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# Capacity Market Rules change proposal CP391: Enabling the use of Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement systems for the Supplier Metering Solution Configuration

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This document follows on from our Statutory Consultation on Capacity Market Rule change proposal CP391, published on 04 December 2025. We set out our decisions regarding the implementation of this Capacity Market Rules change proposal.

We are progressing the following changes, with minor clarifications but no substantive alterations:

- Introduction of definitions for Advanced Data Service, Market-wide Data Service, Settlement, and UTC Period Level Consumption
- Updates to the definition of Supplier Settlement Metering Configuration Solution to reflect Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement data flows
- Amendments to Schedule 6 to recognise the role of the Advanced Data Service in holding Meter Technical Details

These changes will take effect from July 2026, ahead of the next Capacity Market delivery milestones.

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## **1. Introduction**

### **Section summary**

In this section, we describe the legislation underpinning the Capacity Market Rule Change process, the role of the Capacity Market Advisory Group and the decisions which are included in the document.

## **Context and related publications**

### **Background to this Decision Letter**

- 1.1 The Capacity Market is governed by primary legislation (the Energy Act 2013) and secondary legislation through a combination of the Electricity Capacity Regulations (the Regulations) and the Capacity Market Rules (the Rules). The Rules provide the detail for implementing much of the Capacity Market operating framework, set out in the Regulations. Ofgem, on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, shares responsibility for the Rules with the Secretary of State and we are granted the power to amend, add to, revoke or substitute Rules under Regulation 77.

### **Capacity Market change proposals we are deciding on**

- 1.2 On 04 December 2025, we published a statutory consultation on Capacity Market Rule change proposal CP391. Our consultation document included a description of the change proposal, the policy background, the proposed solution, its implications, and our minded-to position. The consultation was accompanied by the suggested changes to the legal text in Appendix 1.

This document sets out our decisions for this change proposal:

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- 1.3 We have provided the background for this change proposal, including our original minded-to position. We have also summarised the responses we received from stakeholders on each question, given our position on those responses, and highlighted any changes to the proposed Rule amendments based on that feedback. Finally, we provide our decision on the change proposal.

- 1.4 We have also included the suggested changes to the legal text for this change proposal in Appendix 1, which reflects the amendments consulted on, including updates to definitions and metering-related provisions. In addition, Appendix 2

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provides information on submitting Capacity Market Rule change proposals to the Capacity Market Advisory Group (CMAG), consistent with the process set out in the consultation.

- 1.5 Within this document, any capitalised terms have the same meaning as those given in the Capacity Market Rules or the Electricity Capacity Regulations

## **Decision-making stages**

- 1.6 We consulted on Capacity Market change proposals CP391 through a statutory consultation which we published on the Ofgem website on 04 December 2025. It can be accessed here: [Enabling the use of Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Systems in the Capacity Market | Ofgem](#)

Stage 1 — Consultation open: 04 December 2025

Stage 2 — Consultation closes: 13 January 2026

Stage 3 — Responses reviewed and published: February 2026

Stage 4 — Consultation outcome (decision or policy statement): July 2026

## **2. CP391: Enabling the use of Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement systems for the Supplier Metering Solution Configuration**

### **Section summary**

In this section we outline the intent of CP391, which proposes updates to the Capacity Market Rules to align metering-related definitions and processes with the systems introduced by the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Programme. We also provide our minded-to position, a summary of stakeholder feedback on the proposed amendments to definitions and metering provisions, and our final decision on this change proposal.

## **Background**

### **State of the Rules**

2.1 The Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Programme is led by Ofgem, with Elexon responsible for its delivery. Capacity Market Rules currently contain metering-related definitions and processes based on the legacy non-half-hourly settlement arrangements. These arrangements rely on Data Collectors and Data Aggregators to perform data collection, estimation, and aggregation functions. Following the introduction of the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Programme, new systems, services and data flows are now in place, including the Market-wide Data Service, the Advanced Data Service, and the Data Integration Platform. These changes mean that the current Rules no longer fully reflect the settlement processes used by Capacity Providers whose Metering Systems have transitioned to the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement arrangements.

### **Issue**

- 2.2 Under the new Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement arrangements, significant changes have been made to how metering data is collected, processed and provided, including replacement of legacy agents with new service providers and the introduction of new half-hourly data flows. From 22 October 2025, Metering Systems began transitioning to the new arrangements, with Advanced Data Services undertaking activities previously carried out by Half-Hourly Data Collectors and Data Aggregators.
- 2.3 However, the Capacity Market Rules still reference the legacy agents (Data Collectors, Data Aggregators), and processes. As Metering Systems migrate to Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement, Capacity Providers may struggle to comply

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with existing metering requirements because their data is no longer handled through the legacy systems referenced in the Rules. This misalignment may also result in the termination of existing agreements or create barriers for future Capacity Providers entering upcoming auctions.

