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CHANGE REPORT

I0327 – PROVISION OF STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) CODE TO REC PARTIES

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBC
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	CHANGE PATH	Self-Governance
PRIORITISATION CATEGORY	Standard	URGENCY	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Distribution Network Operators, Gas Transporters, Shippers, Electricity Enquiry Service Users, Gas Enquiry Service Users, Energy Suppliers		

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OVERVIEW

This REC Issue seeks to provide Site-specific data, such as Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code data, matched to Meter Point X Numbers (MPxN), to help Gas Transports (GTs) plan Industrial and Commercial (I&C) gas demand at a more granular, Site-specific level.

CODE MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

The Code Manager recommends that the REC Change Panel:

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

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

To support net zero planning, GTs are obligated to plan I&C gas demand at a more granular, Site-specific level. Access to SIC code data, or a different Site-specific data set detailing business type, linked to gas and electricity Registerable Measurement Points (RMPs) would enable GTs to better understand the types of businesses operating across their networks, improving the accuracy of demand forecasting and identifying sector-specific consumption patterns.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

GTs currently do not have Site-specific data, such as SIC code data, matched to gas Meter Point Reference Numbers (MPRNS) and electricity Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs), limiting their understanding of I&C Consumers at a Site-specific level. This restricts their ability to accurately forecast demand, identify sector-specific consumption trends, and engage effectively with customers on future energy requirements. As net zero planning requirements increase, Ofgem, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and the National Energy System Operator (NESO) are seeking more granular data to support long-term whole-system planning and decarbonisation decision-making.

3 IMPACTS

REC DOCUMENTS/PRODUCTS
Schedule 12 – Data Access
Schedule 13 – Transfer of Consumer Data
Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management
Electricity Enquiry Service Service Definition
Gas Enquiry Service Service Definition
Electricity Data Access Matrix (Electricity DAM)
Gas Data Access Matrix (Gas DAM)

REC PARTIES
Distribution Network Operators
Gas Transporters
Shippers
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Users
Gas Enquiry Service (GES) Users
Energy Suppliers

REC SERVICE PROVIDERS
Central Switching Service (CCS) Provider
EES Service Provider
GES Service Provider

CONSUMERS
All

MHHS
The Code Manager has not identified any MHHS impacts at this stage.

The impacts set out above are subject to change depending on the finalised solution.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

The Code Manager is not anticipating any cross-code impacts, but this will be monitored by the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) as the solution develops.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**28 Sep-26**	**29 Apr-27**
	Solution Analysis	September	October
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	October	October
	Solution Development	October	April
	Information Request	November	December
	Party Impact Assessment	May	May

The Code Manager is submitting a Proposal Plan as far as solution development and a Party impact assessment. Once these activities have been completed, an Update to Plan will provided by the end of February 2027 with the next stages and timescales for review.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

An information request will be published in November 2026 to gain industry feedback on industry appetite for the provision of the matched dataset, if the benefits justify the data collection and system change costs, and suggestions for other Site-specific data that could be used as part of the solution. Stakeholders will also be engaged through the REC Change Issues Group.

7 PRIORITISATION CATEGORY AND URGENCY

7.1 PROPOSER REVIEW

The Proposer of this Issue did not provide their review of the Prioritisation Category and Urgency as it was submitted prior to this being mandatory for the Proposer to provide. The initial submission form can be found here.

7.2 CODE MANAGER REVIEW

The Code Manager is proposing this Issue be given an Urgency Status of Standard and a Prioritisation Category of Standard.

The Code Manager believes this Issue:

- Does not meet the Ofgem criteria for Urgency;
- Has a medium alignment to the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) as it has a reasonable link to the Establish Regional Energy Strategic Plans Objective but is one of several similar Standard changes with comparable strategic value;
- Has low importance as it delivers limited or niche benefits compared to other Standard changes; and
- Has a medium complexity as it requires legal text changes across multiple REC documents/products, and potentially a technical build of the centralised matched data into the EES and GES services.

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SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The solution would introduce a centralised provision of the SIC code (or other Site-specific business activity data) data matched to the MPRN/MPAN. The Code Manager is considering two solution options.

- Live Dataset: Energy Suppliers provide the SIC code data upon gaining a Metering Point. An initial date gathering/submission exercise would be completed to provide a baseline for existing sites.
- Annual Upload: Energy Suppliers provide an annual report with their current SIC codes.

Both options will require engagement with Energy Suppliers to understand if they currently have access to SIC code data.

The Code Manager is also exploring other data sets, such as Ordnance Survey data, and if these could provide granular Site-specific data on business activities.

Responses to the information request will feed into and shape solution development activity, including what the wider industry appetite is for the provision of the matched dataset and if the benefits justify the data collection and system change costs.

The legal text is not yet confirmed.

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9 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link

10 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Central Switching Service (CCS) Provider	means the DCC when performing functions as CRS Provider, but always excluding its roles as SI Provider and Switching Operator.
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES)	means the service described as such in the EES Service Definition.
Electricity Enquiry Service Provider	means the provider of the Electricity Enquiry Service.
Electricity Enquiry Service Users (EES User)	means a Party or Non-Party REC Service User which is entitled to use the EES under the Data Access Schedule.
Data Access Matrix (DAM)	means the matrix describing which Enquiry Service Data each Enquiry Service User Category can access, which forms part of the Data Specification and is updated in accordance with the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Enquiry Service (GES)	means the service of that name procured by RECCo pursuant to the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Enquiry Service Provider (GES Provider)	means the provider of the Gas Enquiry Service.
Gas Enquiry Service User (GES User)	means a Party or Non-Party REC Service User which is entitled to use the GES under the Data Access Schedule.
Gas Transporter (GT)	means a person holding a Gas Transporter Licence which requires that person to become a Party to this Code.
Meter Point X Number (MPxN)	means the collective description of the MPAN and MPRN when used together.

TERM	DEFINITION
Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN)	means the unique reference number used to identify electricity Metering Points.
Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN)	means the unique reference number used to identify gas Supply Meter Points.
Registerable Measurement Point (RMP)	means a Supply Meter Point or Metering Point identified in the Central Switching Service.
Site	unless stated otherwise means the area around which the Metering Point is located, in respect of the relevant meter(s) in relation to which a MEM has been appointed to perform meter operation services.