

Market Change Request

Number	Title	Priority
MCR 0172	Small Supplier Threshold	<i>Medium</i>

Date	Version	Reason For Change
7 th January 2009	1.0	Market Change Request raised containing no changes from the associated Discussion Request.

CHANGE REQUEST:		
Name of Requesting Organisation	Gemserv Ltd (Assurance Body)	
Contact name	Peter Varley & Babatunde Sodeke	
Date Change Request Raised	7th January 2009	Originating Discussion Request
		DR 0162

Detail of Discussion Request
<p>Proposed Change:</p> <p>The assurance strategy objective is to provide assurance that the Market operations will not be disrupted by the legitimate activities of market participants and the introduction of changes to the design of the Market itself. The key principle behind assurance is that it should not place an unnecessary burden on the participant, thus the assurance body has sought to balance the overhead of the assurance process against the risk posed by the participant.</p> <p>As set out in the Assurance Strategy a small supplier would be expected to pose a lower risk than a large one and the level of rigour to be applied in Retail Market Assurance is consequently lower.</p> <p>The current definition of a small supplier (as in the Assurance Strategy) is as follows: <i>A supplier with up to 200 metering points registered or up to 10MW power supplied at peak demand and intends to work within these thresholds for the foreseeable future.</i></p> <p>This threshold was set during the Market Opening Project in 2004 for the particular requirements of that period and may be viewed as somewhat over-restrictive in today's environment. It has recently been increased on a one-off basis for a particular supplier rather than subject them to further assurance and it is envisaged that this situation will recur.</p> <p>It is proposed that the term "<i>Small Supplier</i>" is redefined and based on a more flexible criterion, as follows: <i>"A Small Supplier is a Supplier who utilizes only Webforms (or directly equivalent facility) for the creation of all outgoing Market Messages."</i></p>
Reason for Discussion Request
<p>The current threshold for small suppliers is too restrictive. The fixed threshold aspect of the definition is a poor reflection of risk.</p> <p>Costs incurred in redefining the thresholds would be limited to updating three approved market documents and one presentation.</p>

Detail of Discussion Request	
Market Design Documents impacted by Request	
<p>None</p> <p>The following Assurance documents will be affected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail Market Assurance Strategy Irish Retail Electricity Market - Market Entry Assurance Irish Retail Electricity Market - Re-Qualification for Existing Participants IPT within the Assurance Process - an introduction for new entrants 	
Date of IGG where discussed	<i>30th October 2008</i>
Change Request xref (if applicable)	<i>N/A</i>

PART 2 MARKET ASSURANCE:				
Applicability				
ESB Networks	Suppliers	TSO	SSA	Generators
Scope of Test				
Connectivity	DTT	MSA	IPT	Other
			No. Of Scenarios	

PART 3 RESPONSES AND MODIFICATIONS:
Collation of Impact Assessment (<i>from Form C</i>)
<i>Not Applicable</i>
Modifications Included
<i>Not Applicable</i>
Reason for Modifications
<i>Not Applicable</i>

PART 4 ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION:
Part 4(a) ASSESSMENT
Summary of Impact Assessment

Recommendation on Implementation Plan

Part 4(b) RECOMMENDATION			
ACCEPTANCE	REJECTION	NO RECOMMENDATION	COMMENT
Reason for Recommendation			
Date of Recommendation			

Appendix 1

Existing MP Extranet Fields:

MPRN Number
Customer Name – only for sites where the DUoS Group is not DG1 or DG2
Meter Point Address
Meter Point Status
Registration Status
Connection Agreement
Trading Site Flag
DUoS Group
MIC
Connection Voltage
Customer Attribute
Metering Class
Metering Configuration Code
Eligibility for QH Metering
Meter Location
Last Actual Read Date
Read Cycle Day
Next Read Date

Meter Category
Serial Number
Date Meter Installed
Meter Register Sequence
Timeslot
Reg Type
Pre Decimal digits
Post Decimal digits