RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

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

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
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DOCUMENT APPROVAL STATUS	APPROVED

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

1 BACKGROUND

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There is a risk that without transparency of the document and changes to it, parties may use outdated versions of the PhID and Business Validation Rules and encounter errors in their systems.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

4 IMPACTS

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Central Switching Service

REC DOCUMENTS/ PRODUCTS
Business Data Validation Rules
Physical Interface Design Specification
REC Baseline Statement

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
CSS Users

5 CROSS CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts.

6 CHANGE PATH AND RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

CHANGE PATH	SELF GOVERNANCE

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT COMMITEE

The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) will be the Responsible Committee for this change as the CSS Business Message Business Data Validation Rules come under the responsibility of the TEP and the PhID Specification will become the responsibility of the TEP.

7 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	0	27	0
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	0	17	0
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	7	7
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	0	14	0
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	9	28
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		1	17	8
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		0		0
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Other Planned Activity	3	10	30
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	73

Priority Status	LOW

Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

This change has a prioritisation score of 73 (Low) and an urgency score of 3.

A score of 1 given for Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies as there will be a minor operational improvement for the CSS provider and its users.

A score of 3 given for Complexity/ Effort/ Duration as there is a fully formed solution that can be progressed to consultation without further solution development.

A score of 1 given for Contribution/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC to reflect the minor improvements and efficiencies of the central systems it governs. This change will mean that both documents will reflect the functionality of the CSS and prevent errors within systems.

An urgency score of 3 has been given as the change must be progressed immediately if it's to be included in the 23 February 2024 REC release as intended.

8 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

R0156 already has a fully formed solution and will proceed directly to the PCR with a 10 Working Day Consultation period.

We will present the Change Proposal and PCR at the TEP meeting on the 31 January 2024, ahead of publishing the Final Change Report on 9 February 2024 in preparation for an ex-committee decision by the TEP on or before 20 February 2024.

	FROM	TO
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT AND CONSULTATION ISSUED	19/01/2024	19/01/2024
CONSULTATION	19/01/2024	02/02/2024
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	09/02/2024	09/02/2024
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION (EX-COMMITTEE)	20/02/2024	20/02/2024
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	05/03/2024	05/03/2024

9 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.