

Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation



Contents

1	Introduction	4
2	Payment of PML Reconciliation Amounts	4
3	Redistribution of PML Reconciliation Amounts	4
4	Data and Reporting	4
5	Statements and Payments by Domestic Suppliers	4
6	Failure to Pay	6
7	Disputes regarding PML Reconciliation Amounts	6
8	Redistribution of PML Reconciliation Amounts	7
9	Audit	8
10	Termination	8



SCHEDULE 31

Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation

Version: 1.1 Effective Date: 01 April 2024

Gas Suppliers	Mandatory for Domestic Suppliers
	N/A for Non-Domestic Suppliers
Electricity Suppliers	Mandatory for Domestic Suppliers
	N/A for Non-Domestic Suppliers
Gas Transporters	N/A
Distribution Network Operators	N/A
DCC	N/A
Meter Equipment Managers	N/A
Non-Party REC Service Users	N/A

Version Number	Implementation Date	Reason for Change				
1.0	28 March 2024	Initial version for Change Proposal R0147				
1.1	10 May 2024	R0165				



1 Introduction

- 1.1 This <u>REC Schedule</u> sets out arrangements concerning <u>Payment Method Levelisation</u> (<u>PML</u>) <u>Reconciliation</u>. This <u>REC Schedule</u> shall come into effect on 1 April 2024, or on such later date as the Authority may specify in writing. This <u>REC Schedule</u> may cease to apply as described in Paragraph 10.
- 1.2 <u>RECCo</u> shall procure, implement and thereafter maintain such services as it considers necessary to administer the <u>PML Reconciliation</u> pursuant to this <u>REC Schedule</u>.

2 Payment of PML Reconciliation Amounts

2.1 Each <u>Domestic Supplier</u> shall pay, in accordance with Paragraph 5, the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> payable by that <u>Domestic Supplier</u>.

3 Redistribution of PML Reconciliation Amounts

3.1 Following receipt of PML Reconciliation Amounts paid by Domestic Suppliers, RECCo shall, in accordance with Paragraph 8, pay the PML Reconciliation Amounts to those Domestic Suppliers who are due a credit.

4 Data and Reporting

- 4.1 <u>RECCo</u> shall secure the provision of such data as it may reasonably need to calculate the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> payable by and to each <u>Domestic Supplier</u> in accordance with this <u>REC Schedule</u>.
- 4.2 Each <u>Domestic Supplier</u> shall submit <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u> to <u>RECCo</u> by no later than the <u>PML Reconciliation Reporting Submission Deadline</u>.
- 4.3 <u>RECCo</u> shall use each <u>Domestic Supplier</u>'s <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u> for the purposes of the <u>PML Reconciliation</u> calculations under this <u>REC Schedule</u>. Where a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> has not submitted its <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u> to <u>RECCo</u> by the <u>PML Reconciliation Reporting Submission Deadline</u>, <u>RECCo</u> shall use the latest data available to it for that <u>Domestic Supplier</u>.
- 4.4 <u>RECCo</u> shall notify the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u>, the <u>Authority</u> and <u>REC Parties</u> of any failure by a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> to submit its <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u> by the <u>PML Reconciliation Reporting Submission Deadline</u>.

5 Statements and Payments by **Domestic Suppliers**

5.1. Within 15 working Days after the PML Reconciliation Reporting Submission Deadline, RECCo shall send to each Domestic Supplier a statement in respect of that PML



Reconciliation Period showing for that Domestic Supplier:

