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REC ISSUE SUBMISSION FORM (COPY)

1 PERSONAL DETAILS

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2 ISSUE SUMMARY

ISSUE TITLE *(Mandatory)*	Review of Metering Accreditation
WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU ARE SEEKING TO SOLVE? *(Mandatory)*	This Change Proposal seeks to ensure that the REC is reflective of current practice regarding initial approval of Metering Equipment Manager, Electricity Metering Operative, Approved Meter Installer, and approved AMR Service Provider, that have been determined by the Metering Scheme Auditor, Wilcock Consultants Ltd, in April 2023.
WHAT IMPACT IS THIS HAVING? *(Mandatory)*	Currently, Schedule 15 of the REC states that both a desktop and a site audit are required for initial approvals whilst the practice established by the Metering Scheme Auditor, Wilcock Consultants Ltd, in April 2023, is desktop only (Site audits can be requested by the Metering Scheme Auditor if needed, but these are the exception, not the norm). Schedule 15 also describes some redundant obligations in 6.2 (b) that are a legacy from the Metering Code of Practice (MCoP) and the Meter Operation Code of Practice (MOCoP) which have been replaced by the

	Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) and therefore are no longer in use. Schedule 15 would also benefit from making it clear that the approval process set out in section 6 concerns the "initial approval" before any auditing is done (as per section 7).
WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION? *(Mandatory)*	Amend Schedule 15 – Metering Accreditation, Section 6 to ensure it reflects the practice established in April 2023 by the Metering Scheme Auditor and remove the legacy obligations that are redundant. Amend Schedule 10 – Charging Methodology, Section 6 Metering Accreditation and Audit to ensure it is consistent with the relevant activities as described in Schedule 15 (an initial assessment for approval, followed by periodic audits).
IS THERE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION OR CONTEXT TO THE ISSUE THAT WOULD BE USEFUL? *(Optional)*	R0311 – CoMCoP 2-year Audit Cycles has shown that some inconsistencies existed in Schedule 15 regarding the initial approval process. As this was not in the scope of R0311, the Code Manager decided to raise a separate change.
DOES THIS ISSUE RELATE TO AN EXISTING ISSUE RAISED OR AN EXISTING CHANGE PROPOSAL? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE ISSUE OR CHANGE PROPOSAL.	n/a

3 CONSUMER IMPACTS

WHICH CONSUMER TYPES WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS ISSUE? *(Mandatory)*	☒ All ☐ Electricity ☐ Gas ☐ Domestic Prepayment ☐ Domestic Credit ☐ Microbusiness ☐ Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) ☐ Industrial and Commercial (I&C) ☐ Other (please specify in the Additional information box below)

WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS ISSUE HAVE FOR THESE CONSUMERS? *(Mandatory)*	☐ Switching experience ☐ Billing accuracy ☒ Trust and confidence ☐ Safety ☐ Security of supply ☐ Ability to pay ☐ On site experience ☐ Achieving Net Zero ☐ Other (please provide details in the Additional information box below)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

DOES THIS ISSUE CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NET ZERO? *(Mandatory)*	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

4 CODE IMPACTS

Does this Issue relate to or impact:

THE REC OR REC SCHEDULES? *(Optional)*	☐ Main Body ☐ Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions Schedule ☐ Schedule 3 - Accession Agreement ☐ Schedule 4 - Company Governance ☐ Schedule 5 - Change Management ☐ Schedule 6 - Performance Assurance ☐ Schedule 7 - Energy Theft Reduction ☐ Schedule 8 - Unbilled Energy Code of Practice ☐ Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance ☒ Schedule 10 - Charging Methodology ☐ Schedule 11 - Prepayment Arrangements

	☐ Schedule 12 - Data Access ☐ Schedule 13 - Transfer of Consumer Data ☐Schedule 14 - Metering Operations ☒ Schedule 15 - Metering Accreditation ☐ Schedule 17 - Secure Data Exchange ☐ Schedule 18 - Green Deal Arrangements ☐ Schedule 19 - Market Exit and Supplier of Last Resort ☐ Schedule 22 - Market Stabilisation Charge ☐ Schedule 23 - Registration Services ☐ Schedule 24 - Switching Data Management ☐ Schedule 25 - Central Switching Service ☐ Schedule 26 - Switching Service Management ☐ Schedule 27 - RMP Lifecycle Schedule ☐ Schedule 28 - Related Metering Points ☐ Schedule 29 - Address Management ☐ Schedule 30 - Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues ☐ Schedule 31 – Prepayment Method Levelisation Reconciliation ☐ Schedule 32 - Electricity Supply to Hydrogen Electrolysers ☐ Schedule 33 - Non Domestic Change of Occupier ☐ Schedule 34 - Migration Schedule
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	Some proposed updates to the Metering Hub Frequently Asked Questions page and Market Entry page on the REC Portal have also been included in the legal text.

OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS *(Optional)*	☐ Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) ☐ Cross Code Steering Group Terms of Reference ☐ Performance Assurance Board Terms of Reference ☐ Performance Assurance Report Catalogue ☐ REC Change Panel Terms of Reference ☐ Smart Meter Installer Domestic Customer Survey ☐ Smart Meter Installer Microbusiness Customer Survey

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

SERVICE SPECIFICATION *(Optional)*	☐ Central Data Service Provider Further Services Service Definition ☐ Central Switching Service Definition ☐ CSS Certificate Authority Service Definition ☐ Electricity Enquiry Service - Service Definition ☐ Electricity Retail Data Service Definition ☐ Gas Enquiry Service Definition ☐ Gas Retail Data Service Definition ☐ Green Deal Database Service Definition ☐ Secure Data Exchange Service Definition ☐ Switching Operator Service Definition
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION *(Optional)*	☐ EES API Technical Specification ☐ GES Meter Asset Enquiry API Technical Specification ☐ GES Supply Point Switching API Technical Specification ☐ GES Supply Point Enquiry API Technical Specification
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

THE DATA SPECIFICATION *(Optional)*	☐ Data Access Matrix ☐ Data Item Catalogue ☐ Market Message Catalogue ☐ Standards Definition ☐ Supply Number Format
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

CENTRAL SYSTEMS OR REC SERVICES? *(Optional)*	☐ Central Data Service Provider Further Services ☐ Central Switching Service (CSS) ☐ CSS Certificate Authority ☐ Electricity Enquiry Service ☐ Electricity Retail Data Service ☐ Electricity Theft Tip Off Service ☐ Gas Enquiry Service ☐ Gas Retail Data Service ☐ Green Deal Central Charging Database ☐ Secure Data Exchange Service ☐ Switching Operator
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

REC PARTIES AND/OR MARKET PARTICIPANTS? *(Optional)*	☒ AMR Service Providers ☐ Data Aggregators ☐ Data Collectors ☐ Data Services ☐ Smart Meter Data Retrievers ☐ DCC ☐ Distribution Network Operators ☐ Energy Suppliers ☐ EES Users ☐ Gas Transporters ☐ GDCC Users ☐ GES Users ☐ Green Deal Finance Parties ☐ Green Deal Providers ☐ Meter Asset Providers ☒ Metering Equipment Managers ☐ Shippers ☐ Third Party Intermediaries ☐ Virtual Lead Party ☐ Other (please provide details in the Additional Information box)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

OTHER INDUSTRY CODES? *(Optional)*	☐ Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC) ☐ Distribution Code Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) ☐ Smart Energy Code (SEC) ☐ Uniform Network Code (UNC) ☐ Independent Gas Transporter Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) ☐ Data Integration Platform (DIP) Rules
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

DOES THIS ISSUE IMPACT A SIGNIFICANT CODE REVIEW? *(Optional)*	No
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Optional)*	

5 ISSUE PROGRESSION

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS ISSUE PROPOSAL MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR 'URGENCY' AND SHOULD BE PROGRESSED UNDER AN URGENT TIMETABLE? **IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION?** *(Optional)*	No
SDS ALIGNMENT - HOW CLEARLY THE CHANGE SUPPORTS OFGEM'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION STATEMENT AND HELPS DELIVER SDS PRIORITIES/OUTCOMES. *(Mandatory)*	This Change Proposal ensures that the REC is up to date and reflects practices established by Metering Scheme Auditor, Wilcock Consultants Ltd, and accepted by RECCo.
IMPORTANCE - THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BENEFITS OR RISKS ADDRESSED (E.G., CONSUMER OUTCOMES,	Redundant obligations in the REC could potentially lead to inconsistent approaches by Parties, which in turn could reduce the consistency, predictability, and effectiveness of the industry's audit and assurance framework. Clearer and up-to-date audit requirements

COMPLIANCE/LEGAL RISK, SYSTEM/OPERATIONAL IMPACTS, MARKET FAIRNESS). *(Mandatory)*	should provide better outcomes to Consumers with clearer assurance mechanisms, directly reducing the risk of unsafe metering installations in Consumers' premises.
COMPLEXITY/ DELIVERY CONSIDERATIONS - HOW CHALLENGING IT IS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT (E.G., SCALE OF CHANGE, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED, SERVICE/SYSTEM IMPACTS, CROSS-CODE DEPENDENCIES, DELIVERY/TESTING RISK). *(Mandatory)*	It is not challenging to develop nor to implement this Change Proposal as it is a straightforward change in legal texts that have been shared within this submission form.
ARE THERE ANY REQUIRED TIMESCALES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ISSUE? *(Optional)*	This is being raised with a fully formed solution so could be accepted as a Change Proposal.
ARE THERE ANY REQUIRED TIMESCALES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ISSUE? *(Optional)*	At the next available release to ensure consistency with practices developed by the Metering Scheme Auditor as accepted by RECCo.
ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEPENDENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ISSUE WHICH MAY IMPACT ITS PRIORITY OR PROGRESSION TIMETABLE? *(Optional)*	No

6 ATTACHMENTS

ATTACH/PROVIDE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FORM	