
Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues

SCHEDULE 30

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<u>Domestic Suppliers</u>	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory for NHH Electricity ¹ and for Gas	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Gas Non- Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary	N/A
Electricity Non- Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory	Mandatory for NHH⁺	Mandatory for NHH⁺	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A
<u>Gas Transporters</u>	Mandatory	N/A	N/A	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A	N/A
<u>Distribution Network Operators</u>	Mandatory	N/A	N/A	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A	N/A
<u>DCC</u>	Mandatory	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meter Equipment Managers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A	N/A

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Non-Party REC Service Users	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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~~⁴This process is Voluntary for HH and Unmetered Supply.~~

Version Number	Implementation Date	Reason for Change
0.1	N/A	Draft agreed for June 2019 consultation
0.2	XX 2020	Draft agreed for November 2020 re-baselining
0.3	N/A	Updated draft for Spring 2021 Switching Consultation
1.0	18 July 2022	Switching SCR Modification R0041 R0045
1.1	4 November 2022	R0036
2.0	30 June 2023	R0030
MHHS v0.1	N/A	MHHS required changes: Draft for industry review
MHHS v0.2	N/A	MHHS required changes - Updated following industry consultation

Section C: Switch Meter Reading Problems

7 Description of the Problem

- 7.1. As part of a Switch, a Switch Meter Reading must be determined to ensure that the Consumer receives an accurate opening and closing bill. The Switch Meter Reading will also establish a single point at which responsibility for the consumption at the RMP transfers from the Losing Supplier to the Gaining Supplier.
- 7.2. The arrangements for obtaining gas and electricity Switch Meter Readings are detailed in the UNC/IGT UNC and BSC respectively.
- 7.3. The resolution of Switch Meter Reading problems covers the following scenarios:
- (a) the proposed Switch Meter Reading is disputed by the Consumer, Losing Supplier or Gaining Supplier (referred to as a Disputed Switch Meter Reading), and 12 months have not passed since the Supply Effective From Date (or later, where the Energy Suppliers have bilaterally agreed to follow this process);
 - (b) for a gas RMP, where an actual or estimated Switch Meter Reading has not been received from the gas Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) by the Losing Supplier (via the Shipper) within 15 Working Days of its Supply Effective Through Date, or by the Gaining Supplier within 17 Working Days of its Supply Effective From Date;
 - (c) ~~(e)~~ for an electricity RMP where supply is measured by a meter that is not a DCC Enrolled Meter~~Traditional Metering Asset~~, where a an actual~~Customer Own Read~~ or estimated Switch Meter Reading has not been received ~~from the Data Collector~~ by the Losing Supplier, ~~within 15 Working Days of its Supply Effective Through Date~~, or ~~by the~~ Gaining Supplier within ~~47~~10 Working Days of ~~its the Gaining Supplier's~~ Supply Effective From Date; or
 - (d) for an electricity RMP where supply is measured by a DCC Enrolled Meter~~Smart Metering Asset~~, where the Losing Supplier ~~or Gaining Supplier~~ has been unable to retrieve actual data from the Smart Metering Asset and has not received an actual or estimated Switch Meter Reading from the Losing Smart Data Service obtain a Meter Reading from the DCC Enrolled Meter but has not received a proposed Switch Meter Reading from the Gaining Supplier within 10 Working Days of the Gaining Supplier's Supply Effective From Date.

Commented [SJ2]: No change required to the definition of Switch Meter Reading which points to UNC and BSC. The REC assumption is that for Smart and Advanced Metering Assets this is the Cumulative Register Reading and for Traditional Metering Assets, this is the Meter Register Reading (reflects the Smart Data Service Method Statement)

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Commented [SJ4]: Differentiation removed as the gaining SDS should send this straight through to the Losing SDS and then onto the Gaining Supplier within 5WD as per business process diagram (BP03C). Allowed up to 10WDs to allow processing time and minimise erroneous claims being raised.