- (a) the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> payable by the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> in respect of the <u>Domestic Consumers</u> paying by direct debit for which it was the <u>Registered Supplier</u> as at the <u>PML Reconciliation Reporting Date</u> for that <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>;
- (b) the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> payable to the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> in respect of the <u>Domestic Consumers</u> paying by Prepayment for which it was the <u>Registered Supplier</u> as at the <u>PML Reconciliation Reporting Date</u> for that <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>; and
- (c) the difference between the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> under Paragraph (a) and Paragraph (b), which (if(a) is greater than (b)) is the net amount payable by that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under Paragraph 5.3, or (if (b) is greater than (a)) is the net amount payable to that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under Paragraph 8.2.
- 5.2. <u>RECCo</u> shall not send such a statement to a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> if there is a zero amount payable by and to that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under both Paragraph 5.1(a) and Paragraph 5.1(b).
- 5.3. Each <u>Domestic Supplier</u> shall, within 10 <u>Working Day</u>s after receipt of a statement under Paragraph 5.1, pay to <u>RECCo</u> the net amount of the <u>PML Reconciliation</u> Amounts identified in such statement as payable by that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> (if any).
- 5.4. All <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> payable by a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under Paragraph 5.3 must be paid in full without any set-off or withholding. A <u>Domestic Supplier</u> can raise a dispute under Paragraph 7, but must pay the full amount by the due date specified in the statement received under Paragraph 5.3, pending resolution of that dispute.
- 5.5. A <u>Domestic Supplier</u> may query the amount identified in a statement under Paragraph 5.3, provided that:
 - (a) any such query must be raised with <u>RECCo</u> prior to the date on which that payment is due; and
 - (b) no such query shall relieve the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> of its payment obligation unless <u>RECCo</u> explicitly acknowledges prior to the due date that the amount is manifestly wrong.
- 5.6. Pursuant to Paragraph 5.5(b), if <u>RECCo</u> explicitly acknowledge that an amount in a statement is manifestly wrong, then <u>RECCo</u> shall issue an update to the statement provided to such <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under Paragraph 5.3, and the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> shall pay the amount due under such updated statement within 10 <u>Working Days</u> after receipt.



5.7. Payments under this Paragraph 5 shall be paid to such bank account as <u>RECCo</u> may specify in writing to the <u>Domestic Suppliers</u>, subject to change on not less than 5 <u>Working Day</u>s' notice.

6 Failure to Pay

- 6.1. If a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> does not pay the amount due and payable under Paragraph 5.3 by the due date for payment, then <u>RECCo</u> shall (on or around the next following <u>Working Day</u>) issue a late payment notice to the <u>Domestic Supplier</u>, and notify the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u> and the Authority.
- 6.2. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 16 of the main body of this <u>Code</u>, a failure by a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> to pay any amount due under Paragraph 5.3 which is not remedied within 20 <u>Working Day</u>s after the due date shall be deemed to be an <u>Event of Default</u>. <u>RECCo</u> shall notify the <u>Authority</u> when a <u>Domestic Supplier</u>'s aforementioned failure is deemed to be an <u>Event of Default</u>. In any event, the <u>Authority</u> may take any action at its discretion, enforcement or otherwise, including concurrently to any proceedings initiated by the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u> or other action or dispute resolution mechanism under the main body of this <u>Code</u>.
- 6.3. In the case of an <u>Event of Default</u> as referred to in Paragraph 6.2, the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u> will act in accordance with Clause 16.4 of the main body of this <u>Code</u>.
- 6.4. Paragraph 6.3 is without prejudice to any other steps which the <u>REC Performance Assurance Board</u> may take in accordance with the <u>Performance Assurance Framework</u> and/or Clause 16 of the main body of this <u>Code</u>.

7 Disputes regarding PML Reconciliation Amounts

7.1. Each Domestic Supplier:

- (a) must pay in full the amount identified by <u>RECCo</u> as payable by that <u>Domestic</u> <u>Supplier</u> under Paragraph 5, and as per Paragraph 5;
- (b) (subject to sub-paragraph (c) below) can raise a dispute under this Paragraph 7, but must pay the full amount pending resolution of that dispute; and
- (c) cannot raise a dispute under this Paragraph 7 if it did not submit the <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u> in accordance with Paragraph 4.2 which is relevant to the statement which it wishes to dispute.
- 7.2. Disputes raised by a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> regarding the <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> in statements under Paragraph 5:



- (a) shall not relieve the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> of its payment obligation under Paragraph 5.3;
- (b) must be raised by no later than 10 Working Days after the date on which the payment is due under Paragraph 5.3;
- (c) can only be raised if the amount in dispute is equal to or exceeds £1,000 (one thousand pounds) or (if lower) constitutes the entirety of the amount payable under the disputed statement; and
- (d) shall be resolved in accordance with a process established by the <u>REC</u> Performance Assurance Board.

