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CHANGE PROPOSAL UPDATE TO PLAN

R0294 – IMPLEMENTATION OF IF-051 DATA REFRESH IN EES FOR BSC CP1607

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBC
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	High	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Electricity Enquiry Service Provider, EES Users		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

This change seeks to implement the IF-051 Data Refresh Market Message in the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES), following its approval for implementation via Balancing & Settlement Code Change Proposal BSC CP 1607.

2 RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On 07 July 2026, the REC Change Panel approved this Update to Plan amending the Prioritisation Category and urgency status for R0294.

3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

REC Change Proposal R0294 is one part of a set of cross-code changes to implement new Data Integration Platform (DIP) Market Message into the market arrangements. The lead change is BSC CP 1607 - Implementation of data refresh message to ensure alignment of MHHS design, which at the point of R0294 being raised was already approved for implementation on 26 March 2026.

The Code Manager initially designated R0294 a priority status of High, with a weighted priority score of 158, and an urgency status of Urgent. This was approved by the REC Change Panel on 16 December 2025. This prioritisation took into account that BSC CP 1607 intended to implement a new DIP Market Message, the IF-051 'Data Refresh', on 26 March 2026. R0294 was thus required to ensure appropriate implementation of the IF-051 in EES. If EES is not able to receive and process instances of the IF-051, data in EES will be misaligned with other industry systems (Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS), DIP and Market-wide Data Service (MDS)), meaning that it will not maintain its role as the accurate reference point for industry participants. This could lead to potential disruption of industry processes.

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Indirect	1	25	25
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	2	15	30
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	1	5	5
		Legal and Regulatory Compliance	1	13	13
Resource	Complexity / Effort / Duration		3	8	23
Strategic Alignment	Contribution to/ Alignment with the objectives of the REC		1	15	8
	Contribution to/ Alignment with RECCo's Forward Work Plan		2		15
Urgency *(The need to progress a change to meet a targeted date)*		Significant Code Reviews	2	20	40
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	158

Priority Status	HIGH
Change Proposal Type	URGENT

The design of the IF-051 Data Refresh arrangements has evolved since CP1607 was approved and a delay to the implementation of CP1607 to June 2026 was also sought. As a result, on 25 March 2026, the REC Technical Expert Panel approved to put R0294 on hold to allow further development into the lead CP1607 solution.

In the meantime, on 29 May 2026, Ofgem's new, harmonised prioritisation process came into effect, wherein the lead code would progress the modification proposal in accordance with its relevant modification procedures, including its prioritisation determination. The non-lead codes would then progress the modification in parallel with the lead code, following the timetable and prioritisation determined by the lead code – where it is reasonably possible. Due to further solution development required on the IF-051 'Data Refresh' and the deferred timeline of the lead BSC CP1607, this Update to Plan is required to reset the Urgency Status and Priority Categorisation of R0294.

The Code Manager proposes that this Change Proposal is given an Urgency of Standard and a Priority Status of High.

- The Code Manager believes that this Change Proposal does not meet the criteria[1] for 'Urgency'.
- The Code Manager believes that this Change Proposal has a strong alignment with the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS)[2] as it strongly supports an SDS priority, specifically Objective 13.3 "Ensure successful rollout of Market-wide Half-hourly Settlement". R0294 enables an MHHS Programme agreed change (On Hold Request OHCR003, originally Programme Change Request CR-044) to implement a data refresh message into the MHHS arrangements, for which BSC CP 1607 was progressed. This is a consequential REC change to ensure appropriate implementation of the IF-051 in EES.
- The Code Manager believes that this Change Proposal has high importance as it is an enabler change to deliver noticeably greater Consumer and market benefit by introducing a data refresh functionality to address where this is a data integrity or misalignment issue following an operational incident.
- The Code Manager believes that that this Change Proposal has medium complexity, with coordination required between the REC and BSC Change leads, the DIP Manager, and the relevant Service Providers. There is a time constraint where R0294, and the other changes to deliver the IF-051 Data Refresh, need to be delivered much earlier than CP 1607's provisional implementation date of 22 February 2029, which was agreed by the BSC's SVG Panel to avoid repeated deferrals. An agreed new implementation date will be dependent on the outstanding solution development and the progression of further relevant BSC CPs, which have not yet been raised.

4 FURTHER INFORMATION

On 02 June 2026, the BSC's Supplier Volume Allocation Group (SVG) decided to defer the implementation date of CP 1607 to 22 February 2029. Further solution development was still required to align the legal text with requirements for the Energy Market Data Specification and greater clarity was needed on the IF-051 structure and process elements.

The Code Manager understands that two new BSC CPs will now be progressed on the recommendation of SVG. The intention remains to introduce the IF-051 'Data Refresh' much earlier than the 2029 implementation date. The Code Manager has requested that any new solution is workshopped by all impacted Parties before the new CPs are raised and is currently awaiting scheduling by the BSC Change lead. R0294 can only progress when the cross-Party workshops are scheduled to enable definition of the end-to-end solution and any required impact assessments are undertaken.

[1] Code Modification Urgency Criteria
[2] Preliminary Strategic Direction Statement for industry codes