

# Market Exit and Supplier of Last Resort

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Non-Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory
Gas Transporters	Mandatory
Distribution Network Operators	Mandatory
DCC	Mandatory
Metering Equipment Managers	Mandatory
Non-Party REC Service Users	Mandatory

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#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1. This <u>REC Schedule</u> sets out the process with which a <u>Party</u> or <u>Non-Party REC Service</u> <u>User</u> must comply to enable an orderly exit from this <u>Code</u>.
- 1.2. This includes:
  - (a) expulsion from this Code following an Event of Default;
  - (b) considerations for <u>Parties</u> and <u>Non-Party REC Service User</u>s seeking to exit the <u>Code</u> voluntarily; and
  - (c) management of <u>Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) Process</u> to facilitate the transfer of <u>Registration</u>s from the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> to the <u>Replacement Supplier</u>.
- 1.3. This <u>REC Schedule</u> must be read in conjunction with Clauses 16 and 17 of the <u>main</u> <u>body</u> of this <u>Code</u> which describe the instances where <u>Parties</u> may be expelled from the <u>Code</u>.

#### 2 Expulsion of Parties

- 2.1. As set out in Clause 17 of the <u>main body</u> of this <u>Code</u>, a <u>Party</u> that holds an <u>Energy</u> <u>Licence</u> that requires it to be a party to this <u>Code</u> cannot be expelled from this <u>Code</u> unless the <u>Authority</u> has approved such expulsion.
- 2.2. Where a <u>Party</u> holds an <u>Energy Licence</u> that requires it to be a party to this <u>Code</u>, the <u>REC Board</u> shall co-ordinate any proposed expulsion from this <u>Code</u> with any concurrent process under the other <u>Energy Code</u>s and/or any enforcement action by the <u>Authority</u>.
- 2.3. Subject to Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2, the <u>REC Board</u> may expel a <u>Party</u> from this <u>Code</u> by written notice to that <u>Party</u> where that <u>Party</u> is subject to an ongoing <u>Event of</u> <u>Default</u>.
- 2.4. Where notice of expulsion is served on a <u>Party</u> pursuant to Paragraph 2.3, the <u>Code</u> <u>Manager</u> shall promptly confirm the expulsion (and the effective date of expulsion) to:

(a) all the Parties;

- (b) the code managers of any other <u>Energy Code</u>s to which the expelled <u>Party</u> is or was party;
- (c) the <u>CDSP</u>, where the <u>Party</u> being expelled is a <u>Gas Supplier</u>, <u>Gas</u> <u>Transporter</u> or gas <u>Metering Equipment Manager</u>;
- (d) the <u>BSCCo and the DIP Manager</u>, where the <u>Party</u> being expelled is an <u>Electricity</u> Supplier, <u>Distribution Network Operator</u> or electricity <u>Metering Equipment</u>

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#### Manager;

- (e) the Switching Operator;
- (f) the <u>REC Service Providers</u> (if any) for which the expelled <u>Party</u> was formerly a <u>REC Service User</u>; and

(g) the Authority.

