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CHANGE PROPOSAL UPDATE TO PLAN

I0218 – PROPOSAL TO ENABLE BROADER USE OF RETAIL ENERGY LOCATION (REL) DATA FOR NON-SWITCHING APPLICATIONS

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IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Enquiry Service Users and Providers, Code Manager, RECCo		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

The REC currently specifies that Retail Energy Location (REL) Data can only be used for Switching purposes and cannot be used in other use cases. This means that stakeholders, such as REC Parties, Ofgem, and Energy Consultants, have been unable to benefit from this data and therefore Consumers are unable to benefit from the full potential use of their data. This Issue aims to allow the use of REL Data for non-Switching applications.

2 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 04 August 2026, the REC Change Panel approved this extension to plan.

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3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

The REC Change Panel previously approved a Proposal Plan for Change Proposal I0218 on 21 January 2025. At that time, the scope of the Proposal Plan was limited to solution development, as further clarity was required regarding the nature of the solution and its associated requirements before progressing to subsequent change activities, including impact assessments.

Both technical and non-technical solutions were explored, which included several iterations of impact assessments with Service Providers. It was determined that I0218 can only progress as a technical, EES-only change at this time. However, two Change Proposals were raised to progress use of REL data beyond Switching purposes for specific use cases of supporting compliance with key regulations or government initiatives. On 21 April and 29 May, RECCo raised R0324 - Use of REL Data to Support Key Regulations and R0330 – Use of REL Data by the Authority.

I0218 is still needed to allow broader use of REL Data for non-Switching purposes and introduce a new API method for data to be accessed through a non-Switching route. To deliver this outcome, whilst simultaneously ensuring that access remains controlled, auditable and compliant with Ordnance Survey licensing requirements, the proposed solution now entails:

- Amendments to REC Schedule 29, the EES Service Definition, and the GES Definition;
- Building new API methods for non-Switching purposes;
- Building a webpage route through ECOES, allowing a simple-user experience for authorised users to search for and view REL data for non-Switching purposes; and
- Implementation of any required controls and reporting to support ongoing compliance where REL data has been accessed through the non-Switching route.

The update to the Proposal Plan can be found below and includes plans for further solution development and a Service Provider Impact Assessment. The Preliminary Service Provider Impact Assessment has already been issued to the EES Provider, responses are due 11 August 2026. The update to the Proposal Plan below plans for a possible Detailed Service Provider Impact Assessment to be carried out September-October, and additional periods of solution refinement and business case assessment.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05-Dec-24**	**21-Dec-26**
	Solution Development	Completed	Completed
	Non-Technical Service Provider Impact Assessments	Completed	Completed
	Legal Review	Completed	Completed
	Party Impact Assessment	Completed	Completed
	Solution Refinement	Completed	Completed
	Technical Service Provider Impact Assessments	July	October
	Solution Refinement	October	November
	Business Case Assessment	November	December