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CHANGE REPORT

I0337 – CHANGE TO LOCATION (A0059) DATA ITEM WITHIN THE ONAGE APPT FILE TO MAMS, FROM 'OPTIONAL' TO 'MANDATORY'

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PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	TBD
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Technical Expert Panel	**CHANGE PATH**	Self-Governance
PRIORITISATION CATEGORY	Standard	**URGENCY**	Standard
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	Energy Suppliers, Metering Asset Managers		

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OVERVIEW

The A0059 'Location Code' Data Item is currently optional in ONAGE appointment Market Messages. This Change Proposal seeks to change the specifications for the A0059 Data Item within ONAGE appointment Market Messages from 'Optional' to 'Mandatory'.

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

ONAGE files (MM40013) are Market Messages sent from Gas Suppliers to Gas Metering Asset Managers (MAMs) to appoint or de-appoint the MAM following a change of Energy Supplier or a change of MAM. The 'Location Code' (A0059) Data Item within ONAGE tells MAMs where a meter is located within the property via a list of Enumeration Values (“01 = cellar”, “02 = under stairs”, etc).

A0059 is currently an 'Optional' Data Item, which means that ONAGE entries are valid even where A0059 is not populated. Although most Energy Suppliers send ONAGE files that always have A0059 populated, including when it is "00 = unknown", it is possible for ONAGE files to be sent with ‘Location Code’ not populated. This Issue was raised by a MAM who has identified that this leads to rejections of the ONAGE appointment (APPT) files where the A0059 is not populated as this is a mandatory field in their internal systems. The location of the Metering Equipment is also required for MAMs to deliver their safety and asset maintenance obligations.

The proposed solution would amend the A0059 ‘Location Code’ Data Items within ONAGE appointment Market Messages from ‘Optional’ to ‘Mandatory’.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The A0059 ‘Location Code’ Data Item is currently classed as Optional in ONAGE APPT Market Messages (MM40013), with some Gas Suppliers leaving it blank when the Metering Equipment location is unknown. This creates potential compliance risks for MAMs and safety issues for their staff when the Data Item is left blank.

3 IMPACTS

CONSUMERS
Gas Consumers

REC PARTIES AND SERVICE USERS
Gas Suppliers
Metering Asset Managers

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Market Message Catalogue

MHHS
No impact identified.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

No cross-code impacts have been identified.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**26 Aug-26**	**11 Jan-27**
	Solution Analysis	August	November
	Solution Development	September	November
	Information Request	October	November
	Solution Refinement	November	November
	Party Impact Assessment	November	January
Change Proposal		**12 Jan-27**	**04 Apr-27**
	RECCo Minded to Position	January	January
	Stakeholder Advisory Forum consultation on Minded-to Position	February	February
	Industry Consultation	February	March
	Stakeholder Advisory Forum consultation on Final Determination	March	March
Voting		**05 Apr-27**	**05 Apr-27**
	Appeal Window	06 April	21 April

This Proposal Plan takes into consideration changes to the REC Change process introduced by the Energy Code Reform. Due to this transitory period, this plan is likely to be updated following the mobilisation of the Stakeholder Advisory Forum and the Design Authority.

6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Code Manager issued an Information Request on 22 October 2026 to determine what impact this Issue is causing to the wider MAM industry. This is due to close on 13 November 2026. The Information Request also asks questions to assess the costs the proposed solution will have for Gas Suppliers and MAMs who will be required to update their internal systems to comply with the A0059 fields becoming mandatory in ONAGE appointment messages.

7 PRIORITISATION CATEGORY AND URGENCY

7.1 PROPOSER REVIEW

The Proposer of this Change Proposal has provided a review stating this Change Proposal:

- Does meet the criteria for Urgency based on the urgency and importance of MAM appointments adding sites to the maintenance schedule;
- Aligns to the Strategic Direction Statement as it promotes safety for meter installations;
- Is important to maintain compliance with industry standards in the maintainance of a metering asset and installation; and
- Has medium complexity as it requires system changes from Energy Suppliers.

Their review can found in the initial submission form here.

7.2 CODE MANAGER REVIEW

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

The Code Manager believes this Change Proposal:

- Does not meet the Ofgem criteria for Urgency;
- Has a weak alignment to the Strategic Direction Statement as it has limited or no SDS relevance when compared to other Standard changes;
- Has medium importance as it delivers useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard changes; and
- Has a medium complexity as it requires co-ordination but can be scheduled flexibly alongside other Standard changes.

SOLUTION

8 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution involves amending the Data Item Catalogue to change the A0059 ‘Location Code’ Data Items within ONAGE appointment Market Messages from ‘Optional’ to ‘Mandatory’. This would apply to both instances of the A0059 ‘Location Code’ Data Item within the Market Message, within Group 054 Meter Point and Group 003 Asset.

9 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to I0337 can be found here.

10 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	Link

11 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Data Item	means the most granular level of data defining a specific attribute in respect of a data type, the permissible values for which are defined and controlled in the Data Item Catalogue.
Data Item Catalogue	means the catalogue described as such in the Data Specification.
Data Specification	means the document of that name forming part of the Technical Specification.
Market Message	means a structured communication sent between two Market Participants in the form and with the content required (and as otherwise specified) by the Data Specification.
Market Message Catalogue	means the catalogue described as such in the Data Specification.
Metering Equipment	means: (a) in relation to gas, all the components of a meter installation and ancillary equipment, as defined in IGEM/G/1 edition 2; or (b) in relation to electricity, means the equipment associated with a particular meter, including the meter itself and any related Current Transformer (CT) and/or Voltage Transformer (VT), communication and/or control equipment, as may be further defined in the BSC.