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**RELEASE PLAN**

<b>DOCUMENT VERSION</b>	1.4
<b>REC RELEASE DATE</b>	06/12/2023
<b>MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE</b>	MINOR
<b>NEW REC VERSION</b>	3.7.0

<b>CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE</b>	<a href="#">R0067 Introduction of CSS Refresh Functionality</a>
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	<a href="#">R0118 Review of Schedule 12 and Processes to Manage Access to Data</a>
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**1 SCOPE**

**1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE**

There are five Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the December 2023 Extraordinary REC Release. These are listed below, together with a summary of their impacts. There are no further CPs targeted for this release. Further information on each CP is available through the REC Portal. On 06 December 2023 these Code and technical changes will be delivered.

**R0067 Introduction of CSS Refresh Functionality**

Central Switching Service (CSS) Market Messages sent by the CSS to Switching Data Service Providers (SDSPs) are either not being received, being received after Gate Closure, or are being received out of the order that they were originally sent in. This CP seeks to introduce a refresh and resend functionality to mitigate these issues for SDSPs however, it is being tested initially for the Gas Retail Data Agent (GRDA) as the impacts are most prominent within its service. Once delivered, the refresh and resend functionality will be available for other SDSPs who may wish to connect their systems.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	V4.2	Introduce newly defined terms of Market Message Refresh and Resend	AMENDED
Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management	V1.1	Include a Market Message Category of “Refresh” in paragraph 2.5	AMENDED
Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle	V1.1	Introduce a new interface table in paragraph 8 that sets out the processes for sending and responding to refreshed or resent messages	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED:

CENTRAL SWITCHING SERVICE

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Gas Retail Data Agent	REC Party	Directly benefits from the refresh/resent functionality to mitigate issues with CSS Market Messages being received after Gate Closure, out of sequence or not received at all.
Gas Shippers	REC Party	Indirectly benefits from completing switches as intended.
Central Service Switching Provider	REC Party	The refresh/resent functionality ensures that CSS Operations are not required to manually intervene where a misalignment has been identified.
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Indirectly benefits from completing switches as intended.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

**R0128 Removal of CSS Business Rule 1177 to Reflect OFAF Optionality**

This change looks to remove business rule 1177, from the Central Switching Service (CSS) Message Business Data Validation Rules, which mandates that all Suppliers have a ‘One Fail All Fail’ (OFAF) reference included in their Switching Operational Data record in CSS. This was not the intended design.

The Switching Operator has scheduled an update to the functionality to meet the original design. On implementation of the system update, the REC Data Specification needs to reflect the updated functionality.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules	V1.3.1	Makes the required deletions within the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Code Manager – REC Technical Services	Code Manager	Needs to update the REC Data Specification to reflect the updated functionality.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

**R0118 Review of Schedule 12 and Processes to Manage Access to Data**

A process which negates the restrictions on data accessibility and is adaptable enough to accommodate ongoing changes within the energy industry is required. RECCo has also identified an opportunity for Consumers to benefit from improved product and service offerings through an Open First Culture. Further work is being progressed and is highlighted in [RECCo’s Open Data Review](#) paper. The implementation of R0118 will assist in the move towards classification-based access within the REC which will be addressed through a later Change Proposal. The Gas DAM and Electricity DAM will both move from a Category 2 to a Category 3 Document. A new appendix to the DAMs will also be added; the Enquiry Service User Category which will list the categories of Data Access and the purposes of the access. REC PAB will be the owner of the DAMs (and the new appendix). Schedule 12 and the REC Baseline Statement will be amended to reflect these new responsibilities. The PAB Procedures document will also be updated with a broad statement that the PAB will accept/reject any changes to the Category 3 documents in which it is responsible.

The process will offer flexibility to support industry whilst still maintaining effective controls over the use of Consumer data and has been developed by the Code Manager in consultation with RECCo, Ofgem and through the REC Issues Group (RIG).

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 12 – Data Access	V3.1	Updated to reflect the new responsibilities introduced as part of this change	AMENDED
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Electricity DAM	V3.3	New appendix will be added; the Enquiry Service User Category. Changed from a category 2 to a category 3 document	AMENDED
Gas DAM	V3.3	New appendix will be added; the Enquiry Service User Category. Changed from a category 2 to a category 3 document	AMENDED
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
PAB Procedures	V4.0	Statement added to reflect that the PAB will accept/reject any changes to the Category 3 documents in which it is responsible	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: EES & GES

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Electricity Enquiry Service Provider	REC Service Provider	Introducing a more streamlined process for providing access to data
Gas Enquiry Service Provider	REC Service Provider	Introducing a more streamlined process for providing access to data
Code Manager	Code Manager	Introducing a more streamlined process for providing access to data
Enquiry Service Users	REC/ Non REC Parties	Will benefit from a more efficient process for access to Data Items

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

**R0136 Change to REC Schedule Market Stabilisation Charge (MSC)**

This Change Proposal seeks to deliver two changes to REC Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge. The first change will update the statement timescales to ensure that this is appropriately aligned with the statement Schedule. It currently says that within 10 Working Days after the end of each MSC-4-Week Cycle, RECCo shall send each Energy Supplier a statement in respect of that MSC-4-Week Cycle which

contradicts the 15 days set out in Process Maps shared with Parties during the development of the administration arrangements of the Market Stabilisation Charge. The second change seeks to update the disputes section (section 7) to include reference to Credit Advice Notes. Suppliers are querying how they may raise a dispute when they believe they are not entitled to the monies stated on Credit Advice Notices as this process is not set out in the Schedule.

**REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:**

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge	V1.1	Update statement timescales and disputes section	AMENDED

**REC SERVICES IMPACTED:** N/A

**REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:**

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Benefits from clearer guidance within the Schedule

**REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED:** N/A

**R0149 Updates to the EES API Interface Specification**

The EES Provider has made some alterations to the EES API Interface Specification to incorporate new data items that support Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Stage 0 as well as some housekeeping changes and clarifications to the methods within the API.

Without the updated Technical Specification, EES API users will not be able to utilise the new data items or have further detail on the data items returned in the methods.

**REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:**

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
EES API Interface Specification	V3.1.4	Introduce new data items to support MHHS stage 0	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED:

ELECTRICITY ENQUIRY SERVICES (EES)

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Electricity Enquiry Service Provider	REC Service Provider	Will incorporate new data items into the EES API Interface Specification
EES API Users	REC Party	Will be able to utilise the new data items and have further detail on the data items returned in the methods

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

**2 OTHER IMPACTED REC PRODUCTS**

REC BASELINE STATEMENT

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
REC Baseline Statement	V1.25	Amended to reflect the new version numbers of REC products in scope of this release	AMENDED

**3 IMPACTED REC SYSTEMS**

REC PORTAL

No changes are required to the REC Portal to support the changes in scope of the release.

ENERGY MARKET ARCHITECTURE REPOSITORY (EMAR)

No impacts to EMAR have been identified for the changes that are in scope of the release.

**4 RELEASE PLAN**

REC PRE-RELEASE AND RELEASE ENGAGEMENT PLAN

EVENT / MILESTONE	DATE	COMMUNICATION METHOD
Release Plan v1.0	18/08/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Webinar	06/09/23	Microsoft Teams
Release Plan v1.1	22/09/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan v1.2	27/10/23	Weekly Bulletin
Legal Text Pre-Release	03/11/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Dop-in Session	23/11/23	Microsoft Teams
Release Plan v1.3	24/11/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan v1.4	01/12/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Go Live communication	06/12/23	Email from REC Change Management
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	06/12/23	Release Management Page & Portal Newsreel

**5 TEST PLAN**

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

There will be testing of the technical changes of the Central Switching Service.

**6 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE**

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Code Manager will conduct technical assurance of any testing activities carried out.

PARTY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

There are no Party Assurance requirements in scope of this release.

**7 GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING**

The Code Manager will report to RECCo on progress against the Release Plan as necessary.