#### 3 Voluntary Exit by Parties

- 3.1. Subject to Paragraph 3.3, each <u>Party</u> shall be entitled to initiate its own withdrawal from this <u>Code</u> by giving notice in writing (known as a <u>Withdrawal Notice</u>) to the <u>Code</u> <u>Manager</u>.
- 3.2. The <u>Withdrawal Notice</u> shall specify the time and date on which the <u>Party</u> wishes to withdraw from this <u>Code</u> (known as the <u>Withdrawal Date</u>), being not less than 28 days after the date of the <u>Withdrawal Notice</u>.
- 3.3. A <u>Party</u> may not withdraw from the <u>Code</u> if, as at 17.00 hours on the day which is two
  (2) <u>Working Day</u>s prior to the <u>Withdrawal Date</u>:
  - (a) any sums accrued and payable under the <u>Code</u> remain, in whole or in part, to be paid by such <u>Party</u>, including sums in relation to <u>Dispute</u>s or <u>Performance</u> <u>Charges</u>;
  - (b) such <u>Party</u> holds an <u>Energy Licence</u> which requires it to be a <u>Party</u>;
  - (c) where such <u>Party</u> is an <u>Energy Supplier</u>, it continues to be the <u>Registered</u> <u>Supplier</u> in respect of any <u>RMP</u>s;
  - (d) where such <u>Party</u> is a <u>Distribution Network Operator</u> or <u>Gas Transporter</u>, one or more Operational <u>RMP</u>s continue to exist in respect of its network; and/or
  - (e) where such <u>Party</u> is a <u>Metering Equipment Manager</u>, it continues to be <u>Appointed</u> in respect of one or more <u>RMP</u>s.
- 3.4. Following receipt of a <u>Withdrawal Notice</u> from a <u>Party</u>, the <u>Code Manager</u> shall check that the <u>Party</u> is eligible to withdraw, as described in Paragraph 3.3. Where the <u>Party</u> is eligible to withdraw, the <u>Code Manager</u> shall accept the <u>Withdrawal Notice</u> and promptly notify the organisations listed in Paragraph 2.4 of the withdrawing <u>Party</u>'s intention to withdraw from the <u>Code</u> on the agreed <u>Withdrawal Date</u>.
- 3.5. Where the withdrawing <u>Party</u> is a <u>REC Service User</u> for one or more <u>REC Services</u>, the <u>Code Manager</u> shall notify the relevant <u>REC Service Provider</u>(s) of the withdrawing <u>Party</u>'s intention to withdraw from the <u>Code</u> on the agreed <u>Withdrawal Date</u>.

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3.5.A Where the withdrawing Party is an Electricity Supplier, Distribution Network Operator or Metering Equipment Manager, the Code Manager shall notify the DIP Manager of the withdrawing Party's intention to withdraw from the Code on the agreed Withdrawal Date.

- 3.6. Provided the requirements of Paragraph 3.3 are satisfied, with effect from the Withdrawal Date:
  - (a) the withdrawing Party shall cease to be a Party in accordance with Clause 17 of the main body of this Code; and
  - (b) the withdrawing Party shall cease to be a REC Service User for the REC Services for which it was previously a REC Service User.
- 3.7. Where the requirements of Paragraph 3.3 are not satisfied in respect of a Party, then that Party shall not withdraw from this Code, and Paragraph 3.6 shall not apply. If the Party still wishes to withdraw, it must serve another Withdrawal Notice and the requirements of paragraph 3.3 will be reassessed.
- 3.8. Where a Party withdraws from this Code in accordance with Paragraph 3.6, the Code Manager shall promptly confirm such withdrawal to the organisations listed in Paragraph 2.4.
- 4 Non-Party REC Service Users
- 4.1. REC Service Users that are also Parties shall cease to be REC Service Users in accordance with Paragraph 2 or 3.
- 4.2. Non-Party REC Service Users shall be entitled to terminate their access to the relevant REC Service by providing notification to the Code Manager in accordance with their Access Agreement.
- 4.3. The Code Manager shall ensure that any specific REC Service requirements have been met which enable the Non-Party REC Service User to withdraw, notify the relevant REC Service Provider(s) and ensure that access is withdrawn with effect from termination of the Access Agreements.
- 4.4. The decision as to whether RECCo should serve notice to terminate a Non-Party REC Service User's Access Agreement shall be a matter for the REC Board.
- 5 Supplier of Last Resort Process
- 5.1. This Paragraph 5 should be read in conjunction with the Energy Supply Licences which define the overall SoLR Process.
- 5.2. Where a Replacement Supplier is appointed in respect of premises, they shall 6

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become, from the date and time set out in the Last Resort Supply Direction:

