

FN-26-04 Fortnightly report 5 March 2026

This report summarises items that may be of interest to the Minister for Energy and Associate Minister for Energy but do not require a formal briefing. Further information can be provided on request. Substantive items and decision papers will be provided by briefing.

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1. Upcoming publications

Publication of two information collection notices	
Strategic outcome	Affordable
Purpose	<p>The Authority will publish two information gathering notices (under clause 2.16 of the Code) to collect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. § 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] 2. trading data on the standardised super-peak hedge contract from participants who operate an electronic trading platform. <p>We will use the information gathered to publish an § 9(2)(f)(iv) data dashboard and monitor market behaviour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • § 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] • Information from the super-peak hedge contract notice will help the Authority monitor competition in these hedge products and ensure the market continues to receive timely data. Publishing this strengthens price signals and supports investment in flexible generation and storage, which contributes to lower costs for consumers over time. The notice applies from 1 May 2026.
Action and timing	Publication: 23 March 2026 (pending Board decision)

Decision – requiring the use of half-hourly data for reconciliation	
Strategic outcome	Affordable
Purpose	<p>The Authority will publish a decision paper amending the Code so traders must provide the reconciliation manager with half-hourly volume data for customers with half-hour meters.</p> <p>Although 96% of premises can record this data, retailers currently submit it for only 46%. The amendment will close this gap.</p> <p>This will improve wholesale reconciliation, invoicing accuracy, and give consumers clearer price signals. Better data supports more efficient consumption and generation decisions, helping reduce system costs and improve affordability over time.</p>
Action and timing	Publication: 25 March 2026 (pending Board decision)

Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS): decision paper

Strategic outcome	Secure and resilient
Purpose	<p>The Authority is publishing a decision paper on a Code amendment that incorporates a new system operation document (the CACTIS) into the Code to ensure the system operator receives the information it needs.</p> <p>This will reduce the risk of unexpected power-system behaviour and outages, improving reliability for consumers.</p>
Action and timing	Publication: early April (pending Board decision)

2. Consultation: Current and future

Consultation – Improving prudential security arrangements

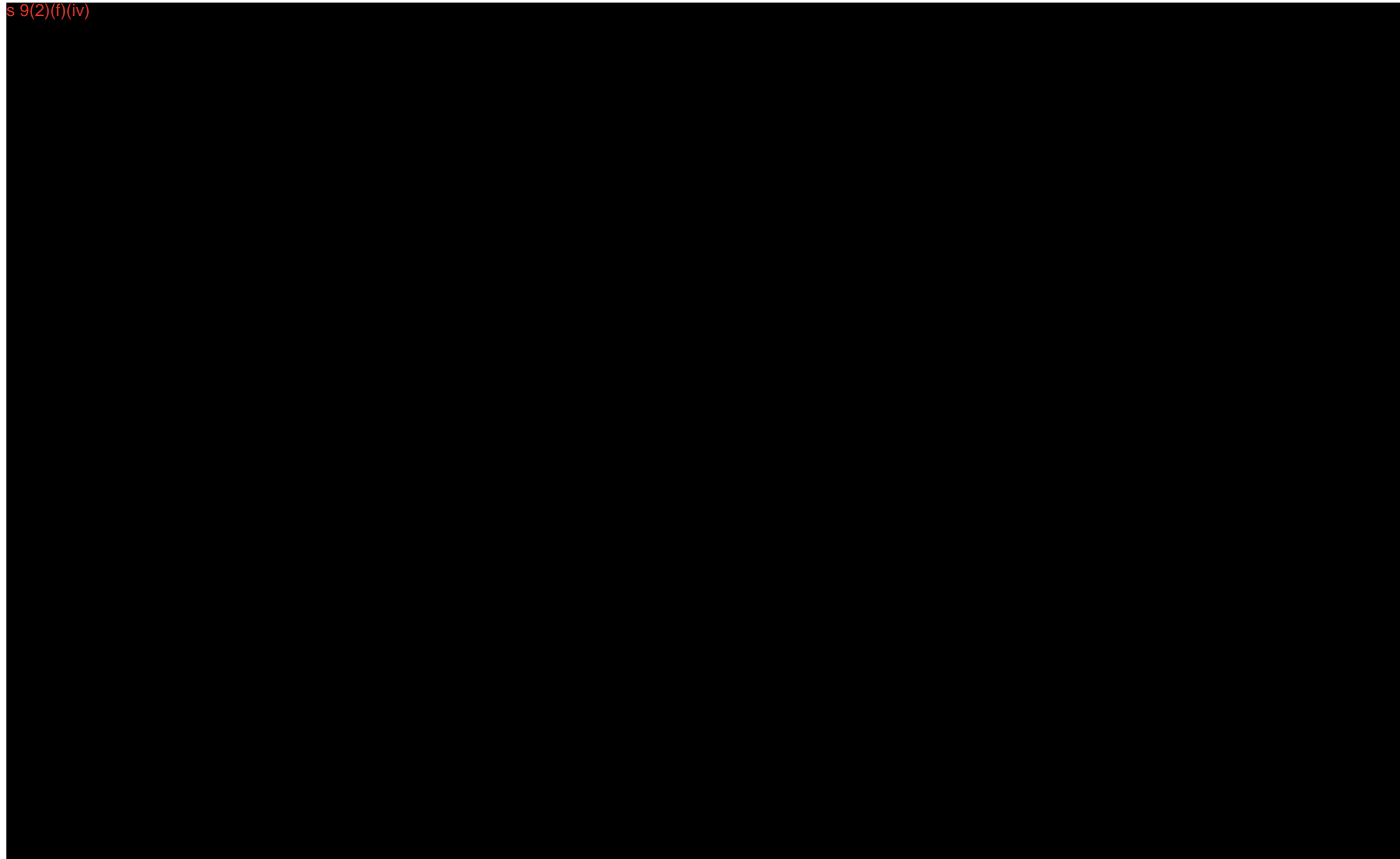
Strategic outcome	Affordable
Purpose	<p>The Authority will consult on Code amendments to help small retailers meet prudential requirements by ensuring their obligations better reflect the actual risk they pose to the market.</p> <p>This will make it easier for these retailers to operate and grow, strengthening competition and helping to put downward pressure on prices for consumers - without increasing non-payment risks.</p>
Action and timing	Consultation: 4 weeks, 26 March - 23 April (pending Board decision)

