

DIP CR Initial Assessment Report

DCR0002 ‘Change to Non-Functional Requirements for Distributors’

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About This Document

You can find the definitions of the terms and acronyms used in this document in the [DIP Glossary](#)¹.

This document provides information on a new Data Integration Platform (DIP) Change Request (CR). It summarises the DIP Manager’s initial assessment, including whether the change should be progressed and the proposed progression timetable for this change.

There are three parts to this document:

- This is the main document. It provides a summary of the solution, impacts, anticipated costs, and proposed implementation approach, as well as our proposed progression approach for this DIP CR.
- [Attachment A](#) contains the proposed redlined changes to deliver the DIP CR solution.



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¹ <https://bscdocs.elxon.co.uk/data-integration-platform/dsd007-dip-glossary>



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- Have 5 minutes? Read section 1
- Have 15 minutes? Read sections 1, and 5
- Have 30 minutes? Read all sections
- Have longer? Read all sections and the annexes and attachments

Background and Issue

This DIP CR proposes to update the DIP Rules to align with the changes made to the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme design following the approval of MHHS Programme Change Request CR054 'Change to Non-Functional Requirements (NFRs) for LDSOs'. CR054 related to several requirements for Registration Services, Unmetered Supplier Operators (UMSOs), and Distribution Network Operators (DNOs). Following CR054, an update to the DIP Rules is required to avoid confusion and unnecessary testing costs for DIP Users.

Solution

This DIP CR proposes amendments to DSD002 Annex 2 'Detailed DIP Operational Requirements' to detail the asynchronous response time requirements for DIP User systems, BSC Systems, and Registration Services, UMSOs and DNOs.

Impacts and costs

Roles performing NFR checks should take note of this change. However, DCR0002 will not impact DIP Users as it simply seeks to align the DIP Rules with the MHHS Design. There are no new obligations created and therefore no actual impact to parties. This DIP CR will amend DSD002 Annex 2 only. There are no impacts to the DIP system or DIP arrangements.

Cost Estimates			
Organisation	Implementation (£)	On-going (£)	Impacts
DIP Manager	<1k	N/A	Updates to one DSD
Industry	N/A	N/A	No new requirements for DIP Users
Total	<1k	0	-

DIP CR Progression

This DIP CR will be progressed as a Tier Two DIP CR, as there are no material impacts. There is no need for further assessment, as the solution is fully formed, and industry impact assessment has been done as part of CR054.

DIP Manager initially recommends an Implementation Date of **8 April 2025**. This would align with an existing Non-Standard BSC Release, which would provide cost and time savings for Exelon.

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2. Background and Issue

What is the issue?

MHHS Programme Change Request CR054 'Change to Non-Functional Requirements for LDSOs' proposed to amend several NFRs within the MHHS design. The MHHS Change Request was approved under MHHS Programme Governance, and the MHHS design was amended, necessitating this DIP CR to update the DIP Rules to align.

Background

Non-Functional Requirements (NFRs) are criteria that relate to how a system behaves rather than being directly related to its functionality. These system attributes indicate how well the system functions, such as measures of security, reliability, and usability.

During various Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme workshops and sessions it was acknowledged that some of the NFRs developed as part of the MHHS design were incorrect. For example, the NFRs referred to 'all services', despite different services requiring different volumetrics. Any DIP User system must require a lower volumetric to be tested than the DIP itself, as the DIP would be processing the totality of DIP User messages.

CR054 was raised to address the NFR issues for LDSOs. Specifically, it sought make changes to the following [MHHS E2E Non-Function Requirements](#):

- E2E1004 'Message Throughput':
 - Amended to exclude PUB-13, PUB-014, PUB-021, REP002, REP002A, REP900, REP901 where used in Distribution Use of System (DUoS) Billing by LDSOs;
 - Amended to apply the participant's portfolio coefficient (based on the size of the services MPAN portfolio divided by the total number of MPANS, i.e. the percentage of the total number of MPANS);
- E2E1005 'Message Throughput (Secure Active)':
 - Amended to update the reduce the required processing capacity;
 - Amended to remove reference to annual volumes;
- E2E1007 'Message Throughput (Transition)':
 - Removed as it has been superseded by E2E1011;
- E2E1009 'Level 4 Processing Times (Asynchronous)':
 - Amended to exclude PUB-13, PUB-014, PUB-021, REP002, REP002A, REP900, REP901 where used in Distribution Use of System (DUoS) Billing by LDSOs
- E2E1011 'Message Throughput (Migration)':
 - Amended to reference the Migration Thresholds Document (DEL1648). Which defines the maximum Migration volumes (and the resulting DIP message volumes) for each LDSOs Registration Service.