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7.4. For electricity Metering Points only, in the event that the Gaining Supplier requires Meter Register Readings for Smart Metering Assets, they may use the last Register Reading (J0040) provided via the Notification of Losing Supplier Information (D0311) Market Message. Where this data is not available, the Register Readings should be requested from the Losing Supplier via the SDEP.

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8 Resolution Outcomes

8.1. In addition to the relevant requirements in Paragraph 2, the resolution of [Switch Meter Reading](#) problems needs to deliver the following minimum outcomes to be considered complete:

- (a) the [Gaining Supplier](#) and [Losing Supplier](#) have respectively opened and closed the [Consumer's](#) account details on the same [Switch Meter Reading](#) (or agreed otherwise);
- (b) where appropriate, the [Consumer](#) has been sent amended opening and / or closing bills covering the full disputed period. Consumer billing should be corrected for the full period of erroneous data, regardless of whether an equivalent correction is applied within settlements; and
- (c) both the [Gaining Supplier](#) and [Losing Supplier](#) have received a [Switch Meter Reading](#)⁴ in accordance with the [UNC](#) / [IGT UNC](#) or [BSC](#) (as applicable). In the case of Gas Suppliers, the Switch Meter Reading will be received via the Shipper. In the case of an electricity Switch Meter Reading that has been subject to final reconciliation in settlement, the Gaining Supplier and Losing Supplier shall meet the outcomes in 8.1(a) and 8.1(b) regardless of whether the Switch Meter Reading is capable of amendment with their Data Service.

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~~⁴In the case of Gas Suppliers, the Switch Meter Reading will be received via the Shipper.~~

9 Resolution Process

9.1. The procedure in this Section C shall only be initiated where one of the scenarios described in Paragraph 7.3 applies. The procedure in this Section C shall not be used in relation to a [RMP](#) where an [Erroneous Switch](#) is in progress.

9.2. Where the requirements of Paragraph 9.1 are met, the [Energy Supplier](#) may initiate the procedure in this [REC Schedule](#) with the objective to:

- (a) agree a [Switch Meter Reading](#) where no actual or estimated [Switch Meter Reading](#) has been obtained; or
- (b) agree an alternative [Switch Meter Reading](#) where the original [Switch Meter Reading](#) is being disputed.

9.3. Where the [Consumer](#) is disputing the [Switch Meter Reading](#), the [Energy Supplier](#) shall endeavour to reach an agreement with the [Consumer](#) without invoking this disputes process.

9.4. The [Energy Supplier](#) contacted by the [Consumer](#) shall consider the specific circumstances as detailed below:

- (a) where the difference between the [Energy Supplier](#)'s view of consumption and that derived from the initial [Switch Meter Reading](#) is 1,200 kWh or less for a gas [RMP](#) or 250 kWh or less for an electricity [RMP](#), then the [Energy Supplier](#) shall not dispute the [Switch Meter Reading](#) unless the [Consumer](#) specifically requests a new [Switch Meter Reading](#), but shall instead attempt to resolve the dispute with an accommodation (e.g. cash allowance to the [Consumer](#)), thus retaining the initial proposed [Switch Meter Reading](#), so that no further action is then required; or
- (b) where the [Consumer](#) is unwilling to accept an accommodation, or the difference between the [Energy Supplier](#)'s view of consumption and that derived from the [Switch Meter Reading](#) is more than 1,200 kWh for a gas [RMP](#) or more than 250 kWh for an electricity [RMP](#), then the [Energy Supplier](#) shall initiate a dispute.

9.5. The [Consumer](#) is not obliged to provide information on the identity of either their [Gaining Supplier](#) or [Losing Supplier](#). Therefore, the [Initiating Supplier](#) shall use the [Enquiry Services](#) to establish the identity of the [Associated Supplier](#).

9.6. For gas Supply Meter Points, each ~~Energy Supplier~~Gas Supplier shall ensure they use the active settlement registers of the meter as part of the procedure for resolving missing [Switch Meter Reading](#)s under this Section C.