- (a) responsible, for the supply of electricity and / or gas for the <u>RMP</u>(s) associated with those premises;
- (b) responsible for all obligations assigned to the <u>Registered Supplier</u> or its <u>Supplier</u> <u>Agents</u> as set out within the <u>Code</u>; and
- (c) liable for all charges and benefits relating to the relevant <u>RMP</u>s.
- 5.3. The <u>Replacement Supplier</u> shall provide to the <u>Code Manager</u> a plan for completing the following activities:
  - (a) completing a <u>Switch</u> for all associated <u>RMP</u>s, where this is required to enable the <u>Replacement Supplier</u> to fully onboard the impacted <u>Consumer</u>s into its <u>Systems</u> and processes, following the initial transfer of responsibilities;
  - (b) the appointment of all relevant <u>Supplier Agents</u> in accordance with the <u>Metering</u> <u>Operations Schedule</u> and <u>BSC</u>, as applicable; and
  - (c) the appointment of all relevant <u>Shippers</u> in accordance with the <u>UNC</u>, for <u>Gas</u> <u>Suppliers</u> only.
- 5.4. For gas <u>RMP</u>s, the plan described in Paragraph 5.3 shall align to the transfer rate proposed to the <u>Authority</u> prior to the <u>Last Resort Supply Direction</u> being made, where applicable.
- 5.5. The plan described in Paragraph 5.3 shall be provided to the <u>Code Manager</u> at least 5 <u>Working Days</u> prior to the commencement of the activities set out within Paragraph 5.3 and shall prioritise the transfer of <u>RMP</u>s associated with <u>Vulnerable Consumers</u>.
- 5.6. The <u>Replacement Supplier</u> shall use reasonable endeavours to complete the requirements set out in Paragraph 5.3(a) to (c) as soon as possible after it has been provided with a <u>Last Resort Supply Direction</u> by the <u>Authority</u> and in any event within 3 months of the date that the <u>Last Resort Supply Direction</u> takes effect, or later date as agreed by the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u>.
- 5.7. The <u>Code Manager</u> shall monitor each <u>Replacement Supplier</u> against the plan provided under Paragraph 5.3. Any concerns regarding the delivery of the plan shall be escalated to the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u> and / or the <u>Authority</u>.

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#### 5.8. The electricity end-to-end <u>SoLR Process</u> shall reflect the interface table below:

Ref	When	Action	From	То	Interface	Means
5.8.1	At least 12 hours	The Authority issues a	Authority	Replacement	Not defined	Email
	before the Last	Last Resort Supply		Supplier(s)		
	Resort Supply	Direction to Replacement				
	Direction becomes	Supplier(s) and informs		Code Manager;		
	effective.	relevant parties.				
				<u>BSCCo;</u>		
				DIP Manager		
				<u>SMDSP;</u>		
				DTN Service		
				Controller;		
				DNO.		
5.8.2	Following receipt of	Amend the Energy	BSCCo / DIP		Internal process	N/A
	the notification in	Company associated with	<u>Manager</u>			
	5.8.1.	the relevant Balancing				
		Mechanism Units and DIP				
		identifiers in accordance				
		with the <u>BSC</u> .				
5.8.3	Following receipt of	Amend the <u>SEC</u> party	<u>SMDSP</u>		Internal process	N/A
	the notification in	identifier associated with				
	5.8.1.	the relevant MPIDs in				
		accordance with the <u>SEC</u> .				
5.8.4	Following receipt of	Amend the Energy	DTN Service		Internal process	N/A