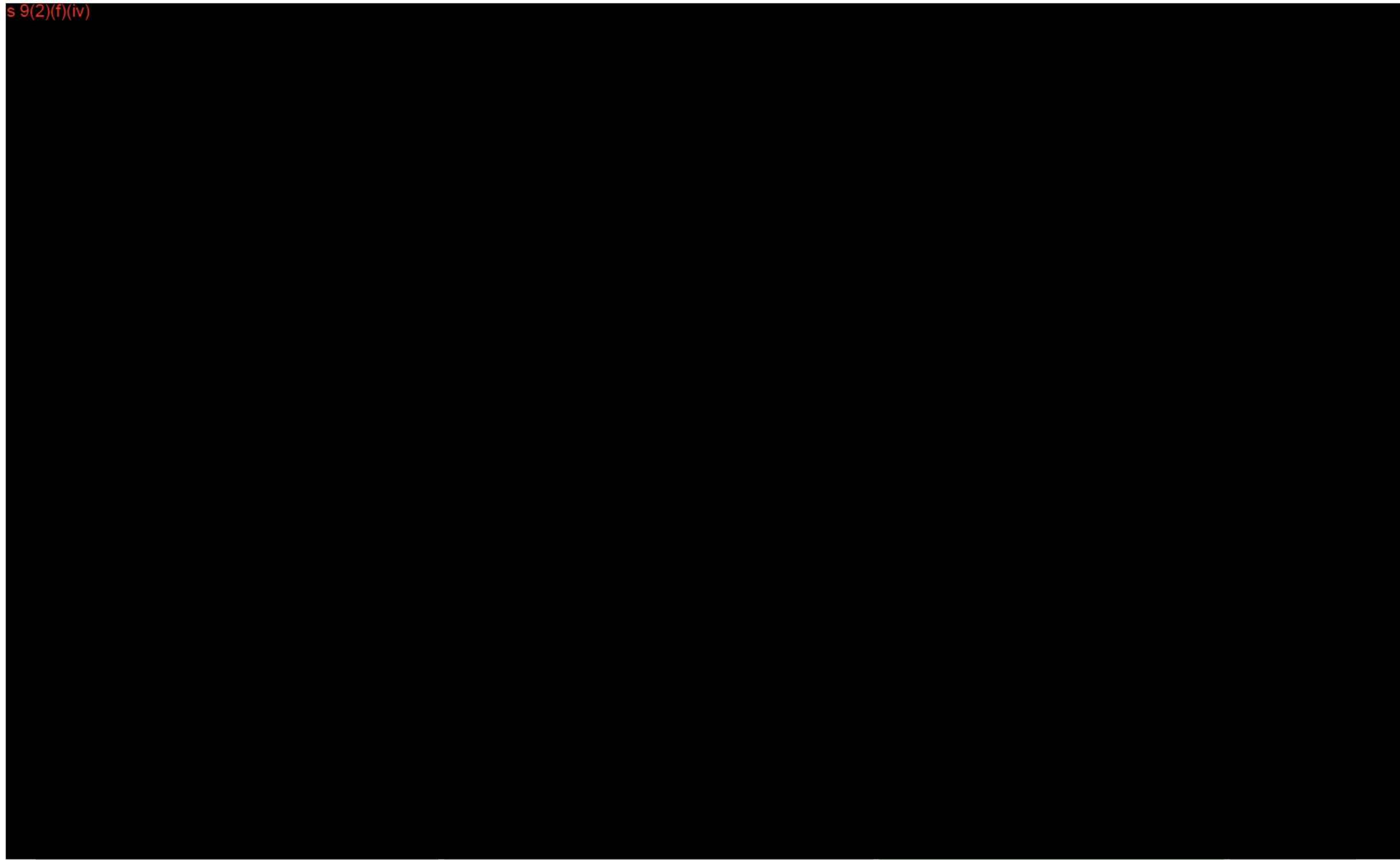
Omnibus of common quality Code amendment proposals: consultation paper

