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CHANGE REPORT

R0156 – UPDATES TO THE CSS MESSAGE BUSINESS DATA VALIDATION RULES AND PHYSICAL INTERFACE DESIGN SPECIFICATION

CHANGE REPORT	FINAL
DOCUMENT VERSION	1.0
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DOCUMENT APPROVAL STATUS	POST-VOTE

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	LOW	URGENCY	STANDARD

DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS	19/01/2024

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This proposal aims to bring the Physical Interface Design Specification (PhID) into the Retail Energy Code as a Category 3 document as well as provide updates to the Central Switching Service (CSS) Message Business Data Validation rules (Category 2 document), aligning both documents with current CSS functionality.

	High Impact: N/A
	Medium Impact: N/A
	Low Impact: Central Switching Service Central Switching Service User

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 20 February 2024, the Technical Expert Panel voted to **APPROVE** R0156 for implementation on 23 February 2024.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

The Physical Interface Design Specification (PhID) is a Central Switching Service (CSS) Provider owned document which defines the CSS interfaces at a technical level to enable all participants, Central Data Service Provider/Market Participants to update their current systems to meet technical requirements. This document is currently not included within REC governance and so it may not be updated when there are changes made to the CSS. This proposal aims to bring the PhID into the REC as a Category 3 document as well as provide updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation rules (Category 2 document), aligning both documents with current CSS functionality.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

There is a risk that without transparency of the document and changes to it, parties may use outdated versions of the PhID and Business Validation Rules and encounter errors in their systems.

3 USER STORIES

REF.	USER STORIES
MARKET PARTICIPANT USER STORIES	
M1	As the CSS I want to ensure that all parties have the most up to date versions of the PhiD and Business Validation Rules.
M2	As a CSS user, I want to ensure that I have the most up to date versions of the PhiD and Business Validation Rules to avoid encountering errors in my systems.

PROPOSAL

4 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is to bring the PhID Document under REC governance by including it in the REC Baseline statement as a Category 3 document under the responsibility of the Technical Expert Panel and therefore any changes go through the Category 3 Change Process. It is proposed as a Category 3 document and not a Category 2 as it's a supporting document for parties to use as additional guidance, and not the primary source of change information.

The CSS Business Data Validation Rules Document will also be updated to align with current CSS functionality.

5 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to R0156 are:

CSS Business Data Validation Rules

Physical Interface Design Specification

REC Baseline Statement

6 DELIVERY AGAINST CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

All milestones within the Change Proposal Plan have been met. The Change Proposal Plan can be found here.

7 KEY RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

7.1 RISKS AND ISSUES

REF.	RISK	NOTES	MITIGATION
R0156.CPP.R001	The Solution will be implemented before the appeal closure window.	This change is targeted for the 23 February 2024 REC Release, which is before the appeal window closure date of 5 March 2024.	The code Manager has worked with the CSS to come up with the solution, and they own both documents. There are no other impacted parties. We don't expect that there will be any appeals, however, if there are, we can easily revert to the previous version of the documents.

8 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND APPROACH

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	23/02/24

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	BIG BANG

Due to the simplicity of the Change and the ease of implementation, the next REC Release is proposed.

9 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

A consultation was circulated on 19 January 2023 to obtain views on the Preliminary Change report. In total 1 response was received from Scottish Power Energy Networks. This can be found here.

The response has been summarised and set out below.

9.1 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

9.1.1 COMMENTS ON THE SOLUTION AND LEGAL TEXT

Scottish Power Energy Networks are supportive of the proposal to include the PhID as a category 3 document.

9.1.2 IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH AND DATE

Scottish Power Energy Networks have no issue with the implementation date or approach.

10 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
Accurate information within the REC	Without transparency of the document and changes to it, parties may use outdated versions of the PhID and Business Validation Rules and encounter errors in their systems.

10.1 COST BENEFIT ANALYIS SUMMARY

There are no costs associated with this change and the intangible benefits alone create a positive case for change.

11 CASE FOR CHANGE

11.1 SELF-GOVERNANCE

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

- the proposed solution appropriately resolves the original Problem Statement;
- there are no costs associated with the implementation of the solution;
- without transparency of the document and changes to it, parties may use outdated versions of the PhID and Business Validation Rules and encounter errors in their systems.

12 CODE MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the Technical Expert Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 23 February 2024.

13 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

This report was submitted for Ex-Committee decision by the Technical Expert Panel on 20 February 2024.

The REC Change Panel voted to:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 23 February 2024.

14 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	CSS Business Data Validation Rules PhID REC Baseline Statement

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15 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Central Switching Service	means the Systems and processes provided or procured by the CSS Provider for the purpose of providing the Address Management Service and the Registration Service.
CSS User	means each organisation which is Qualified to use the CSS, together with each Switching Data Service Provider (other than the CSS Provider) the categories of which are set out in the Central Switching Service Schedule.
CSS Provider	means the DCC when performing functions under or in relation to this Code (but always excluding its functions under the Smart Energy Code and its roles as CSS Systems Integrator, SI Provider and Switching Operator), including in respect of the Central Switching Service and including in effecting the design, build and testing of any System that will allow it to perform functions under this Code after the CSS Go-Live Date. This role is the CSS Procurer and Manager function as described in the E2E Data Migration Plan, E2E Integration Plan, E2E Post Implementation Plan, E2E Testing Plan, E2E Transition Plan: Implementation Approach and E2E Transition Plan: In-Flight Switches Approach.
Central Data Service Provider	means the 'Central Data Service Provider' appointed by Gas Transporters pursuant to standard special condition A15 (Central Data Service Provider) of the Gas Transporter Licences.
Market Participant	means a participant in either or both of the gas and electricity markets of Great Britain, each of which is identified by a Market Participant Role.