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Provision of access to data for Price Comparison Websites and Third Party Intermediaries



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Why change?



- The CMA's Energy Market investigation final report concluded that there is a requirement for PCWs/TPIs to be granted access to data pertinent to the switching process. Ofgem supports this conclusion.
- The CMA believes that this access, which will be subject to reasonable conditions, may help to reduce the number of erroneous transfers and failed switches.

Mod Summary



- **Relevant permissions will be granted to allow PCWs/TPIs access to data through amending UNC Section V**

- The amendments will include the requirement for PCWs/TPIs to enter into confidentiality agreements and commercial arrangements on terms no less onerous than those of TPD Section V5.
- Data will only be provided for the purpose of facilitating change of supplier activity, and an annual use report will be provided for transparency.

- **The data items to be provided are:**

- Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN), address including postcode, Meter Serial Number (MSN), Local Distribution Zone (LDZ) ID, meter mechanism code, meter capacity, current Supplier ID, Gas Transporter (GT) ID, Smart Meter Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) code, and Annual Quantity (AQ).

Recommended Steps



- **The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:**
 - **Subject to self-governance**
 - This modification seeks only to create the permissions for PCWs/ TPIs to access data.
 - This modification will not create the service itself.
 - We are aware that the service, once created, may have an impact on market competition; however, the permissions behind it will not.
 - **Assessed by a Workgroup**
 - We would like an agreed definition of PCWs/TPIs.
 - We wish to provide assurance that the confidentiality agreements and commercial arrangements are sufficient.