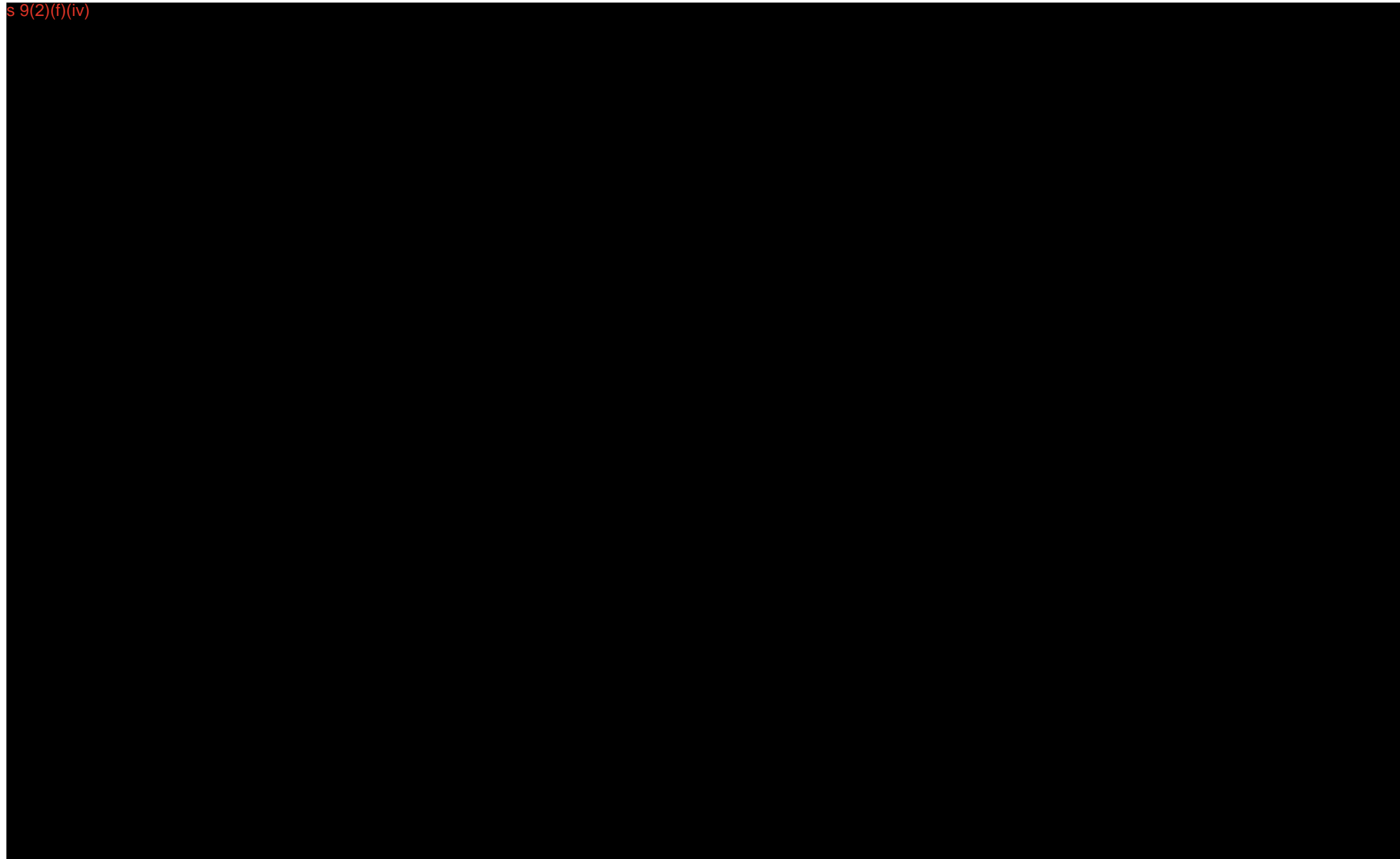
Strategic outcome	Secure and resilient
Purpose	<p>The Authority is publishing a consultation paper proposing six amendments to update definitions, clarify obligations, and remove inconsistencies in the Code.</p> <p>The changes will support a more secure and resilient power system, improving reliability for consumers.</p>
Action and timing	Consultation: 6 weeks: mid-April - late June (pending Board decision)