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9.6A For electricity Metering Points, each Electricity Supplier shall ensure they use the total cumulative settlement registers of the meter for Smart Metering Assets and the active settlement registers of the meter for Traditional Metering Assets, as part of the procedure for resolving missing Switch Meter Readings under this Section C.

~~9-6-9.7.~~ If two or more [Energy Suppliers](#) have sent an [Initial Request](#) in relation to the same problem under this Section C (referred to as a [Dual Initiation](#)), then the [Gaining Supplier's Initial Request](#) shall take precedence (and it will take on the role of the [Initiating Supplier](#)).

~~9-7-9.8.~~ When responding to the [Initial Request](#), the [Associated Supplier](#) shall consider the specific circumstances and determine whether a more suitable [Switch Meter Reading](#) is available. The [Associated Supplier](#) shall either accept the proposed read, negotiate the outcome by proposing a more suitable reading, or request an [Actual Meter Reading](#). Where an alternative read is provided justification should be provided.

~~9-8-9.9.~~ Following agreement of the [Switch Meter Reading](#):

(a) for a gas [RMP](#), the [Gaining Supplier](#) shall submit the agreed [Switch Meter Reading](#) to the gas [CDSP](#), via its [Shipper](#), in accordance with the [UNC](#) / [IGT UNC](#); or

~~(b) for an electricity [RMP](#), where supply is measured by a meter that is not a [DCC Enrolled Meter](#), the [Gaining Supplier](#) shall submit the agreed [Switch Meter Reading](#) to its [Data Collector](#), in accordance with the [BSC](#); or~~

~~(be) for an electricity [RMP](#), where supply is measured by a meter that is a [DCC Enrolled Meter](#), both the [Gaining Supplier](#) and [Losing Supplier](#) shall submit the agreed [Switch Meter Reading](#) to their respective [Data Collector's Data Services](#) in accordance with the [BSC](#). [Suppliers shall correct Consumer billing to reflect the agreed \[Switch Meter Reading\]\(#\) even if it is not possible to amend the data in settlement.](#)~~

~~9-9-9.10.~~ If the [Switch Meter Reading](#) submitted under Paragraph 9.9 is not accepted under the [UNC](#) / [IGT UNC](#) or [BSC](#) (as applicable), then the [Energy Suppliers](#) may either initiate the process described in Paragraph 3 or agree between themselves that the agreed [Switch Meter Reading](#) shall be used only for the purposes of [Consumer](#) billing.

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~~9.10-9.11.~~ The interface table below sets out the process and maximum timelines for resolving [Switch Meter Reading](#) problems.

Ref	When	Action	From	To	Interface	Means
9.11.1	<p>Within 5 WDs of either:</p> <p>(a) a Switch Meter Reading being disputed; or</p> <p>(b) a Switch Meter Reading not being obtained.</p>	<p>Send an Initial Request to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agree a Switch Meter Reading where no actual or estimated Switch Meter Reading has been obtained; or agree an alternative Switch Meter Reading where the original Switch Meter Reading is being disputed. 	Initiating Supplier	Associated Supplier	<p>For Gas RMP(s)</p> <p>SAR Flow (Initial Request)</p> <p>For Electricity RMP(s)</p> <p>D0300 Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier⁵</p>	DTN
9.11.2	Following 9.11.1	Determine whether to agree the proposed read (if a proposed read was provided).	Associated Supplier		Internal process	N/A
9.11.3	Within 5 WDs of 9.11.1; where the Associated Supplier	Provide a response accepting the proposed read and progress to 9.11.12.	Associated Supplier	Initiating Supplier	<p>For Gas RMP(s)</p> <p>SAR</p>	DTN

	agrees the proposed read.				Flow (Switch Meter Reading Acceptance) For Electricity RMP(s) <u>D0300</u> Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier ⁶	
9.11.4	Within 5 <u>WDs</u> of 9.11.1; where the <u>Associated Supplier</u> does not agree the proposed read or no proposed read was sent.	Provide a response to the initial request either: a) proposing a proposed read and progressing to 9.11.5 (where a proposed read was not included in the initial request); b) proposing an alternative read and progressing to 9.11.5; or c) indicating that there is no alternative read available (progress to 9.11.9).	<u>Associated Supplier</u>	<u>Initiating Supplier</u>	For Gas RMP(s) SAR Flow (Initial Response) For Electricity RMP(s) <u>D0300</u> Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier ⁷	<u>DTN</u>

