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CHANGE PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO PLAN

R0342 - ENABLING DUAL MSA & MSS (SVA MOA) APPOINTMENTS FOR WC CONNECTION TYPES

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Aligned with BSC CP1650
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Metering Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITY STATUS	Low	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Energy Suppliers, Metering Equipment Managers		

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1 CHANGE OVERVIEW

Under the legacy/pre-Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) arrangements, the market is segmented by Measurement Class (MC) for Settlement purposes which is not sensitive to the Meter Type that is installed or is to be installed. With the exception of Unmetered Supplies (UMS allocated to MC D), the current arrangements (pre-MHHS) mean that the replacement of Traditional Metering Assets to either Smart or Advanced Metering Asset can be arranged without the need for the Change of Measurement Class (CoMC) process to be conducted concurrent with the meter exchange.

This results in a simpler installation process for either Meter Type, as the meter exchange is no longer dependent on the existing Market Segmentation arrangements (Half-Hourly (HH) and Non-Half-Hourly (NHH)). For example, where a Traditional Metering Asset is being exchanged for an Advanced Metering Asset, the exchange can be completed under Metering Configuration (MC) A. If a Consumer with a Whole Current (WC) Metering Point subsequently elects to move

to HH Settlement, the Change of Metering Configuration (CoMC) from MC A to MC G can be undertaken at a later date, independently of the meter exchange process.

The MHHS baseline design moves the Market Segmentation to a combination of Meter and Connection Type for Settlement purposes. This requires Traditional Metering Asset types with Whole Current (WC) connections to be allocated to the Smart Metering Asset segment upon migration to the MHHS Arrangements. This was a design choice to cater for most of the electricity market (where the Consumer choice of Metering Asset is not optional) because the largest number of metering systems are in the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) market.

The result of this means that:

- Where non-domestic Consumer choice can be offered to non-domestic Consumers in line with Supplier Licence Condition (SLC) 39.13, and Consumers opt for Advanced Metering solutions, it creates a need for the Change of Market Segment (CoSeg) to be performed in line with a planned meter exchange date.
- Where a Consumer (domestic or non-domestic) cannot be offered a choice of Metering Asset in line with Supplier Licence Condition (SLC) 39.13 but has an Advanced Meter installed in their premises, the CoSeg is to be performed in line with a planned meter exchange date.

Consequently, when a WC connection goes through a meter exchange from Traditional to Advanced, or from Advanced to Smart in the MHHS arrangements, a new complexity is placed on Suppliers because the CoSeg process must be tightly co-ordinated to a specified planned meter exchange date and processed through the Metering Point Registration System (MPRS) within three Working Days of that date, otherwise the CoSeg process lapses. This arises because Suppliers initiate the CoSeg process only once a planned meter exchange date is agreed with the Metering Service provider which is to be appointed.

BSC CP1650 was raised due to an issue with current MHHS arrangements which require Electricity Suppliers to closely coordinate a Change of Market Segment with a planned meter exchange. If the required activities are not completed within the relevant timescales, Appointments can lapse, creating additional administration and making it more difficult to arrange meter exchanges efficiently. CP1650 proposes changes to the Registration and Appointment arrangements for WC connection types by introducing a new Service Provider Appointment Scenario.

This consequential REC Change has been raised to incorporate the new Appointment scenario into Schedule 14 and to define the associated process steps required to support its implementation.

2 CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the REC Change Panel:

- **REVIEW** the extension to plan for R0342; and
- **APPROVE** the extension to plan for R0342.

3 CHANGE PLAN UPDATE

Milestone	Activity	Previous		Current	
		From	To	From	To
Change Proposal		**06 Sept-26**	**11 Dec-26**	**06 Sept-26**	**15-Mar-27**
	Business Case Assessment	September	October	September	October
	Consultation	October	November	October	November
	Solution Refinement	November	December	November	December
	Consultation #2	-	-	December	January
	Solution Refinement	-	-	January	March
	Final Determination	December	December	March	March
Voting		**11 Dec-26**	**11 Dec-26**	**15-Mar-27**	**15-Mar-27**
	Appeal Window	11 Dec-26	29 Dec-26	15-Mar-27	29 Mar-27

The Code Manager is proposing the above update to the R0342 Proposal Plan, so it stays aligned with BSC CP1650.

Responses to the first consultation, issued on 7 October 2026, were shared with the BSC as lead code. Following further review, the BSC has made material amendments to the CP1650 legal text. As a result, the BSC aims to issue a second consultation in December 2026.

To keep a joined-up, cross-code assessment, the Code Manager proposes to issue the second R0342 consultation at the same time as the BSC's. REC Parties can then review the amended solution alongside the CP1650 changes.

This revised plan also responds to concerns raised in the first consultation. Several respondents said the original implementation timescales were unachievable, given the complexity of the system changes and the testing required. The extra time gives Parties more opportunity to assess the amended solution, its costs and its implementation effort before a decision is made.