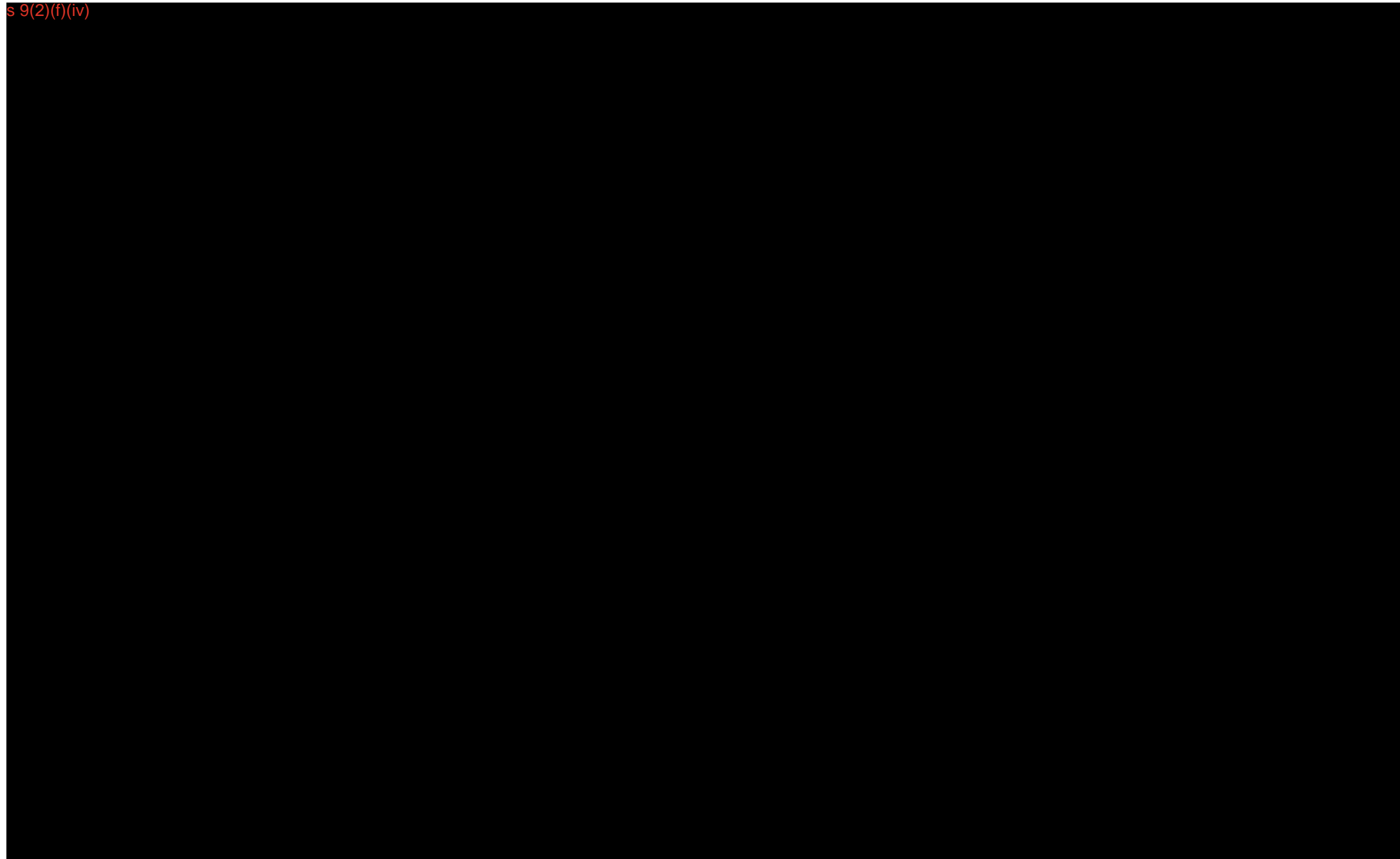
Current consultation	Consultation period
Level playing field measures: non-discrimination obligations and price consistency	26 February - 19 March
Reducing barriers for new connections: alignment on weighted average cost of capital	2 - 20 March
Consultation on a new Electricity Information Exchange Protocol – EIEP14A	3 - 24 March

