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CHANGE REPORT

I0296 – REGISTRATION ID REQUIRED FOR MHHS APPOINTMENTS

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IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	TBD

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	CHANGE PANEL	CHANGE PATH	SELF-GOVERNANCE
PRIORITY STATUS	HIGH	URGENCY	STANDARD
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Central Switching Service (CSS), Electricity Enquiry Service (EES), Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS), Switching Operator, Data Services, Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), Energy Suppliers, Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs)		

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OVERVIEW

This Issue seeks to provide Energy Suppliers the Central Switching Service (CSS) RegistrationId where it is not known – especially in cases where Metering Points have not been Switched via CSS processes – to allow Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Agent Appointments to be progressed and avoid jeopardising MHHS Migrations.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

The MHHS programme introduced the IF-031 'Supplier Agent Appointment Request' Market Message. The RegistrationId (DI90043 / DI849) is required by the Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS) to be included in the IF-031 'Supplier Agent Appointment Request' Market Message. Although the group holding the Data Item is non mandatory within the IF-031, St Clements have confirmed that holding this item is integral to how the MHHS version of SMRS works. Without the RegistrationId (DI90043 / DI849), the Supplier Meter Registration Agent (SMRA) cannot process the appointment request. As a result, Energy Suppliers who do not hold the RegistrationId for their Metering Points are not able to action an agent appointment for impacted Metering Points in MHHS arrangements, including initiating an MHHS Migration.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Not all Energy Suppliers hold the RegistrationId for all Meter Points, particularly those Meter Points that have not gone through a Switch, i.e. have not undergone a Registration managed by the CSS. The RegistrationId is currently only available within EES where a Metering Point has been through a CSS managed Registration. Without the RegistrationId available to Energy Suppliers, not all Metering Points will be able to migrate putting the MHHS Migration and Milestone M15 at risk.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Central Switching Service (CSS)
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES)
Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS)
Switching Operator

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
Potential impact subject to how the data is acquired and shared.

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Data Services
Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs)
Distribution Network Operators (DNOs)
Energy Suppliers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
EES – Service Definition
EES API Technical Specification
Data Access Matrix

MHHS
This Issue is currently on the MHHS Exclusion list and being monitored via MHHS governance.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

This Issue will be tracked by the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) to determine any potential cross-code impacts or required engagement with Elexon.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**06 Jan-26**	**31 Mar-26**
	Solution Analysis	January	January
	Solution Development	January	March

This Proposal Plan only covers parts of the Definition milestone as the Code Manager plans to fully assess the solution requirements needed under I0296 within this milestone.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager is planning to engage with the Change Issues Group throughout the development of this Issue. This will help to determine the most appropriate solution to this Issue given the MHHS Migration timescales.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Direct	2	27	53
	Retail Markets Impact	Retail Risk(s)	2	17	33
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	2	7	13
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		0	9	0
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		2	17	17
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		2		17
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	2	10	20
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	168

Priority Status	HIGH
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

This Issue has been given a priority status of high, based upon a weighted prioritisation score of 168. This reflects the potential impact on Consumers if Energy Suppliers cannot appoint their own agents as this could result in agents not being able to visit site to address issues, as well as significant incidents to the MHHS Migration plan and Milestone M15.

SOLUTION

8 SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS UNDERTAKEN

Two potential options have initially been identified:

1. A Code Manager process where CSS RegistrationIds for Metering Points not having been through a CSS managed Switch are provided to Energy Suppliers.

This would be quick to implement but would be a short-term exercise to provide the CSS Registration ID for MHHS Migration to Energy Suppliers on request.

2. An EES solution to publish the CSS RegistrationId for all Meter Points and not just those having been through a CSS managed Switch.

This would require technical changes to the EES solution and require a longer implementation time (subject to an impact assessment). However, it would be an enduring solution.

9 PROPOSED SOLUTION

This Issue was taken to CHIG on 15 January 2026 to discuss the two proposed solutions.

Given the urgency for Parties to obtain the RegistrationId while MHHS Migration is underway and noting that this Issue is currently preventing Metering Points from migrating, CHIG unanimously agreed that the Code Manager's solution – enabling the data to be shared directly with Parties – was the most appropriate approach to progress in order to rapidly mitigate MHHS Migration risk.

9.1 DESCOPED SOLUTIONS

The alternate technical solution – adding the item in to EES for all Metering Points – was not preferred by CHIG given the likely lengthy timelines to implement.

10 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

GDPR should be considered when developing this solution to ensure that the data is shared securely with Energy Suppliers.

11 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link

ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS	RECCHIG_26_0115 - Draft Minutes

12 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)	means the Balancing and Settlement Code, as defined in the Electricity Supply Licences.
Central Switching Service (CSS)	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.
Consumer	means any person supplied (or seeking a supply) of Energy at an RMP (whether or not that person also exports or is seeking to export electricity at an RMP).
Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG)	means the group of that name described in Paragraph 3 of the Change Management Schedule.
Data Item	means the most granular level of data defining a specific attribute in respect of a data type, the permissible values for which are defined and controlled in the Data Item Catalogue.
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES)	means the service described as such in the EES Service Definition.
Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS)	means the electricity registration services provided under this Code to support the provision of electricity retail data to the CSS and other services.
Energy Supplier	means a person which is either or both an Electricity Supplier and/or a Gas Supplier.
Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS)	means market-wide half hourly settlement, which is being introduced pursuant to the BSC (see MHHS Implementation).
Metering Equipment Manager (MEM)	means, as applicable, either: (a) for electricity, a Meter Operator Agent (MOA); or (b) for gas, a Meter Asset Manager (MAM).
Metering Point	has the meaning given to it in the Electricity Distribution Licence, which for the time being means:

TERM	DEFINITION
	"the point, determined according to the principles and guidance given in the MRA Transition Schedule to the Retail Energy Code, at which a supply of electricity taken into or conveyed from the licensee's Distribution System: (a) is or is intended to be measured; or (b) where Metering Equipment has been removed, was or was intended to be measured; or (c) in the case of an Unmetered Supply, is treated as measured."
Registration	means the record in the Central Switching Service for each RMP identifying each Energy Supplier which is registered in respect of that RMP, and the Registration Status of each such registration.
Supplier Meter Registration Agent (SMRA)	means the provider of the Supplier Meter Registration Service provided pursuant to the BSC.
Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS)	means the service of that name provided pursuant to the BSC.
Switch	means a change to the Registered Supplier for an RMP.