RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

R0143 – NEW VALUE FOR SITE VISIT CHECK CODE (J0024)

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DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS	25/10/2023

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

The Change proposes a change to the MM00036/(D0139), to introduce a new Site Visit Check Code (SVCC) to reflect site specific capacity charges being levied by the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) on Suppliers for their Consumers.

	High Impact: Suppliers & DNOs
	Medium Impact: N/A
	Low Impact: N/A

1 BACKGROUND

Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) change proposal (DCP) 411 seeks to allow the Distributor to charge Distribution Use of System Charges (DUoS) on de-energised sites where the customer has confirmed an ongoing need for the connection. Suppliers wish to know in advance of receiving charges that these charges will apply. A secure and confidential means of communication is required and the DCUSA DCP411 working group identified the MM00036 (D0139) – Confirmation or Rejection or Energisation Status Change as the most suitable secure communication method, subject to a new SVCC being introduced. The Proposer recognises that this is a temporary solution which will be limited by changes being introduced by the MHHS programme, which is removing the Scenario Variant of the MM00036/D0139.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

DNOs need to be able to communicate to Suppliers that they will charge site-specific DUoS for de-energised sites where there is an ongoing need for the connection to be maintained.

2 USER STORIES

REF.	USER STORIES
CONSUMER USER STORIES	
C1	As a Consumer, I need my Supplier to be aware of any charges that will be applied by the DNO for the provision of the connection while the site is De-energised.
MARKET PARTICIPANT USER STORIES	
M1	As a Supplier I need to know if charges are expected to be levied by the DNO for retained capacity for De-energised Metering Points, so that I can pass the costs on to my Consumer.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity Consumers

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
n/a

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
TDA

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
DNOs
Electricity Suppliers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Data Specification: new Site Visit Check Code D150016 (J0024) added to the D0139/MM00036

4 CROSS CODE IMPACTS

This change is required because of DCUSA Change Proposal 411. It requires changes to a REC Market Message to provide the information to the relevant Supplier. The DCUSA Change has been developed and has already been submitted to the Authority for determination.

5 CHANGE PATH AND RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

CHANGE PATH	SELF-GOVERNANCE

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL

This is an update to an existing Market Message (introducing a new Site Visit Check Code to indicate the application of a site-specific charge in the MM00036/D0139 message between DNOs and Electricity Suppliers). As these changes relate to the Data Specification, which is the responsibility of the Technical Expert Panel, they will be the Responsible Committee for making a Self-Governance decision on this Change Proposal.

6 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

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PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	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		3	9	28
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		2	17	17
	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)	162

Priority Score	Priority Status
171 and above	Critical
151 to 170	High
101 to 150	Medium
0 to 100	Low

Priority Status	HIGH
Change Proposal Type	URGENT

Urgent Change Proposals meet the Criteria for Urgency as set out by Ofgem

The Change has a priority score of 162,

Urgency – a score of 3

- The Change Proposal has been given an urgency score of 3 as it relates to the delivery of requirements from DCP411, which will be implemented 3 months following an Authority Determination on this change.
- The change is an enabling change to allow the DNOs to levy these site-specific charges ensuring that capacity is freed up on the Networks where it is no longer needed by

Consumers and ensuring charges are applied to all site-specific billed Customers who choose to continue reserving capacity on the Distribution Networks.

Impact – a score of 2

- There is an indirect beneficial impact to Consumers, where the change results in Consumer making more efficient use of network capacity, releasing unused capacity for other consumers.
- The mechanism chosen to communicate the information is simple and is based on existing information related to the energisation status of the Metering Point, making this an efficient and simple solution to deliver.
- This proposed data flow change will enable Suppliers to pass through the charges levied by the DNO through the consumer contract.

Resource – a score of 3

- The effort and resources needed for this Change are simple, and no further solution development or impact assessments are required. Producing a new enumeration for the SVCC being created could be achieved alongside other changes to the D0139/MM00036 that are being delivered alongside another REC Change Proposals that impacts the same Market Message, R0043.

Strategic alignment – a score of 2

- Objectives – a moderate improvement to the efficiency and operation of the REC, which will help deliver wider objectives in ensuring that there is efficient use of the network capacity.

7 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

The Change includes a fully formed solution following closure of the DCUSA working group, and therefore no time is required for Solution Development or impact assessment activity, so we propose to progress straight to Preliminary Change Report.

	FROM	TO
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	13/10/2023	13/10/2023
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE REVIEW	13/10/2023	25/10/2023
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT AND CONSULTATION ISSUED	25/10/2023	25/10/2023
CONSULTATION	27/10/2023	10/11/2023
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	17/11/2023	17/11/2023
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	29/11/2023	29/11/2023
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	12/12/2023	12/12/2023

8 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
DCUSA	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement.
DNO	Means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
DUoS	is the charge made by Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to recover the costs of maintaining the connection and the capacity.
Market Messages	Means a structured communication sent between two Market Participants in the form and with the content required (and as otherwise specified) by the Data Specification.
Site Visit check Code (SVCC)	(D150016/J0024) means a code identifying either the nature of the check to be made/or made on a site visit or identifying the reason for failure to obtain readings.