NOVEMBER 2021 REC RELEASE – DROP-IN SESSION
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please see below, a list of questions raised at the November 2021 REC Release – drop-in session, which took place on 11 October 2021, including their answers, grouped into categories.

QUESTION	ANSWER
CATEGORY – CHANGE R0001	
For Change Proposal R0001, will the messages highlighted in the Final Change Report be amended as well as the Data Item?	There is no change to the structure of the messages impacted by this change. However, the content of the messages will change as there has been a change to the Data Item contained within those messages. In this case, the impact to each message is the same, as there are no rules determining which valid enumeration value can be used in certain Market Messages or Scenario Variants. However, as it is possible that the impacts of changing a Data Item may be different for different Market Messages, we will always highlight an impact to Market Messages that contain the Data Item, so this can be fully assessed by impacted stakeholders.
For Change Proposal R0001, will the flow versions remain the same?	Yes, this change presents no impact to the flow versions.
CATEGORY – GENERAL	
Will the Change Panel always meet one month before the Release goes live to approve the changes?	This scenario is unique to this Release due to the REC going live on the 01 September 2021 and not being in a position to raise a REC Change Proposal before then, because the change process wasn't live. As we also had these changes that needed to be implemented in November 2021 (particularly R0001 had to be made on the same date as when SEC were implementing their change). This put us in a unique position where it couldn't be raised earlier by a previous Code because they couldn't implement it after they had closed and we couldn't raise it before then, which resulted in an urgent timetable. We tried to do as much engagement in advance, so people knew it was coming. We're hoping this scenario won't happen often and certainly won't happen for changes that people aren't already

	aware of as we know a month isn't sufficient time to plan and build these types of changes.
What will the cut-off point be for future Releases?	There isn't a set cut-off point for Change Proposals. We are aware the industry operates on a preferred six-month lead time for system changes, and we are looking to honour that. We will keep this in mind as we start developing Change Proposals as the REC catches up with the immediate backlog. During the Impact Assessment we will be looking to identify how much time is required to develop the change itself. If a change is more urgent, we would investigate the possibility (during the Impact Assessment) to implement the change with a reduced timescale for REC Service Providers and impacted stakeholders. Or if it was a particularly complex change where a longer lead time was required. This will allow us to make the decision on the implementation date on a case-by-case basis.
Will it be possible to have a similar session for future Releases?	Yes, there are plans for a similar format for future Releases. The core aim of these sessions will be to provide you with information relating to the upcoming Release and give you the opportunity to ask your questions directly to the Code Manager.