9.11.5	Following 9.11.4; where the Associated Supplier provided a proposed or alternative read.	Determine whether to agree the proposed or alternative read.	Initiating Supplier		Internal process	N/A
9.11.6	Within 5 WDs of 9.11.4; where the Initiating Supplier agrees the proposed or alternative read.	Provide a response accepting the proposed or alternative read and progress to 9.11.12.	Initiating Supplier	Associated Supplier	For Gas RMP(s) SAR Flow (Switch Meter Read Acceptance) For Electricity RMP(s) D0300 Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier ⁸	DTN
9.11.7	Within 5 WDs of 9.11.4; where the Initiating Supplier does not agree the proposed or alternative read.	Contact the Associated Supplier to agree the Switch Meter Reading by telephone.	Initiating Supplier	Associated Supplier	Agreed Switch Meter Reading	Telephone
9.11.8	Within 5 WDs of 9.11.7; where a	Provide a response accepting the read agreed by telephone	Initiating Supplier	Associated Supplier	For Gas RMP(s)	DTN

	Switch Meter Reading is agreed by telephone.	and progress to 9.11.12.			SAR Flow (Telephone Read Acceptance) For Electricity RMP(s) D0300 Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier ⁹	
9.11.9	Where the Initiating Supplier , Associated Supplier and Consumer cannot agree a mutually acceptable Switch Meter Reading , or no alternative Switch Meter Reading is available.	Ask the Consumer to provide a Customer Own Read (if the Consumer has not already done so), instruct the meter reading agent Meter Reading Service to obtain an Actual Meter Reading within 10 Working Days , or obtain a meter reading directly from the Smart Metering System .	Gaining Supplier	Consumer ; or Meter Reading Agent Service	Customer Own Read request, or Actual Meter Reading request explicitly stating that the Meter Reading is required to settle a Switch Meter Reading dispute	Not Defined
9.11.10	Within 10 WDs of 9.11.9; where the Gaining Supplier has obtained an Actual Meter Reading or a	Contact the Losing Supplier to agree the Switch Meter Reading by telephone.	Gaining Supplier	Losing Supplier	Agreed Switch Meter Reading	Telephone

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	Customer Own Read.					
9.11.11	Following 9.11.10; where a Switch Meter Reading is agreed by telephone.	Provide a response accepting the read agreed by telephone and progress to 9.11.12.	Initiating Supplier	Associated Supplier	For Gas RMP(s) SAR Flow (Telephone Read Acceptance) For Electricity RMP(s) D0300 Disputed Readings or Missing Readings on Change of Supplier ¹⁰	DTN
9.11.12	At any time, where the Initiating or Associated Supplier has accepted a proposed or alternative Switch Meter Reading via the data flows outlined in this table.	Submit the agreed Switch Meter Reading .	Gaining Supplier ; and Losing Supplier , where applicable	Shipper; Electricity Collector or Data Service	In accordance with the BSC and UNC / IGT UNC	N/A
9.11.13	For gas only, following 9.11.12 if	Request replacement of the Meter Reading(s) that are	Gaining Supplier	Losing Supplier	Gas Replacement	SDES

	the agreed Switch Meter Reading is not accepted by the gas CDSP .	preventing the agreed Switch Metering Reading from being accepted.			Readings	
9.11.14	For gas only, where 9.11.13 applies and within 5 WDs .	Submit the replacement Meter Reading(s).	Losing Supplier	Shipper	In accordance with the UNC/IGT UNC	N/A

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