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	the notification in 5.8.1.	<u>Company</u> associated with the relevant <u>DTN</u> gateway in accordance with the <u>DTSA</u> .	Controller			
5.8.5	As soon as reasonably practicable, following receipt of the notification in 5.8.1.	Raise a <u>Switching Service</u> <u>Request</u> to give effect to the <u>SoLR</u> event including revocation of the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's <u>CSS</u> security credentials.	Code Manager	Switching Operator	SoLR Switching Service Request	Switching Portal
5.8.6	Following receipt of the <u>Switching Service</u> <u>Request</u> in 5.8.5 and before the <u>Replacement</u> <u>Supplier</u> effective date.	Initiate revocation of the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's <u>CSS</u> security credentials in accordance with the <u>CSS Schedule</u> and terminate access to the <u>Switching Portal</u> .	Switching Operator		Internal Process	N/A
5.8.7	As soon as reasonably practicable, following receipt of the notification in 5.8.1.	Submit request to remove the failed <u>Energy</u> <u>Supplier</u> 's access to <u>EES</u> , <u>SDES</u> , <u>GDCC</u> and <u>ETTOS</u> .	Code Manager	EES Provider; SDES Provider; GDCC Provider;	Not defined	N/A

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				ETTOS Provider		
5.8.8	Replacement Supplier effective date.	Failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's licence is revoked.	Authority		Internal process	N/A
5.8.9	At 00:00 hrs on the Replacement Supplier effective date.	Notify changed <u>Market</u> <u>Participant Role</u> and <u>Energy Company</u> association.	Code Manager	CSS Provider	Market Participant Role	CSS API
5.8.10	Following 5.8.9 where the message passes synchronous validation.	Amend <u>Market Participant</u> <u>Role</u> association to the <u>Replacement Supplier</u> .	CSS Provider		Internal Process	N/A
5.8.11	Following 5.8.10.	Notify change to <u>Market</u> <u>Participant Role</u> and <u>Energy</u> <u>Company</u> association has been made.	Code Manager	BSCCo;	Not defined	N/A
5.8.12	As soon as reasonably practicable following 5.8.1 and within 4 <u>Working Day</u> s	Send data in respect of all the <u>Metering Points</u> for which the failed <u>Energy</u> <u>Supplier</u> is Registered. Data provided shall reflect	DNO	Replacement Supplier	Method of communication agreed between the relevant <u>DNO</u> and <u>Replacement</u> <u>Supplier</u>	N/A

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		the data sent to the <u>Authority</u> pursuant to Condition 6 of the <u>Electricity Distribution</u> <u>Licence</u> s.				
5.8.13	As soon as reasonably practicable following 5.8.1.	Provide a plan to the Code Manager in line with Paragraphs 5.3 to 5.5	Replacement Supplier	Code Manager	Not defined	N/A
5.8.14	No later than 5 <u>Working Day</u> s after 5.8.14.	Initiate individual <u>Switch</u> activities to transfer each <u>Metering Point</u> to the <u>Replacement Supplier</u> 's <u>MPID</u> (s).	Replacement Supplier	CSS	In accordance with the <u>Registration</u> <u>Services Schedule</u>	N/A
5.8.15	As soon as reasonably practicable following 5.8.1, where the incumbent <u>Metering</u> <u>Equipment</u> <u>Manager</u> is not being retained.	Appoint the <u>Metering</u> <u>Equipment Manager</u> and update <u>ERDS</u> in accordance with the <u>Metering Operations</u> <u>Schedule</u>	Replacement Supplier	MEM ERDS	In accordance with the <u>Metering</u> <u>Operations</u> <u>Schedule</u>	N/A

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5.9. The gas end-to-end <u>SoLR Process</u> shall reflect the interface table below:

Ref	When	Action	From	То	Interface	Means
5.9.1	At least 12 hours before the Last Resort Supply Direction becomes effective.	The Authority issues a <u>Last</u> <u>Resort Supply Direction</u> to <u>Replacement Supplier</u> (s) and informs relevant parties.	Authority	Replacement      Supplier(s)      Code Manager;      CDSP;      SMDSP;      DTN Service      Controller.	Not defined	Email
5.9.2	Following receipt of the notification in 5.9.1.	Initiate discussions with the relevant <u>Gas Supplier</u> to facilitate activities required in accordance with the <u>UNC</u> .	<u>CDSP</u>		Internal process	N/A
5.9.3	Following receipt of the notification in 5.9.1.	Amend the <u>SEC</u> party identifier associated with the relevant <u>MPID</u> s in accordance with the <u>SEC</u> .	SMDSP		Internal process	N/A
5.9.4	As soon as reasonably practicable, following receipt of the notification in 5.9.1.	Raise a <u>Switching Service</u> <u>Request</u> to give effect to the <u>SoLR Process</u> event including revocation of the failed <u>Energy</u> <u>Supplier</u> 's <u>CSS</u> security credentials.	<u>Code</u> <u>Manager</u>	Switching Operator	SoLR Switching Service Request	Switching Portal

