RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.1
REC RELEASE DATE	23/08/2024
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MINOR
NEW REC VERSION	3.12.0

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE	R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements (1) - Process Types
	R0146 - Data Specification Update for Refresh Functionality
	R0164 - Removing the Enumerations from Communications Method Data Item (J0386) to align with BSC CP 1594
	R0166 - Removal of the Green Deal Panel
	R0181 - Schedule 14 - Metering Operations Footnote Review

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are five Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the August 2024 (3.12.0) Extraordinary 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 23 August 2024 these Code and technical changes will be delivered.

Two other changes (R0098 - Optional fuzzy searching in EES and R0108 - Enabling Electricity Enquiry Service searches using a Unique Property Reference Number) were originally being considered in the scope of this Release, however performance issues were found during the testing phase of the Release and a decision was taken to exclude these from the Release to ensure the ongoing stability of the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) API.

R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements (1) - Process Types

Following a comprehensive review of the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) system, the Code Manager has identified new Process Types for specific queries.

The REC sets out when SDEP queries could or should be raised, which Process Types should be used and any related SLAs for response times. However, this usage is not always described clearly or consistently. Ensuring that REC parties are clear on which Process Type to select in each given instance will help to ensure that SDEP is a cost-effective issue resolution tool, and Consumer queries are concluded as swiftly as possible.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 8 – Unbilled Energy Code of Practice	V2.3	R0121 will align the legal text references for existing Process Types to the intended legal text for the new Process Types. This will be within the REC Schedules and the descriptions within the Data Specification.	AMENDED
Schedule 11 – Prepayment Arrangements	V2.4		
Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	V5.0		
Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle	V1.3		
Schedule 28 – Related Metering Points	V1.0		
Schedule 29 – Address Management	V1.1		
Schedule 30 – Resolution of Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues.	V2.1		
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: Market Message Catalogue	V3.5.0	Align the legal text references for existing Process Types to the intended legal text for the new Process Types.	AMENDED
Data Specification: Data Item Catalogue	V3.6.0	Align the legal text references for existing Process Types to the intended legal text for the new Process Types.	AMENDED
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
SDEP User Guide	V3.1	Updated to align with new Process Types.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
SDES Provider	REC Service Provider	Will need to design, build, test and implement the solution.
Distribution Network Operators	REC Party	Will need to know which Process Type to be used to record, track and escalate issues.
Suppliers	REC Party	Will need to know which Process Type to be used to record, track and escalate issues.

R0146 - Data Specification Update for Refresh Functionality

This change has been raised to update the Data Specification and to align it with the changes made during implementation of change proposal 'R0067 – Introduction of CSS Refresh Functionality'.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: Market Message Catalogue	V3.5.0	Updated to reflect changes introduced as part of R0067.	AMENDED
Data Specification: Data Item Catalogue	V3.6.0	Updated to reflect changes introduced as part of R0067.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED: N/A

R0164 - Removing the Enumerations from Communications Method Data Item (J0386) to align with BSC CP 1594

This change has been raised to align with BSC change proposal (CP) CP1594. The BSC change proposes to create a central register of permissible enumerations for the Communication Method Data Item (DI50178 (J0386)), and this Change therefore seeks to update that Data Item appropriately to reflect the BSC modification.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: Data Item Catalogue	V3.6.0	DI50178 - Communications Method Data Item updated.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Electricity Suppliers	REC Party	Send or receive Market Messages containing the DI50178 (J0386) Data Item.

Electricity MEMs	REC Party	Send or receive Market Messages containing the DI50178 (J0386) Data Item.
DNOs	REC Party	Send or receive Market Messages containing the DI50178 (J0386) Data Item.
Data Collectors (HH & NHH)	REC Party	Send or receive Market Messages containing the DI50178 (J0386) Data Item.
Asset Metering Virtual Lead Parties	REC Party	Send or receive Market Messages containing the DI50178 (J0386) Data Item.

R0166 - Removal of the Green Deal Panel

Since the REC was established, no business has been raised that would require the Green Deal Panel to meet and therefore the group has not yet convened. As well as being an unnecessary administrative consideration, it is a challenge to keep the Members and Chair abreast of the wider REC Change Process, and the Green Deal Panel may therefore find it more challenging to discharge its functions in the event that it needs to be convened.

This Change Proposal seeks to remove the Green Deal Panel Terms of Reference from the REC Baseline Statement and product set, and to amend the Change Panel Terms of Reference to incorporate consideration of Green Deal business.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Change Panel Terms of Reference	V1.1	Amended to incorporate consideration of Green Deal business.	AMENDED
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
Green Deal Terms of Reference	V1.1	Remove.	REMOVE

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
RECCo	Code Administrator	Green Deal business will be incorporated into Change Panel.
REC Professional Services	Code Manager	Green Deal business will be incorporated into Change Panel.

R0181 - Schedule 14 - Metering Operations Footnote Review

The footnotes within Schedule 14 - Metering Operations are not in the correct place, are missing or no longer relevant. This Change Proposal looks to correct issues within the footnotes and move them into the legal text to prevent this from happening when future Change Proposals impacting this schedule are implemented.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	V5.0	Footnotes moved to within body of legal text	Amended

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
All REC Parties	REC Party	REC Parties need the REC drafting to be accurate, so they can rely on it to ensure their processes and procedures correctly reflect their obligations.

2 OTHER IMPACTED REC PRODUCTS

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
REC Baseline Statement	V1.45	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	19/07/24	Change Bulletin
Release Webinar	08/08/24	Webinar
Release Go Live communication	23/08/24	Weekly Bulletin
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	23/08/24	Release Management Page

5 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

There will be testing of the technical changes to support the implementation of R0121. There are no user testing requirements.

6 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Code Manager will conduct technical assurance of testing activities carried out for R0121.

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.