

MRA Issue Form



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MRA Issue Reference	Date Issued	Version Number
MIF 329	31 st July 2020	1.0

Issue Title
Removal of eight redundant DTC flows

Summary of Issue
Eight DTC data flows have been identified that appear to be redundant. It is therefore proposed to remove these DTC data flows to avoid any confusion that the flows may create.

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Associated Documents

Association	Reference
Attachments/Appendices	None
Related Issue(s)	
Related SPF(s)	
Related Change(s)	DTC CP 3539 – Amendment to D0169 Flow DTC CP 3540 – Amendment to the D0168 Data Flow DTC CP 3572 – Remove Redundant Prepayment Flows

Impacts

Urgent Issue?	No
Priority Provisions Impact?	No
Priority Provisions Clauses	

Green Deal Matter:	No
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Roles Impacted	
Supplier	Yes
Distribution Business	No
Settlement	No
Other: (E.g. MOPs)	Meter Operators

Central Systems Impacted	
ECOES	No
GDCC	No

Codes and Products Impacted
Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC)

Issue Details

Description of issue			
<p>During the Marketwide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) activity we have reviewed Data Flows to/from the Meter Operator. This review has identified some unfamiliar flows.</p> <p>As part of the further investigation ElectraLink provided counts of Data Flows sent by any participant across the Data Transfer Network (DTN) during January 2020 which indicates that these Data Flows are not being used very often any more. These single figures are probably just 'noise'.</p> <p>It is assumed that stakeholders do not have business processes generating these Data Flows, or recipients do not have systems to process received Data Flows.</p> <p>These are all MRA owned flows and the business purposes for their existence is not evident.</p> <p>Data flow D0179 Confirmation of Energisation/De-Energisation of Prepayment Meter (Distributor >Supplier and MOP > Supplier) has had 68 sends. This is therefore being used, although BSCP514 says that the MOP must always send a D0139 to the NHHDC. This could be another candidate for removal subject to IREG comment.</p>			
Data Flow	Name	Number sent	To/From
D0168	Request for Additional/New MPAN Core(s)	6	MOP > Supplier
D0169	Allocation of New/Additional MPAN Core(s)	1	Supplier > MOP
D0176	Request Tariff/Debt Change on Token Meter	2	Supplier > MOP
D0178	Confirmation of Token Meter Installation	1	MOP > Supplier
D0180	Request to Energise/De-Energise/Shut Down Prepayment Meter	1	Supplier > MOP
D0191	Request Special Visit to Read/Reset Key Meter	1	Supplier > MOP
D0202	Readings and Settings from a Removed Smart Card Meter	4	MOP > Supplier
D0216	Request Installation of Token Meter	1	Supplier > MOP

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Impact of issue
<p>As part of good housing keeping redundant material should be removed from all governance documents. IREG initiated a review and removal of old and erroneous MRA Agreed Procedures (MAPs) some years ago. This is in alignment with Ofgem's desire to ensure that the industry documentation fit for purpose – it's current purpose - not that of 20 years ago!</p> <p>The removal of these <i>apparently</i> unused flows from the DTC would simplify the DTC and remove any potential ambiguity by providing clarity for all stakeholders. This is particularly important for new entrant Meter Operators and Suppliers who look at the DTC and have to somehow determine whether these flows of any relevance. Removal now also allows the MHHS design to ignore these Data Flows.</p> <p>The information from Electralink indicates these flows are not being used routinely. However, the use of the Data Flows may be happening within stakeholders' own environments or bi-laterally which is not evident over the DTN. A formal DTC CP will reveal any stakeholder impact not apparent at this stage during the impact assessment period.</p> <p>Removing unused Data Flows from the DTC is not expected to impact participants as they will already have no systems using or generating these flows. Removal will remove the opportunity for erroneous Data Flows to be sent or received or having to be considered on receipt.</p>

Potential Solution(s) (optional)

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<p>Subject to feedback from IREG it is proposed to raise a DTC CP to remove these Data Flows from the DTC. The CP would also remove any Data Items which are only utilised in these flows.</p> <p>Flows D0180, D0194 and D0216 are referenced in BSCP514 Appendix 9.2 has the following text “the following data flows may be used in place of the flows...” as an alternative to the Data Flows in the rest of the BSCP. In the absence of using these Data Flows the D0142 (Request for Installation or Change to a Metering System Functionality or the Removal of All Meters) and D0134 (Request to Change Energisation Status) are used. As a result a corresponding BSC CP may be required to remove these entries from the table.</p>

Proposed Implementation Date	Implementation Technique
ASAP	Big Bang

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