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NON-CONFIDENTIAL CONSOLIDATED CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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

On 12 February 2026 the Code Manager issued a consultation to industry to seek feedback on the Change Report (For Consultation) for R0294 – Implementation of IF-051 Data Refresh in EES for BSC CP1607.

The purpose of this document is to consolidate the responses and for the Code Manager to answer any questions raised within those responses.

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Question 1:	Do you agree with the proposed solution? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (Distribution Network Operator (DNO))	Yes, we are supportive of the proposed solution for R0294, as detailed within the Change Report.	Noted – Thank you.
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	Yes	Noted – Thank you.
Scottish Power Energy Networks (DNO)	While we agree with the proposed solution in principle, on the basis that there are changes to the IF-51 flow contained in the CP1629 proposal we believe that the CP1607 solution cannot be implemented as per the March data as this would not incorporate the changes.	Thank you for your response. The approach that has been taken with R0294 to date, is for the EES Provider to develop the revised IF-051, as documented in CP1629, so an earlier implementation would include the changes. The Code Manager preference is also for a June implementation, but has been looking to mitigate the risk of the IF-051 being implemented in other systems and CP1607 not being delayed. The Code Manager understands that further adjustments to the IF-051 are being proposed and therefore agree that a March

		implementation poses a higher risk of misalignment. In addition, on 03 March 2026 BSC's SVG approved a delay, with an unspecified date, to the implementation of CP1607.
St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	We agree with the proposed solution	Noted – Thank you.
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	SSE agrees with the proposed solution as it sets out a clear mechanism to update items in the EES.	Noted – Thank you.
UK Power Networks (DNO)	We agree with the proposed solution	Noted – Thank you.

Question 2:	Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach (Big Bang)? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (DNO)	Yes, we agree with the proposed implementation approach, however please see our response to Q5 in regards to the proposed implementation date.	Thank you for your response. Code Manager comments have been captured in Question 5.
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	Yes, though we note that in line with CP1607 and CP1629 the implementation date should be amended to June 2026.	Noted – Thank you.

Scottish Power Energy Networks (DNO)	We are supportive of a 'big bang' approach as long at the date aligns with the relevant BSC changes BSC CP1629 and CP1607	Noted – Thank you.
St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	Yes, providing it is aligned with BSC CP1629 and CP1607 with Proposed go live of Thursday 25 June 2026	Noted – Thank you.
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	Yes.	Noted – Thank you.
UK Power Networks (DNO)	Yes, providing it is aligned with BSC CP1629 and CP1607 with Proposed go live of Thursday 25 June 2026	Noted – Thank you.

Question 3:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's assessment of the costs and benefits for this change?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (DNO)	Yes, we agree with the Code Manager's cost benefit analysis. It is imperative that EES maintains alignment with other industry central systems to ensure continued data accuracy, particularly when used during the switching process, to avoid poor consumer experiences and negative outcomes.	Noted – Thank you.
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	Yes	Noted – Thank you.
Scottish Power Energy Networks	Yes, we believe that the assessment is reflective.	Noted – Thank you.

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St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	N/A	N/a
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	Yes.	Noted – Thank you.
UK Power Networks (DNO)	N/A	N/a

Question 4:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's assessment of the change path, that this Change Proposal should be subject to self-governance approval by the Technical Expert Panel?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (DNO)	Yes, we agree.	Noted – Thank you.
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	Yes	Noted – Thank you.
Scottish Power Energy Networks (DNO)	Yes	Noted – Thank you.
St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	N/A	N/a
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	Yes.	Noted – Thank you.

UK Power Networks (DNO)	N/A	N/a

Question 5:	Do you agree with the Code Manager's Recommendation that this Change Proposal should be approved for implementation on 27 March 2026, or 26 June 2026 if CP1607 delay is approved? If not, please explain why?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (DNO)	If approved, this change will need to be implemented on 26th June 2026 to properly align with CP1607 and CP1629, for the reasons set out by the MPRS Service Provider (St Clements Services) in their R0294 consultation response.	Thank you for the responses. At the time of issuing the R0294 consultation, the Code Manager did not have certainty that CP1607 would not be implemented and took the approach to ensure implementation was possible should the CP1607 implementation date remain unchanged. The Code Manager agrees that an aligned implementation across the BSC and REC changes is the preference and has supported that approach throughout cross-code discussions, consultation responses to the BSC CPs and representations at SVG. The Code Manager will not progress R0294 for decision in March as previously planned, following the SVG decisions to delay CP1607 and reject CP1629. The Code Manager
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	In line with CP1607 code control for functionality 'go live' and CP1629 assessments, the implementation date should be amended to June 2026.	
Scottish Power Energy Networks (DNO)	We are of the view that the 26 June 2026 is the appropriate timeframe for implementation of this change, subject to CP1629 being approved. We do not feel that there is benefit in implementing CP1627 on March 2026 as this does not include the additional requirements for CP1629.	
St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	Whilst the development of BSC CP1607 has been completed and could be implemented for March. We have coded this functionality to be date controlled so it can go live for the June 2026 date, this is to ensure that the impact of BSC CP1629 is properly assessed.	

		understands that a new BSC CP will now be progressed and will continue to work with other Code Bodies to develop an aligned end-to-end solution.
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	Yes.	Noted – Thank you.
UK Power Networks (DNO)	As per the below SCS view on this. *Whilst the development of BSC CP1607 has been completed and could be implemented for March. We have coded this functionality to be date controlled so it can go live for the June 2026 date, this is to ensure that the impact of BSC CP1629 is properly assessed.*	Noted – Thank you.

Question 6:	Do you have any other comments relating to this Change Proposal?	
RESPONDENT DETAILS	**RESPONSE**	**CODE MANAGER COMMENTS**
National Grid Electricity Distribution (DNO)	It is crucial that REC R0294, BSC CP1607 and BSC CP1629 are approved for simultaneous implementation, to ensure the IF-051 functionality conforms to the latest design.	Noted – Thank you.
Northern PowerGrid (DNO)	No comments related to this CP, but consideration should be given to the CP1629 solution and clarification required on SCS raised queries.	Thank you for the responses.

	REC R0294 and BSC CP1607 must be approved for implementation in parallel, along with CP1629, to ensure that the IF-051 functionality conforms to the latest design.	The Code Manager and EES Provider are reviewing the proposed changes to the IF-051, via the CP1629 responses, for material impacts. The Code Manager is committed to supporting confirmation of an agreed IF-051 message structure, that meets EMDS standards and that can be delivered under an aligned implementation.
Scottish Power Energy Networks (DNO)	Both SPEN and our service providers have included feedback in our response to CP1629 Whereby there are outstanding issues to be addressed to ensure that the solution implemented accommodates the changes required. The changes R0294,CP1627 and CP1629 should be implemented under the same release.	
St Clements Services (MPRS Provider)	In our BSC CP1629 Consultation Response we submitted feedback on "CP1629 FOR INFO IF-051 Refresh Flow v2.0 REDLINED" there are still some redlining issues that need to be resolved to align with the MPRS solution. We are assuming this adjusted CP1607 will be approved. We need certainty as soon as possible that this CP will be approved with the delayed go-live. REC R0294 & BSC CP1607 must be approved (together with the associated CP1629) otherwise the IF-051 functionality will not conform to the latest design. CP1607 updated release is necessary to provide the additional time required to update the IF-051 functionality to conform to CP1629.	
SSE Energy Supply Limited (Energy Supplier)	No.	Noted – Thank you.
UK Power Networks (DNO)	No response	N/a