AN switch response codes

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1 Evaluate and make recommendations

1.1 The Standing Data Formats Group (SDFG) will:

   (a)   review and discuss the issues with AN switch response codes

   (b)   make recommendations to Authority staff (if any).

2 Next steps

2.1 The SDFG will discuss the issues with AN switch response codes and provide recommendations to the Authority (if any).

2.2 The Authority will review the SDFG recommendations and determine the next steps. The Authority will notify the SDFG on any decisions made.

3 Introduction

3.1 Authority staff, during the process of reviewing reconciliation participant audits, have become aware of a potential issue when the losing trader populates the switch response code in the AN file. Traders are not necessarily populating the most relevant AN switch response code, as is the intent of the Code. AN switch response codes are contained in the registry functional specification file format SD-020.

3.2 Prior to the Authority proposing any changes through the consultation process, Authority staff would like to further understand the manner in which the AN switch response codes are used. Below are a series of questions for the SDFG to consider.

4 Do traders actively use AN switch response codes?

4.1 Are traders relying on the AN switch response codes to provide information which is not available in the registry? Does this influence the timeframe in which the switch is or is not completed?

4.2 If traders are not relying on the AN switch response codes, is there any value in keeping them?

4.3 If traders are relying on the AN switch response codes, should there be a priority order?

Appendix A   Current AN switch response codes

Code	Description	Explanation of use
AA	Acknowledge and accept	Switch is accepted; there are no relevant issues.
CO	Contracted customer	Alerts that this customer has a fixed-term contract at the ICP. The current Trader may be contacting this customer, relative to a switch.
MP	Metering is pre-paid	Alerts that meter is pre-paid.
MU	Unmetered supply	Alerts supply is unmetered.
OC	Occupied premises	Advises that the existing customer has not yet advised they are moving out. The premises are occupied.
PD	Premises de-energised (disconnected)	Alerts that this site is de-energised (disconnected).
AD	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Alerts that meter is an advanced meter.