Desired outcomes

This DIP CR aims to align the DIP Rules with the MHHS design to avoid confusion and unnecessary testing costs for DIP Users.

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3. Solution

Proposed solution

This DIP CR proposes changes to DSD002 Annex 2 to align with the changes to the MHHS design that were approved as part of CR054. Some of the CR054 updates relate to transition requirements that are not required within the DIP Rules. Additionally, a number of the CR054 changes relate to the requirements that were missing from the DIP Rules, so those changes were made as part of DCR0001.

The amendments included as part of this DIP CR are:

- The addition of a new paragraph (11.4.2) detailing the asynchronous response time requirements for DIP User systems;
- The addition of a new paragraph specifying the asynchronous response time requirements for BSC Systems connected to the DIP; and
- The addition of a new paragraph specifying the asynchronous response time requirements for Registration Services, UMSOs and DNOs.

Proposer's rationale

The NFRs as agreed upon in the MHHS Design Artefacts should be reflected in the DIP Rules to avoid confusion and unnecessary testing costs for DIP Users.

Proposed redlining

The proposed redlining for DSD002 Annex 2 can be found in Attachment A.

4. Impacts and Costs

DIP User impacts

The DIP CR will not impact DIP Users as it simply seeks to align the DIP Rules with the MHHS Design, there are no new obligations created and therefore no actual impact to parties.

DIP impacts

This DIP CR will amend DSD002 Annex 2 only. There are no impacts to the DIP system or DIP arrangements.

Impact on DIP Rules	
DIP Document	Impact
DSD002 A2 'Detailed DIP Operational Requirements'	Amended as per Attachment A

DIP Manager impacts

There are no anticipated impacts to the DIP Manager.

Industry Code impacts

There are no anticipated impacts to other Industry Codes or any changes to Industry Codes that are in progress.

DIP CR Cost estimation

As DCR0002 intends to align the DIP Rules with the updated NFRs that have been available to MHHS Programme Participants via the MHHS Design Artefacts, and should have already been built to, there are no expected costs to industry. The only cost will be for the DIP Manager, associated with the DSD update.

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Applicable DIP Objectives

The DIP Manager believes that this DIP CR will have the following impacts on the Applicable DIP Objectives:

Impacts to Applicable DIP Objectives		
Applicable DIP Objective	Impact	Rationale
(a) Provide accurate and timely support for the sharing of applicable market data.	Positive	Ensuring the DIP Rules are accurate ensures they support sharing of applicable market data in a timely manner by ensuring all DIP users are operating to the same specification.
(b) Further consumer interests through the appropriately governed sharing of data.	Positive	Updating these NFRs will ensure that the governance around the sharing of data (the DIP Rules) is appropriate.
(c) Facilitate competitive change and innovation through the efficient and economic delivery of reliable and adaptable services.	Neutral	-

5. DIP CR Progression



DIP CR Materiality Criteria?

The criteria for a DIP CR to be considered as material, and therefore a Tier One DIP CR, includes:

- an implementation cost greater than £500,000 for the DIP Manager and/or £250,000 for DIP Users
- placing new obligations on DIP Users and/or the DIP Manager that will require a change to the DIP User's business operating model
- an Implementation Date more than 24 months after the date on which the decision is made.

Change Tier

The DIP Manager believes that DCR0001 has no material impact and should therefore be considered a Tier Two DIP CR.

Further Assessment

The DIP Manager believes that this DIP CR can be progressed without the need for a Workgroup or industry consultation. This is because the changes are being made following CR054, which was progressed under Programme governance which included industry consultation. There is no need for further assessment, as the solution is fully developed.

Progression Timeline

This DIP CR must be implemented prior to M10, but there is benefit to the DIP Rules being correct and aligned to the MHHS Design Artefacts as soon as possible. This timeline would allow for the change to be discussed at the DIP Change and Advisory Board prior to DIP Manager decision.

Progression Timetable	
Event	Date
Initial Assessment published	28 February 2025
Final Assessment published	6 March 2025
DIP CR presented for decision	13 March 2025
Decision published	14 March 2025
Proposed Implementation Date	8 April 2025

Implementation

DIP Manager initially recommends an Implementation Date for DCR0002 of 8 April 2025.

The proposed Implementation date would align with an existing Non-Standard BSC Release, which would provide cost and time savings for Elexon.

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