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5.9.5	Following receipt of the <u>Switching Service Request</u> in 5.9.4 and before the Replacement Supplier effective date.	Initiate revocation of the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's <u>CSS</u> security credentials in accordance with the <u>CSS Schedule</u> , terminate access to the <u>Switching Portal</u> and allow the <u>Replacement</u> <u>Supplier</u> to access the Energy Supplier Loss Notification and Cancellation Report for the impacted <u>MPID</u> s.	Switching Operator		Internal Process	N/A
5.9.6	As soon as reasonably practicable, following receipt of the notification in 5.9.1.	Submit request to remove the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's access to <u>GES</u> , and <u>ETTOS</u> .	<u>Code</u> <u>Manager</u>	GES Provider; ETTOS Provider	Not defined	N/A
5.9.7	Replacement Supplier effective date.	Failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> 's licence is revoked.	Authority		Internal process	N/A
5.9.8	As soon as reasonably practicable following 5.9.1 and within 4 Working Days	Send details of all <u>Data Items</u> in respect of all the <u>Supply Meter</u> <u>Points</u> in respect of which the failed <u>Energy Supplier</u> is Registered.	GES Provider	Replacement Supplier	Not defined	N/A
5.9.9	As soon as reasonably	Provide a plan to the <u>Code</u>	Replacement	Code Manager	Not defined	N/A

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	practicable following 5.9.1.	Manager in line with	Supplier			
5.9.10	No later than 5 Working	Paragraphs 5.3 to 5.5 Initiate individual Switch	Deplessment		In accordance	N/A
5.9.10		activities to transfer each	Replacement	CSS	with the	IN/A
	Days after 5.9.10.		<u>Supplier</u>			
		Metering Point to the			Registration	
		Replacement Supplier's			Services	
		MPID(s).			Schedule	
5.9.11	As soon as reasonably	Appoint the Metering	Replacement		In accordance	N/A
	practicable following 5.9.1,	Equipment Manager and	Supplier	MEM	with the	
	where the incumbent	update the <u>CDSP</u> (via the		<u> </u>	Metering	
	Metering Equipment	Shipper) in accordance with the		Shipper	Operations	
	Manager is not being	Metering Operations Schedule.			Schedule	
	retained.					
5.9.12	Following confirmation that	Update Market Participant Data	Code	CSS Provider	Market	CSS API
	all Supply Meter Points	to in accordance with the	<u>Manager</u>		Participant	
	have transferred from the	Switching Data Management			<u>Role</u>	
	failed Energy Supplier's	Schedule				
	MPID and the gas Market					
	Participant Data has been					
	updated by the <u>CDSP</u> .					
5.9.13	Following 5.9.12 where the	Update Market Participant	CSS Provider		Internal	N/A
	message passes	Data.			Process	
	synchronous validation.					
5.9.14	Following 5.9.13.	Notify change to Market	Code	CDSP	Not defined	N/A
		Participant Role and Energy	Manager			
		Company association has been				
		made.				

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#### 6 Reporting

6.1. Where the <u>Switching Operator</u> receives a request from the <u>Authority</u> to notify it of the number of <u>RMPs</u> registered to a specific <u>Energy Supplier</u>, it shall provide the Failed Supplier Report to the <u>Authority</u> within 5 hours.

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