

## Addendum to Retail Energy Code v3.0 consultation: Consequential changes to BSC, UNC, IGT UNC, DCUSA and SEC<sup>1</sup>

### About this document

This document is an explanatory note accompanying the draft consequential changes to the BSC, UNC, IGT UNC, DCUSA and SEC as a result of the Switching Programme Significant Code Review (SCR). We welcome comments on the accuracy, clarity and adequacy of the drafting of the consequential changes to these codes by 30 July 2021, which is the same as the closure date for the REC v3.0 consultation.

### Context and related publications

On 31 March 2021 Ofgem published the complete drafting for v3.0 of the Retail Energy Code (REC), which is scheduled to go live at the same time as the new switching arrangements and Central Switching Service (CSS), expected to be in mid-2022.

[The REC v3.0 has been published for consultation](#)<sup>2</sup>, with responses welcomed from all interested parties until 30 July 2021.

In that consultation Ofgem explained that publication of the consequential changes to other codes would be deferred to allow further time to develop the changes and ensure they reflect other industry changes that are happening alongside the Switching Programme. Publication of the draft consequential changes now also means that any parties who feel that they need to see the consequential change drafting in order to be able to properly respond to the REC v3.0 consultation will be able to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> Balancing and Settlement Code, Uniform Network Code, Independent Gas Transporters Uniform Network Code, Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement, and Smart Energy Code.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/switching-programme-significant-code-review-retail-energy-code-v30>

## **Consequential changes to other codes**

Below we have summarised the changes required to each of the codes impacted by the introduction of the CSS and REC v3.0. The drafting is available to download in a .zip file for each code, with the exception of the IGT UNC which has been published as a single document.

### **Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)**

The proposed changes to the BSC are intended to reflect the new switching processes and terminology in the REC. The drafting published here was prepared in March 2020 and is therefore redlined against a 2020 baseline of the BSC, so will not reflect more recent changes to the BSC. Note that BSCP603 is a new BSC Procedure, and as such contains no redlining. The BSC redlining will be updated in autumn 2021 ahead of the Switching SCR modifications being raised. If there are recent changes to the BSC that respondents consider will need to be amended to reflect the new switching arrangements, we would welcome those being brought to our attention. We also note that work is ongoing to ensure the BSC governance arrangements are suitable for governance of SMRS once the MPAS provisions are removed from the REC (which is planned as part of the Switching SCR).

### **Uniform Network Code (UNC)**

The proposed legal text changes to the UNC are intended to reflect the new switching processes and terminology in the REC. The drafting is contained in a series of documents which show changes against the version of the UNC available on 28 February 2021. There is also a separate explanatory note summarising the UNC changes.

### **Independent Gas Transporters Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC)**

The proposed changes to the IGT UNC are intended to reflect the new switching processes and terminology in the REC. There is a dependency between the UNC and IGT UNC drafting, and the IGT UNC drafting will be subject to further review and development in light of any further changes to the UNC drafting, ahead of Ofgem submitting the Switching Programme SCR modification proposals.

## **Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)**

The proposed changes to DCUSA are intended to reflect the new switching processes and terminology in the REC. The changes to DCUSA as drafted will replace references to MPAS<sup>3</sup> with reference to the Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS) or Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS), or in some cases both, in line with Ofgem's previous decision<sup>4</sup> to split the code provisions relating to functions of MPAS across the REC and BSC. This would align the DCUSA with the wider codes framework. However, the Electricity Distribution standard licence conditions will continue to refer to MPAS, so an alternative approach would be to retain the references to MPAS in DCUSA. This may result in simpler drafting for DCUSA, but in our view risks reducing clarity on how the obligations in DCUSA link with obligations and services provided under the REC and BSC. We welcome views on these options for the DCUSA drafting.

## **Smart Energy Code (SEC)**

The proposed changes to the SEC are intended to reflect the new switching processes and terminology in the REC. The changes have also been drafted to take account of the proposal for Enduring Change of Supply (ECoS) relating to smart meters, and to remove some historic obligations on DCC<sup>5</sup> relating to producing documentation for the Switching Programme, as these are covered in the REC Transition Schedule and not required in the SEC.

## **Next steps**

We welcome comments on the accuracy, clarity and adequacy of the drafting of the consequential changes to these codes by 30 July 2021, which is the same as the closure date for the REC v3.0 consultation.

Non-confidential responses regarding the consequential changes to each code will be published on the Ofgem website and shared with the code administrator of the respective code – please see paragraphs 1.22 to 1.26 of the REC v3.0<sup>6</sup> consultation for further information. In relation

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<sup>3</sup> Meter Point Administration Service

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/retail-code-consolidation-scr-launch-statement>

<sup>5</sup> The Data Communications Company

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/switching-programme-significant-code-review-retail-energy-code-v30>

to personal data within responses, please refer to Appendix 2 of the REC v3.0 consultation for our full privacy statement, which also applies in respect of personal data within responses on the draft consequential changes.

Please send all comments and responses to [Switching.Programme@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Switching.Programme@ofgem.gov.uk) by 30 July 2021.