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CHANGE REPORT

R0321 DNOS CREATE EXPORT MPANS FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.0
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Medium	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	DNOs, Electricity Suppliers		

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OVERVIEW

The creation of Import Metering Points for new housing developments sits with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO), while the Export Metering Points generally sit with the Electricity Supplier. When the developer informs the DNOs of how many Import Metering Points they require, they could also inform them how many of the properties require Export Metering Points for creation at the same time (with the logical Disconnection process being available for any Export Metering Points that are then not required).

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

On 05 May 2026, the REC Change Panel:

- **APPROVED** the Proposal Plan, including the Responsible Sub-Committee, Change Path, Priority Status, Urgency and timetable.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

The creation of Import Metering Points for new housing developments sits with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO), while the Export Metering Points generally sit with the Electricity Supplier.

This can lead to a very large manual workload for the Electricity Supplier as they may have several tens of thousands of Metering Points to create and have to use the bulk Export Metering Point creation request process as set out in section 7.5 of the RMP Lifecycle Schedule. This is subject to bi-lateral agreement between the Energy Supplier and the DNO, with no two DNOs operating the exact same process.

When the developer informs the DNOs of how many Import Metering Points they require, they could also inform them how many of the properties require Export Metering Points for creation at the same time (with the logical Disconnection process being available for any Export Metering Points that are then not required).

The number of Export Metering Points required for new development sites is expected to hugely increase with the recent Government announcement that developers will be required to install solar panels and heat pumps across all new homes in England.

This Change Proposal was raised separately to I0228 ECOES API for Export MPAN Creation at Scale, as it is thought this proposed solution may work better for Export Metering Points for large new development sites rather than them still being raised by the Electricity Supplier under the solution proposed by I0228. However, if this Change Proposal is unable to progress separately or the solution is later deemed to be unworkable, the bulk creation of Export Metering Points at large new development sites will be added back into the business case for I0228.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The Bulk Request for Export Metering Points process is cumbersome, with no two DNOs operating the process in the same way. This is leading to unnecessary time being added to the process, negatively impacting Consumers and the journey to Net Zero.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Electricity Consumers

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
DNOs
Electricity Suppliers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle

MHHS
There are no impacts to MHHS identified with this Change Proposal.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts identified with this Change Proposal. It has been flagged at the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) and will continue to be monitored.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**26 Mar 26**	**14 Sep 26**
	Code Manager initial assessment	March	April
	Party impact assessment	May	June
	Solution refinement	June	July
	Business Case Assessment	June	July
	Consultation	July	August
	Final Determination	August	September
Voting		**15 Sep 26**	**15 Sep 26**
	Appeal Window	16 Sep 26	30 Sep 26

No solution development or legal review is required as part of this Proposal Plan. The Code Manager acted as a critical friend to the Proposer prior to the submission of this Change Proposal, and the proposed legal text was reviewed by the REC Legal Advisors prior to the Change Proposal being raised.

6 PRIORITY STATUS AND URGENCY

PRIORITISATION MATRIX

Category	Significance / Resource impacts / Urgency	Further selection / breakdown	Score (0-3)	Weighting	Weighted Score
Impacts	Consumer Impact	Direct	1	27	27
	Retail Markets Impact	Innovation and Market Arrangements	3	17	50
	RECCo / REC Party / REC Service Provider Impact	Operational Effectiveness and Efficiencies	3	7	20
		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		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	0	10	0
				Overall Priority Score (rounded)	138

Priority Status	MEDIUM
Change Proposal Type	STANDARD

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SOLUTION

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution makes changes to REC Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle, proposing that when the DNO sets up Import Metering Points for large new development sites (section 3.1a), that they also create any Export Metering Points that are required (as informed by the developer of the site).

The proposed legal text is as below:

3.1 Where a Distribution Network Operator:

(a) creates a new connection to a Location from its Distribution System (unless the Metering Point is to be registered in the Central Meter Registration Service);

(b) agrees with an Electricity Supplier that a new Metering Point should be created in accordance with Paragraph 7;

(c) decides to enter a new Metering Point within its Electricity Retail Data Service; or

(d) is notified of an approved transfer from the Central Meter Registration Service to the Supplier Meter Registration Service in accordance with the BSCP68,

then the Distribution Network Operator~~it~~ shall ensure that a record for a new Metering Point is entered within its Electricity Retail Data Service and sent to the CSS Provider in accordance with the interface table below. Where the Distribution Network Operator is aware that the Location will export electricity, the Distribution Network Operator shall create a new record for an Export Metering Point (as well as an Import Metering Point).

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to R0321 can be found here.

9 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link
RELATED CHANGES	I0228 ECOES API for Export MPAN Creation at Scale

10 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Electricity Supplier	means a person holding an Electricity Supply Licence.
Energy Supplier	means a person which is either or both an Electricity Supplier and/or a Gas Supplier.
Export	means electricity which is exported from a Premises.
Export Metering Point	means a Metering Point which identifies exports from a Location.
Import	means electricity which is imported to a Premises.
Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN)	means the unique reference number used to identify electricity Metering Points.