and the new arrangements in mind.

		Previous		Proposed	
Milestone	**Activity**	**From**	**From**	**From**	**From**
Definition		**26 Feb-26**	**30 Sep-26**	**26 Feb-26**	**17 Nov-26**
	(Solution Development under RECCo CCS project, inc Legal Reviews & Impact Assessment)	February	September	February	November
Change Proposal		**30 Sep-26**	**08 Dec-26**	**17 Nov-26**	**12 Mar-27**
	Business Case Assessment	October	October	October	November
	Consultation	November	November	January	February
	Solution Refinement	November	December	February	February
	Final Determination	December	December	February	March
Voting		**08 Dec-26**	**15 Dec-26**	**12 Mar-27**	**12 Mar-27**
	Referral to Authority	16 December	16 December	March	March

The Code Manager recognises that the timeframes for post-consultation activities in readiness for implementation by 31 March 2027 are relatively short. However, the intention is that once

the new Stakeholder Advisory Forum mobilisation is underway, the timeline will be reviewed to identify opportunities to complete activities earlier wherever possible.