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CHANGE REPORT

R0324 – USE OF REL DATA TO SUPPORT KEY REGULATIONS

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	26 February 2027
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITISATION CATEGORY	Standard	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	RECCo, Government departments in Great Britain		

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OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal seeks to extend access to Retail Energy Location (REL) Address data to RECCo and government departments in Great Britain to facilitate key government reporting and REC processes.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the REC Technical Expert Panel

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

REC Change R0330 – Use of REL Data by the Authority expanded the Authority's permitted access to Retail Energy Location (REL) Address data and Unique Property Reference Numbers (UPRNs), for purposes consistent with its Ordnance Survey (OS) licence. REC Schedule 29 – Address Management sets out that the use of REL Addresses is determined in accordance with the Data Access Matrix (DAM), and the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Service Definition sets out that the Authority can access and use REL Address data for purposes consistent with its licence from OS.

RECCo and government departments in Great Britain should be able to access REL Address data with an appropriate OS Address Licence. This Change Proposal seeks to clarify obligations relating to REL Address data access for RECCo and government departments to facilitate key government reporting and REC processes.

This Change Proposal was originally within the scope of REC Issue I0218 – Proposal to Enable Broader Use of Retail Energy Location (REL) Data for Non-Switching Applications. I0324 can progress separately as it does not require the system changes that are integral to I0218.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Currently, REC Schedule 29 – Address Management states that access to REL Address data is determined in accordance with the Data Access Matrix (DAM). The Electricity DAM permits the Authority, the Switching Service Desk, and the SMETS Service Desk (in addition to Suppliers and Third-Party Intermediaries (TPIs)) to access REL Address data. RECCo and government departments in Great Britain do not currently have access to REL Address data, limiting their ability to carry out key government reporting and REC processes.

3 IMPACTS

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Government departments in Great Britain

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Electricity Data Access Matrix
Electricity Enquiry Service Definition

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
REC Code Manager

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Electricity Data Access Matrix
Electricity Enquiry Service Definition

MHHS
The Code Manager has not identified any MHHS impacts for this change.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

The Code Manager has not identified any cross-code impacts of this change.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05 May-26**	**17 Sep-26**
	Solution Analysis	May	June
	Solution Development	June	August
	Legal Review	August	August
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	August	August
Change Proposal		**18 Sep-26**	**27 Oct-26**
	Consultation	September	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**28 Oct-26**	**28 Oct-26**
	Appeal Window	29 October	12 November

The solution analysis was put on hold whilst R0330 was developed.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager has not identified any impacts to REC Parties as this is a legal text change only, clarifying the REL Address data access of RECCo and government departments. A Party impact assessment is not required as this Change Proposal seeks to clarify existing obligations.

7 PRIORITISATION CATEGORY AND URGENCY

7.1 PROPOSER REVIEW

This Change Proposal was submitted prior to 29 May 2026, the implementation of the Ofgem Code Prioritisation Harmonisation. There was no requirement for the Proposer to provide their view of the Prioritisation Category and Urgency when the Change Proposal was submitted.

7.2 CODE MANAGER REVIEW

The Code Manager is proposing this Issue be given an Urgency status of Standard and a Prioritisation Category of Standard.

The Code Manager believes this Issue:

- Does not meet the Ofgem criteria for Urgency;
- Has a medium alignment to the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) as it has as a reasonable SDS link but is one of several similar Standard changes with comparable strategic value;
- Has medium importance as the change delivers useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard changes; and
- Has a low complexity as it can be delivered late in the Standard queue without increasing risk or effort.

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SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is to amend the legal text of the EES Service Definition and the Electricity DAM.

The EES Service Definition will be amended to allow RECCo and government departments in Great Britain may access and use REL Addresses for purposes consistent with their licence from OS, in line with the existing provision for the Authority introduced by R0330.

The Electricity DAM will be amended to update the user from 'Code Manager' to 'RECCo' ensuring the document remains accurate following Code Reform and RECCo becoming a licensed Code Manager. RECCo's access in the DAM will be expanded to include all REL Address data (updating access from 'No' to 'Yes') to enable key REC processes, and government departments in Great Britain's permission to access REL Address UPRN data will change from 'TBC' to 'Yes'.

9 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to I0324 can be found here.

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

10 SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

10.1 SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Service Provider impact assessment was required as part of this Issue.

10.2 REC PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Party impact assessment was conducted as part of this Issue.

