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PROPOSED SOLUTION

R0128 – REMOVAL OF CSS BUSINESS RULE 1177 TO REFLECT OFAF OPTIONALITY

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1.1 BACKGROUND

The REC Code Manager, under its technical service (RTS), is responsible for providing the Central Switching Service (CSS) with data on organisations that wish to use the CSS. This data is known as Switching Operational Data (SOD) and is used by CSS to validate that received messages come from authorised parties. One use of SOD is to validate that received Switch Requests are from authorised Energy Suppliers. As part of the Switching design a 'One Fail All Fail' (OFAF) reference was intended to be an optional Data Item for the Energy Supplier SOD records. In order to use the OFAF reference Energy Suppliers are required to undertake an accreditation process. Once the Energy Supplier is OFAF accredited, the OFAF reference can be provided within Switch Requests to link their success or failure. Should one of the Switch Requests fail for any reason, all linked Switch Requests will be cancelled and the Energy Supplier informed accordingly.

On CSS go live, the provision of an OFAF reference was documented as mandatory in CSS Business Rule 1177, version 1.3 (documented in programme CR-D134). The Switching Programme Design Authority recognised that the OFAF reference was incorrectly flagged as 'mandatory' (DEF-1294 - Test Case SIT-F-MDD-08-01), and it was agreed that as a low priority defect the necessary change would be arranged post go-live to set the OFAF reference to 'optional'.

In order to reverse this error, a CSS operational change is scheduled for a maintenance release in December 2023. This change has been raised to amend the REC Category 2 document, CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules, to remove business rule 1177 to bring it in line with the operation of the CSS post the planned implementation of the system change in December 2023.

1.2 CHANGE PROPOSER SOLUTION

The Proposer has recommended that CSS Business Rule 1177 (see Appendix) is deleted from the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules document. This will align the documentation

with the CSS functionality following implementation of the operational change, via a maintenance release.

2 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Energy Suppliers do not need to make any system or process change. The implementation of the operational change and the consequential change to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules document, only impacts the operation of the CSS and the REC Code Manager.

The Switching Operator will deliver the associated system change through scheduled operational maintenance, therefore no Service Provider impact assessment is required.

Currently, RTS provide dummy OFAF references for all Energy Suppliers. These dummy references are easily identifiable and structurally different to true OFAF references. Dummy OFAF references are applied per Market Participant Identifier (MPID) to ensure that Energy Suppliers cannot successfully request linked Switches where they are not OFAF accredited. The implementation of the system fix will remove the requirement for RTS to provide dummy OFAF references for all Energy Suppliers, thereby removing a current overhead for RTS and correcting the system to operate in the originally intended manner. No further impact assessment activity is required by the Code Manager.

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3 APPENDIX

CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules

Rule Name	Description	Validation Process	Source Event(s)	Parties	Error Message	Error Code	Error Notification Route	Resolution Method	Resolver Group
Supplier OFAF Company Group Rule	It is mandatory that roles of Supplier must have an OFAF Company Group supplied. NB. A workaround (agreed with Landmark, DCC and RECCo) is in effect until the first scheduled release post-go-live, when this attribute will become optional in this scenario.	Synchronous	Market Participant Role - Create	From: CSS To: RECDDG	A Supplier role must have an OFAF Company Group	**1177**	Synchronous	Knowledge Base Article (A)	Domain Governor