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01	Proposal Plan
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CHANGE REPORT

R0251 – AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS CASE FOR R0044

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	The date of approval by Change Panel
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Standard
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	CSS Service Provider		

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OVERVIEW

During Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) System Integration Testing (SIT), additional requirements have been identified by the Central Switching Service (CSS) provider, which means the business case for R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service is no longer accurate.

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 19 August 2025, in line with the Code Manager Recommendation, the Change Panel voted to:

APPROVE the updated Business Case for R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service was raised by the MHHS Programme to implement the necessary Retail Energy Code (REC) changes in relation to a new Data Communications Company (DCC) User Role for the Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) service. In the business case assessment for this change, the costs provided by the CSS Provider were £297,000. This Change was approved for implementation on a date that is determined by the MHHS Programme for its Milestone: M8 'Code changes delivered'. During MHHS SIT, additional requirements have been identified by the CSS provider, which means the business case for R0044 is no longer accurate.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The business case that was consulted on and approved as part of R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service is now not accurate.

3 IMPACTS

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
CSS Service Provider

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
RECCo

MHHS DESIGN
No Impact

MHHS DATA SPECIFICATION
No Impact

MHHS CODE DRAFTING
No Impact

R0251 does not make any amendments to the R0044 solution.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**09 Jun-25**	**18-Aug-25**
	Business Case Assessment	June	June
	Consultation	July	August
	Final Determination	August	August
Voting		**19 Aug-25**	**19 Aug-25**
	Appeal Window	20 August	2 September

Due to the straightforward nature of this Change Proposal, in that it is only updating the business case for the approved Change Proposal R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service, the consultation will be open for 10 Working Days.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager has engaged with the CSS Service Provider and RECCo stakeholders to establish the additional costs of implementing R0044.

SOLUTION

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

This change was raised with a fully formed solution that does not require impact assessment.

The proposed solution for this Change Proposal is to amend the business case for R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service.

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

Business case/ costs are outside the scope of the REC legal text, therefore there is no draft legal text for this change.

For reference, the R0044 approved legal text can be found here.

9 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

9.1 COSTS

The original business case assessment for R0044 is set out in the Final Change Report here.

During MHHS SIT, additional requirements have been identified by the CSS provider, which means this business case is no longer accurate.

The DCC have provided a total additional cost of £81,635 for the delivery of the MDR inclusion in the Refresh message.

9.2 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

For the reason set out in the Final Change Report for R0044, the Code Manager believes that the Change Proposal should be progressed, and that the benefits outweigh the cost.

10 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

A consultation was circulated on 18 July 2025 to obtain views on the Change Report (Consultation). In total four responses were received from two Energy Suppliers and two DNOs. The key themes from these responses have been summarised and set out below. The consolidated consultation responses can be found here.

10.1 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

All responses agreed that the business case for R0044 MHHS Programme Changes required to Central Switching Service should be updated to reflect the additional costs identified during SIT testing.

10.2 BENEFITS RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

All responses agreed with the Code Manager's assessment of the costs and benefits for this change. An Energy Supplier requested more detail on the requirements that caused the additional costs, which has been provided in the consolidated consultation responses.

10.3 CASE FOR CHANGE AND CODE MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

All responses agreed with the Code Manager's recommendation that this Change Proposal should be approved for implementation on the date of approval by the Change Panel.

11 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	R0251
[RELATED CHANGE(S)]	R0044

12 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
System Integration Testing (SIT)	means the testing described in Paragraph 4.16 of the Transition Schedule.
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.
Data Communications Company (DCC)	means the person holding the DCC Licence.