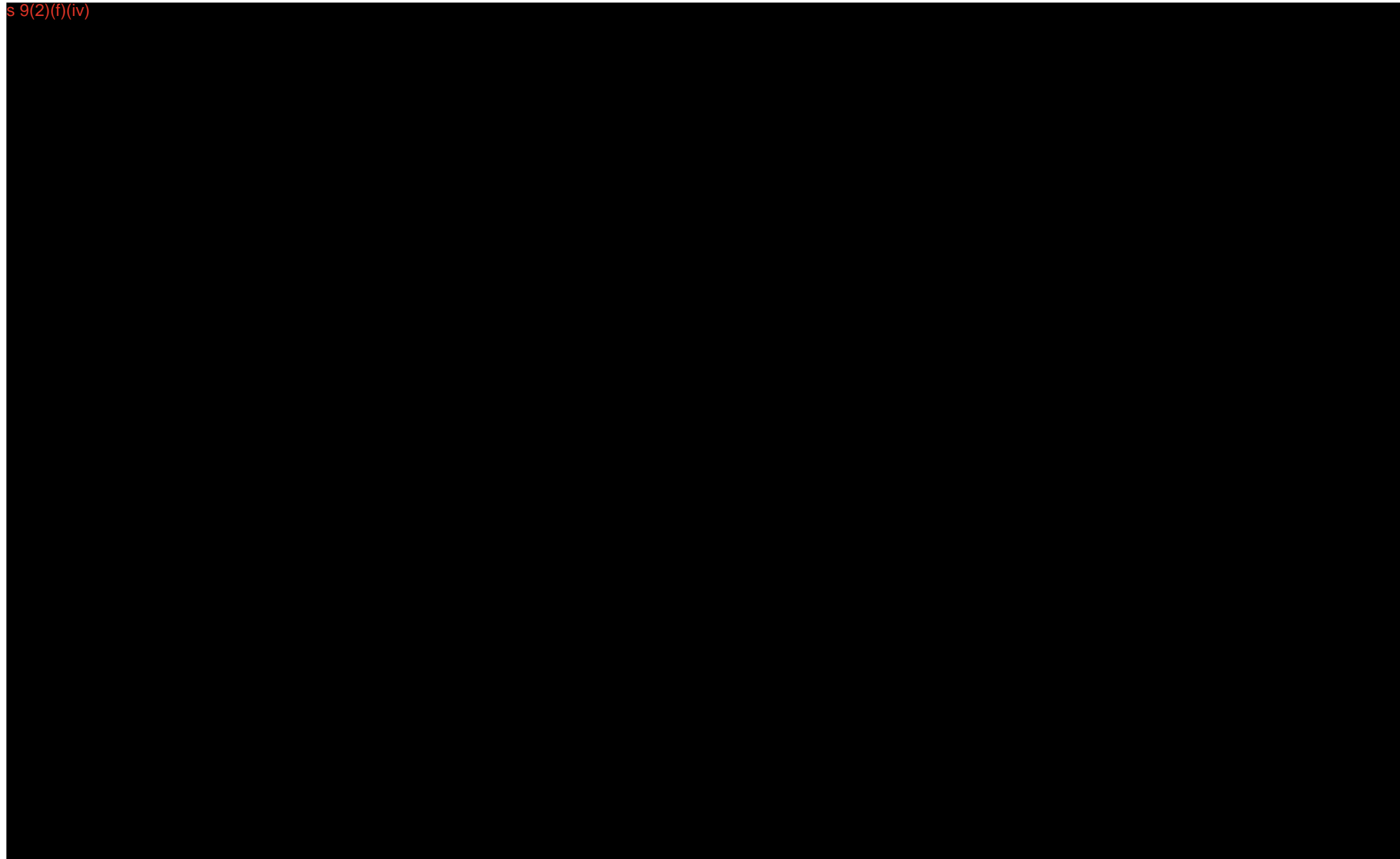












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