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CHANGE REPORT

R0291 REVIEW OF SCHEDULE 1 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.1
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	26 June 2026
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	All REC Parties		

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OVERVIEW

During the quality checks of REC Schedules for MHHS, several capitalised terms throughout schedules were identified with no entry in Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions. It has also been identified that there are definitions that link to Schedules (such as 2, 20 and 21) which are no longer live REC Schedules. The Code Manager has reviewed these and determined some changes are required to Schedule 1.

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On **21 April 2026,** the REC Change Panel voted in line with the Code Manager recommendation to:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 26 June 2026.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

During the quality checks of REC Schedules for MHHS, several capitalised terms throughout schedules were identified with no entry in Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions. It has been determined these should be added to Schedule 1.

Additionally, REC Schedule 2, otherwise known as the Transition Schedule, is no longer part of the REC. However, several defined terms Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions are still defined by a definition stating "means as described in the Transition Schedule". These are to be reviewed to see if they need to be removed, or their definition updated. This also applies to some definitions which reference the MRA Transition Schedule (Schedule 21) and the SPAA Transition Schedule (Schedule 20).

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Without clear definitions of all defined terms within the REC, there may be confusion for REC Parties and other industry participants who use REC documents.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
None identified

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
All REC Parties

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions
Schedule 25 – Central Switching Service
REC Main Body

MHHS
There are no impacts to MHHS from this Change Proposal.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts identified with this Change Proposal.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**12 Jan 26**	**26 Feb 26**
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	January	February
	Solution Development	January	February
	Legal Review	January	February
Change Proposal		**27 Feb 26**	**20 Apr 26**
	Business Case Assessment	February	March
	Consultation	March	April
	Final Determination	April	April
Voting		**21 Apr 26**	**21 Apr 26**
	Appeal Window	22 April 26	07 May 26

The Code Manager proposed no Party impact assessment is undertaken as part of this Change Proposal, as these changes should have no to minimal impacts to Parties.

6 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	1	17	17
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	7	7
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	14	14
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		2	9	18
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		0	17	0
	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	1	10	10
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	66

Priority Status	LOW
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

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SOLUTION

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

This Change Proposal suggests amendments to the REC Main Body, Schedule 1 Interpretations and Definitions, and Schedule 25 Central Switching Service. All of the below changes have been reviewed by the REC legal advisors.

The proposed changes to the REC Main Body are:

> *2.5 Other organisations cannot become a Party, but:*
>
> *(a) Energy Suppliers should note their responsibilities in respect of Shippers, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Providers under and in relation to ~~the Transition Schedule~~this Code, as described in Paragraph 2 of the Interpretations and Definitions Schedule; and*
>
> *(b) some organisations which are not Parties are able to obtain access to REC Services by entering into an Access Agreement, as further described in the Qualification and Maintenance Schedule.*

The proposed changes to Schedule 25 Central Switching Service are:

> *2.3. For clarity, a single entity is assigned to each of the following roles (and therefore this REC Schedule does not deal with new applications to those roles): Gas Retail Data Agent, Electricity Enquiry Service Provider, Gas Enquiry Service Provider, Code Manager and Smart Meter Data Service Provider. ~~These entities will have obtained certificates and completed testing prior to the CSS Go-Live Date under the Transition Schedule.~~*

The proposed changes to Schedule 1 Interpretations and Definitions are:

> *2.4. With the exception of Metering Equipment Managers, Supplier Agents, Meter Asset Providers and Shippers are not obliged to become Parties under this Code, but do have a role in respect of ~~the Transition Schedule~~this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on one or more Supplier Agents (other than Metering Equipment Managers), Meter Asset Providers or Shippers ~~under or in relation to the Transition Schedule~~, then:*
>
> *(a) in the case of obligations which apply by reference to a particular RMP, the Registered Supplier for that RMP shall ensure that the Shipper, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Provider registered in respect of that RMP perform those obligations; and*
>
> *(b) in the case of obligations which apply without reference to a particular RMP, each Energy Supplier shall ensure that the Shippers, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Providers registered in respect of any or all the RMPs for which the Energy Supplier is the Registered Supplier at the relevant time perform those obligations.*

It also proposes the removal, addition or amendment of the below defined terms:

Addition, Removal or Amendment	Term	Definition
Addition	Aggregation Rules	has the meaning given to that expression in the BSC.
Addition	Half Hourly Data Aggregator	has the meaning given to that expression in the BSC.
Addition	Information Exchange	has the meaning given to that expression by the UKLink Manual.
Addition	Meter Worker	has the meaning given to that expression in the UNC.
Addition	Non-Half Hourly Data Aggregator	has the meaning given to that expression in the BSC.
Addition	On-Site Aggregation	has the meaning given to that expression in the BSC.
Addition	Performance Assurance Report Catalogue	means the catalogue, consulted upon and approved by the REC PAB from time to time, setting out the format, frequency and timescales in accordance with which REC Service Users and REC Service Providers shall provide data to the REC PAB for the purposes of fulfilling its functions under the Performance Assurance Schedule.
Addition	Settlement Day	has the meaning given to that expression in the BSC.
Removal	Defect Management Plan	means the document or documents to be produced pursuant to the Transition Schedule and approved by the Authority, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment

		developed under the Switching Programme.
Removal	Design, Build and Test Phase	means the period commencing pursuant to the Transition Schedule and ending on the CSS Go-Live Date.
Removal	Individual Programme Plan	has the meaning given in Paragraph 2.5 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Live Proving	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.27 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Operational Test	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.26 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Pre-Integration Testing	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.13 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Production Interface	means the permanent interface that will be used in the live environment (and staging during the transition process) during the Design, Build and Test Phase.
Removal	Programme Systems	means any System produced by a Testing Participant which is necessary for that Testing Participant to participate in the arrangements created by the Switching Programme after the CSS Go-Live Date.
Removal	Systems Integration Testing	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.16 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Test Data	means data to be used for testing purposes during: a) a Test Phase, as further described in the relevant Test Plan for that Test Phase; or b) a Service Provider Test Phase, as further described in the relevant Service Provider Test Plan.
Removal	Test Phase	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.1 of the Transition Schedule.

Removal	Test Plan	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.3 of the Transition Schedule.
Removal	Test Participant	means, in respect of each Test Phase, the CSS Users required to participate in that Test Phase, or eligible to participate in that Test Phase and which elect to do so, as (in each case) further described in the Test Plan for that Test Phase.
Removal	User Integration Testing	has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.19 of the Transition Schedule.
Amendment	Energy Theft Consolidation	means the consolidation of certain energy theft related provisions from the DCUSA and the SPAA into this Code., ~~as the time designated by the Authority under the Transition Schedule.~~
Amendment	Gas Enquiry Service	Means~~:~~ ~~(a) Until CSS Go-Live Date, the enquiry service provided pursuant to the UNC which allows authorised users to access Gas Retail Data; and~~ ~~From CSS Go-Live Date,~~ the service of that name procured by RECCO pursuant to the Data Access Schedule.
Amendment	Metering Point Administration Data	~~has the meaning set out in the MRA Transition Schedule.~~means the data held within the Metering Point Administration Service.
Amendment	Retail Code Consolidation	means the consolidation of provisions from the MRA and the SPAA and certain provisions from other Energy Codes into this Code., ~~at the time designated by the Authority under the Transition Schedule.~~

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to R0291 can be found below:

- REC Main Body link;
- Schedule 1 Interpretations and Definitions link; and
- Schedule 25 Central Switching Service link.

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

9 SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

No Service Provider impact assessment or Party impact assessment was conducted as part of this Change Proposal.

10 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

No risks, assumptions, issues or dependencies have been identified as part of this Change Proposal.

11 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

11.1 COSTS

There are no costs associated with this Change Proposal.

11.2 BENEFITS

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
IMPROVED ACCURACY OF THE RETAIL ENERGY CODE	By conducting regular reviews of the Retail Energy Code and its associated Schedules, and ensuring the list of defined terms used within the REC is as robust as possible, the Code Manager ensures maximum clarity for REC Parties and other Market Participants using REC documentation.
REDUCED CONFUSION FOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS	The introduction of the proposed defined terms will help reduce confusion for REC Parties and any Market Participants using REC documentation. Many of these terms are already used throughout the REC, with no defined term to link back to.

11.3 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

As there are no central system costs, no identified Party costs and two intangible benefits associated with this Change Proposal, the Code Manager believes there is a positive case for change.

12 CASE FOR CHANGE

The Code Manager considers there is a positive case for change for implementing this Change Proposal on the basis that the proposed solution:

- Is both viable and implementable, and effectively resolves the problem statement;
- Has no central system costs and no identified Party costs;

- Has proportionate effort required for implementation;
- Should improve the accuracy of the Retail Energy Code; and
- Reduce confusion for REC Parties and other market participants using REC documentation.

13 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

A consultation was circulated on 06 March 2026 to obtain views on the Change Report (For Consultation). In total three responses were received from two Energy Suppliers and one Distribution Network Operator (DNO). The key themes from these responses have been summarised and set out below. The non-confidential responses have been published here.

13.1 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

All respondents were supportive of the proposed solution and believed it should be implemented.

13.2 COMMENTS ON THE SOLUTION AND PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

All respondents were supportive of the proposed solution and had no comments on the legal text.

13.3 CASE FOR CHANGE AND CODE MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

All respondents agreed with the Code Manager's assessment of the costs and benefits associated with this Change Proposal.

All respondents agreed with the Code Manager's assessment that this Change Proposal should be subject to Self-Governance approval, with the REC Change Panel as the Responsible Committee and with the recommendation to approve this Change Proposal.

13.4 IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND APPROACH

All respondents agreed with the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang, and the proposed implementation date of 26 June 2026.

14 SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

One amendment has been made to the solution following consultation, with the definition of Metering Point Administration Data being updated from "means the data held within the Meter Point Administration Service" to "means the data held within the Metering Point Administration Service".

15 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	REC Main Body Schedule 1 Schedule 25
CONSOLIDATED CONSULTATION RESPONSES	Link

16 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
MRA Transition Schedule	means REC Schedule 21, which was removed from the REC on the CSS Go-Live Date.
SPAA Transition Schedule	means REC Schedule 20, which was removed from the REC on the CSS Go-Live Date.
Transition Schedule	means REC Schedule 2.