11 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

11.1 RISKS AND ISSUES

Neither risks nor issues have been identified.

11.2 ASSUMPTIONS AND DEPENDENCIES

NO.	ASSUMPTION	NOTES	HOW/WHEN TO VALIDATE
A01.R0324	I0324 can progress separately on the assumption it does not require the system changes that are integral to I0218.	This Issue was originally within the scope of REC Issue I0218 – Proposal to Enable Broader Use of Retail Energy Location (REL) Data for Non-Switching Applications.	N/A

No dependencies have been identified.

12 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

12.1 COSTS

There are no costs associated with this Issue.

12.2 BENEFITS

12.2.1 INTANGIBLE BENEFITS

	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
IMPROVES CLARITY OF THE REC ON USE OF REL DATA	The implementation of this Change Proposal will provide clarity to industry on the use of REL data. The Change Proposal specifically broadens access to and use of REL data to RECCo and government departments in Great Britain for other purposes consistent with their licence from OS.
SUPPORTS REC PROCESSES AND KEY GOVERNMENT REPORTING	The implementation of this Change Proposal will support RECCo with REC processes and government departments in Great Britain with key government reporting.

12.3 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

There are no central systems costs, no expected costs to Parties and two intangible benefits associated with this Issue. As such, the Code Manager believes that there is a positive case for change.

13 CASE FOR CHANGE

SELF GOVERNANCE

The Code Manager considers that there is a case for change to implement this solution, on the basis that it:

- **Resolves the problem statement**: RECCo and government departments in Great Britain currently have no permitted access to REL Address data under the Electricity DAM. The solution provides that access directly, through targeted amendments to the EES Service Definition and the Electricity DAM.
- **Is consistent with existing arrangements**: it extends to RECCo and government departments the same principle already applied to the Authority under R0330, that REL Address data may be used for purposes consistent with the user's OS licence. This keeps access arrangements coherent across the REC.
- **Delivers benefits at no cost**: there are no central system costs and no costs to Parties. The change supports RECCo in carrying out REC processes and government departments in key government reporting.

- **Improves the accuracy and clarity of the REC**: it removes the 'TBC' status for government departments in the DAM and updates the 'Code Manager' user to 'RECCo' following Code Reform.
- **Requires proportionate effort**: it is a legal text change only, with no system changes and no impact on REC Parties' processes; and
- **Has stakeholder support**: both consultation respondents supported the change, the proposed solution, the legal text and the implementation date, and no additional costs or concerns were raised.

14 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

A consultation was circulated on 18 September 2026 to obtain views on the Change Report (Proposal Plan and Consultation). In total two responses were received from a Distribution Network Operator and an Energy Supplier. The key themes from these responses have been summarised and set out below. The non-confidential responses have been published here.

14.1 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

The respondents were supportive of the Change Proposal, the proposed solution and the implementation date.

14.2 COMMENTS ON THE SOLUTION AND PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

The respondents were supportive of the Change Proposal and proposed legal text changes.

14.3 BENEFITS RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

The respondents agreed with the Code Manager's assessment of the costs and benefits for this Change. No further costs nor benefits were identified by respondents.

14.4 CASE FOR CHANGE AND CODE MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The respondents agreed with the Code Manager's assessment of the case for change and that it should be subject to the Self-Governance Change Path, with approval by the REC Technical Expert Panel.

14.5 IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND APPROACH

The respondents agreed with the Code Manager's recommendation that the Change Proposal should be approved for implementation on 26 February 2027, as well as the implementation approach of big bang.

15 SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

No amendments were made following consultation.

16 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link
CONSOLIDATED CONSULTATION RESPONSES	Link
RELATED CHANGE(S)	I0218 – Proposal to Enable Broader Use of Retail Energy Location (REL) Data for Non-Switching Applications R0330 – Use of REL Data by The Authority

17 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES)	means the service described as such in the EES Service Definition.
Electricity Enquiry Service Users (EES User)	means a Party or Non-Party REC Service User which is entitled to use the EES under the Data Access Schedule.
Retail Energy Location (REL)	means a Location to which Energy is delivered via an RMP, and/or from which electricity is exported via an RMP.
Retail Energy Location Address (REL Address)	means the address (or other spatial reference) of each Retail Energy Location, as created and maintained by the CSS Provider. For RMPs in Wales, references to the Retail Energy Location Address include the REL (W) Address, unless the context requires otherwise.
Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN)	means the number by which a property is identified in the GB Standardised Address List.