- 2.4 This misalignment has wider implications. Accurate and timely settlement in the Capacity Market relies on a consistent treatment of metered electricity volumes across both the Capacity Market and the Balancing Mechanism. Without updates to the Rules, the data used by Settlement Body for Capacity Market settlement may not match the data used for settlement under the Balancing and Settlement Code, creating difficulties with payment accuracy and supplier forecasting.
- 2.5 In addition, some legacy settlement services and agent roles will cease shortly after migration is completed. As a result, Capacity Providers could be prevented from meeting their obligations under the Rules simply because the systems referenced no longer exist.

### **Proposed Solution**

- 2.6 The proposed solution is to amend the Capacity Market Rules to ensure alignment with the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement arrangements. This includes introducing new definitions for Advanced Data Service, Market-wide Data Service, Settlement, UTC Period Level Consumption, Supplier, and Electricity Supply Licence, all of which reflect the new systems and processes now used for metering and settlement.
- 2.7 The definition of Supplier Settlement Metering Configuration Solution would also be amended so that it refers to UTC Period Level Consumption and the Market-wide Data Service, instead of the legacy Half-Hourly Data Aggregator. These changes ensure that Metering Systems operating under Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement can continue to be used in the Capacity Market.
- 2.8 A further amendment would be made to Schedule 6 (Metering Statement) so that the Advanced Data Service is recognised as the party holding the Meter Technical Details for Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Metering Systems, replacing the legacy Half-Hourly Data Collector and Data Aggregator roles. These updates ensure that EMRS can continue to validate metering information required for settlement.

### **Minded-to Position**

- 2.9 At the point of consultation, we were minded approving this rule change. We considered that aligning the Capacity Market Rules with the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Programme would avoid unnecessary barriers for Capacity Providers, prevent potential termination of existing agreements, and ensure ongoing consistency between the data used for the Capacity Market and the Balancing Mechanism.

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2.10 We also considered that these amendments would support efficient operation and administration of the Capacity Market by ensuring the metering framework reflects the settlement systems now used across the electricity market. This alignment would facilitate accurate settlement, support system reliability, and avoid operational issues arising during and after the migration to Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement.

## **Stakeholder feedback and our response**

Q1. Do you agree that the issue set out above is valid and that the impacts are realistic? If not, please explain why.

2.11 All respondents (two) agreed that the Capacity Market Rules should be updated to reflect Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement arrangements and that the impacts described in the consultation were realistic.

Q2. Do you agree that the proposed changes to the Capacity Market Rules in Appendix 1 are the best way to solve this issue without unintended consequences? If not, please explain why and, if possible, what changes you would propose instead.

2.12 Both respondents agreed that the proposed amendments to the Capacity Market Rules represented an appropriate solution and did not identify any material unintended consequences. One stakeholder suggested that a definition for smart data services is also included in the CM Rules in addition to Advanced Data Services, which we are including in our final Rule Change.

## **Decision**

2.13 We have decided to proceed with CP391 with the following changes to the Capacity Market Rules:

- Add definitions for Advanced Data Service, Market-wide Data Service, Settlement, UTC Period Level Consumption, Supplier and Electricity Supply Licence to reflect the terminology and data structures used under the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Programme.
- Amend the definition of Supplier Settlement Metering Configuration Solution so that it refers to UTC Period Level Consumption and the Market-wide Data Service instead of legacy Half-Hourly Data Aggregators.
- Update Schedule 6 (Metering Statement) so that the Advanced Data Service is recognised as the party responsible for holding Meter Technical Details for Metering Systems operating under Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement.

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## Appendix 1

Amendment to Chapter 1

*In Rule 1.2, insert definitions as follows:*

**Advanced Data Service** has the meaning given in the BSC

**Smart Data Service** has the meaning given in the BSC.

**Smart Data Service** has the meaning given in the BSC

**Market-wide Data Service** has the meaning given in the BSC

**Settlement** has the meaning given in the BSC

**UTC Period Level Consumption** has the meaning given in the BSC

**Supplier** means a person holding an Electricity Supply Licence

**Electricity Supply Licence** means a licence for the supply of electricity granted under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended)

*In Rule 1.2, amend the definition of “Supplier Settlement Metering Configuration Solution” as follows:*

**Supplier Settlement Metering Configuration Solution** means a Supplier’s Metering System that can record UTC Period Level Consumption for use in Settlement, and for which UTC Period Level Consumption data is provided by a ~~uses supplier’s Half Hourly Metering System by using~~ Half Hourly Data Aggregator or the Market-wide Data Service.

*In Schedule 6: Metering Statement, amend (e) Data Provision (ii) as follows:*

if applicable, the contact details of the relevant Half Hourly Data Aggregators, ~~or~~ Half Hourly Data Collectors or Advanced Data Service to enable the CM Settlement Body to confirm the Metering Technical Details provided by the Capacity Provider in paragraph (c) above, match those held by the Half Hourly Data Aggregators, ~~or~~ Half Hourly Data Collectors or Advanced Data Services

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### **Send us your feedback**

We believe that consultation is at the heart of good policy development. We are keen to receive your comments about this decision. We would also like to get your answers to these questions:

- Do you have any comments about the quality of this document?
- Do you have any comments about its tone and content?
- Was it easy to read and understand? Or could it have been better written?
- Are its conclusions balanced?
- Did it make reasoned recommendations?
- Do you have any further comments?

Please send your feedback to [stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk).