

This document is classified as **WHITE**.
Information is for public, unrestricted dissemination and publication.

RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.4
REC RELEASE DATE	03/11/2023
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MINOR
NEW REC VERSION	3.6.0

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE	R0017 – Invalid Requests for Site Technical Details
	R0059 – Maintenance of Qualification Schedule Change
	R0088 – Make Shipper NExA values available on the GES portal
	R0140 – Housekeeping amendments
	R0138 – Combined Progression of Change Proposals R0058, R0104 and R0129
	R0110 – A Review of Supplier Access to Data on GES

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are six Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the November 2023 (3.6.0) REC Release. These are listed below, together with a summary of their impacts. Further information on each CP is available through the REC Portal. On 03 November 2023 these Code and technical changes will be delivered.

R0017 – Invalid Requests for Site Technical Details

This CP seeks to provide clarity to Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) and Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs) on the process for requesting and sending Site Technical Details as part of meter asset installation, Switch or Change of Agent processes. This CP has been developed in conjunction with Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), through the BSC Issue 99 Workgroup. [BSC CP1574](#) will make the associated updates to BSCP515.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	V4.0	Clarification around requests for Site Technical Details and amendments to footnotes.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Metering Equipment Managers	REC Party	Need to understand when it is appropriate to request Site Technical Details and only trigger D0170 requests when appropriate.
Distribution Network Operators	REC Party	Will benefit from a reduction in unnecessary requests for Site Technical Details.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0059 – Maintenance of Qualification Schedule Change

This CP seeks to clarify, strengthen and simplify a number of requirements within REC Schedule 9 – Qualification and Maintenance, specifically to clarify obligations on REC Parties and REC Service Users, with the aim of improving the efficiency of the Maintenance of Qualification reporting processes.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	V4.1	Updates to existing interpretations and definitions to reflect changes. Introduction of new defined terms.	AMENDED
Schedule 9 – Qualification and Maintenance	V3.2	Clarification around obligations on REC Parties and Service Users for the Maintenance of Qualification.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance
Distribution Network Operators	REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance
Gas Transporters	REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance
Metering Equipment Managers	REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance
Data Communications Company	REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance
REC Service Users	Non-REC Party	Need to understand what obligations apply to them under Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0088 – Make Shipper NExA values available on the GES portal

This Change Proposal seeks to deliver the consequential REC changes for Uniform Network Code (UNC) [Modification 0701](#) Aligning Capacity Booking under the UNC and arrangements set out in relevant NExAs. This Change Proposal will make legal text changes to the Gas Data Access Matrix (DAM) to ensure NExA information is available within the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) Portal in line with the November UK-Link major release.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Gas Data Access Matrix	V3.2	Introduce additional fields to the Portfolio view for Gas Shippers,	AMENDED

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
		Gas Networks, IGTs and Xoserve users within GES	
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
GES User Guide	1.0	Updated to reflect references to NExA Valid From Date, NExA Valid To Date, NExA SOQ and NExA SHQ.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: GAS ENQUIRY SERVICE (GES)

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Gas Transporters	REC Party	Will have access to NExA information within the GES
Gas Shippers	REC Party	Will have access to NExA information within the GES
Gas Suppliers	REC Party	Will have access to NExA information within the GES

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED:

SEE TABLE ABOVE

R0140 – Housekeeping amendments

This is a Housekeeping Change Proposal subject to the Housekeeping Change Proposal process, rather than the standard change process. The nature of the change is that it makes non-material changes to the REC Products to correct typographical and consistency errors. It also provides an opportunity to introduce necessary clarifications.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and definitions	V4.1	Corrected typographical and consistency errors.	AMENDED

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Schedule 5 – Change Management	V3.1	Corrected typographical and consistency errors.	AMENDED
Schedule 9 – Qualification and Maintenance	V3.2	Removal of paragraph 1.4	AMENDED
Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle	V1.0	Corrected typographical and consistency errors.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED: N/A

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0138 – Combined Progression of Change Proposals R0058, R0104 and R0129

This change seeks to efficiently address the issues raised under the following Change Proposals;

R0058 – REC Services Procurement Clarification

R0104 – Clarifying Requirement for Continuous Billing Following an Erroneous Switch

R0129 – Clarifying Event of Default Requirements

These Change Proposals have been identified by the Code Manager as requiring non-contentious, clarificatory and non-material alterations to the REC Legal Text only.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
REC Main Body	V3.4	Amendment to Clause 5.3 to clarify that all provision of REC Services to the REC Service Users are procured from the REC Service Providers by RECCo and add clarity to the Event of Default provisions that non-payment constitutes an Event of Default.	AMENDED
Schedule 30 – Resolution of Consumer	V2.0	Make explicitly clear that in the case of an Erroneous Switch,	AMENDED

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Facing Switching and Billing Issues		the Supplier that erroneously gained the Supply, should not bill the Consumer.	

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: CENTRALISED REGISTRATION SERVICE (CRS)

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers (RP104)	REC Party	Will be explicitly clear which Supplier should not bill the customer following an Erroneous Switch.
RECCo (R0129)	REC Code Manager	Provided with clarity that non-payment constitutes an Event of Default.
Code Manager (R0129)	REC Code Manager	Provided with clarity that non-payment constitutes an Event of Default.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0110 – A Review of Supplier Access to Data on GES

The GES allows users to access gas market data, in accordance with the Data Access Matrix (DAM). Currently, Registered Shippers have a community view by default in the DAM, whereby they can see their designated Data Items for every Registerable Metering Point (RMP) in the market. Data Items exclusively available to Registered Shippers (and not Registered Gas Suppliers) include meter reading history and Meter Asset Manager history. This Change Proposal seeks to introduce Shipper-specific Data Items into the Registered Gas Supplier Portfolio view.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Gas Data Access Matrix	V3.2	Introduce Data Items available to the Registered Shipper exclusive Data Items into the Registered Gas Supplier Portfolio view.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: GAS ENQUIRY SERVICE (GES)

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Gas Suppliers	REC Party	Will have access to additional Shipper exclusive Data Items.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

1.2 OUT OF SCOPE

The following is not in scope of this Release Plan:

- Changes to BSC procedures are not covered by the scope of R0017. These will be addressed by [BSC CP1574](#).
- Changes to UNC procedures are not covered by the scope of R0088. These will be addressed by [Modification 0701](#).

2 OTHER IMPACTED REC PRODUCTS

REC BASELINE STATEMENT

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
REC Baseline Statement	V1.23	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
Legal Text Pre-Release	19/07/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan V1.0	21/07/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Webinar	06/09/23	Microsoft Teams
Release Plan V1.1	08/09/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan V1.2	22/09/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan V1.3	06/10/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Plan V1.4	27/10/23	Weekly Bulletin
Release Go Live communication	03/11/23	Email from REC Change Management
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	03/11/23	Release Management Page & Portal Newsreel

5 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

No requirements have been identified for REC Party / REC Service User testing.

6 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

No service provider assurance requirements are currently in scope of this release.

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.