8 Redistribution of PML Reconciliation Amounts

- 8.1. Within 5 <u>Working Day</u>s following the payment date under Paragraph 5.3 for a given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>, <u>RECCo</u> shall calculate the amount <u>RECCo</u> actually received from <u>Domestic Suppliers</u> for the given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u> by the payment date.
- 8.2. Within 30 Working Days after the end of each PML Reconciliation Period, RECCo shall pay to each Domestic Supplier the net amount (if any) of the PML Reconciliation Amounts identified in the relevant statement under Paragraph 5.1 as payable to that Domestic Supplier (subject to Paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4).
- 8.3. The aggregate payments which <u>RECCo</u> makes under Paragraph 8.2 in respect of a given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u> shall not exceed the aggregate amount received by <u>RECCo</u> under Paragraph 5.3 in respect of that given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>. If <u>RECCo</u> has only received a percentage of the aggregate amounts due in respect of a given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>, then <u>RECCo</u> shall only pay that percentage of the amount that would otherwise have been payable to each <u>Domestic Supplier</u>. However, where <u>RECCo</u> receives any late payments for a given <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u>, the total funds received for that <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u> will be recalculated and any additional funds owing to <u>Domestic Suppliers</u> will be redistributed in the next available set of payments.
- 8.4. If a <u>Domestic Supplier</u> has not paid a <u>PML Reconciliation Amount</u> which is due and payable under Paragraphs 5.3 in respect of one or more given <u>PML Reconciliation Periods</u>, then <u>RECCo</u> shall not pay any amounts which would otherwise be payable to that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under this Paragraph 8 for subsequent <u>PML Reconciliation Periods</u>. Instead, <u>RECCo</u> shall withhold payment unless and until the amount payable by that <u>Domestic Supplier</u> under Paragraph 5.3 has been settled in full.
- 8.5. <u>RECCo</u> shall take all reasonable steps available to it, and in consultation with the Authority, for recovery of PML Reconciliation Amounts owed by a Domestic Supplier. If



<u>RECCo</u> determines that the aforementioned amount is not reasonably capable of being recovered, <u>RECCo</u> shall recalculate the credits and debits for the <u>PML Reconciliation Period</u> such that any shortfall is to be met by other <u>Domestic Supplier</u> and issue an updated statements under Paragraph 5.1.

- 8.6. Paragraph 8.5 is without prejudice to the liability of the original debtor. Any PML Reconciliation Amounts subsequently recovered from the original debtor will, if that amount is equal to or exceeds £1,000 (one thousand pounds) trigger a further adjustment to the statements produced in accordance with Paragraph 8.5, or (if lower) shall be applied so as to reduce the future Recoverable Costs payable by Domestic Suppliers in accordance with Clause 9 of the REC.
- 8.7. Payments under this Paragraph 8 shall be paid to such bank account as the <u>Domestic Supplier</u> may specify in writing to <u>RECCo</u>, subject to change on not less than 5 <u>Working Days'</u> notice.

9 Audit

9.1. <u>RECCo</u> and <u>Domestic Suppliers</u> shall comply with any direction in writing by the <u>Authority</u>, or any person appointed by the <u>Authority</u>, in relation to any audit of the <u>PML Reconciliation</u>.

10 Termination

- 10.1. The <u>Authority</u> may, by written notice to <u>RECCo</u>, terminate the application of this <u>REC Schedule</u>. Such termination shall take place either 3 months after receipt of the aforesaid notification, or at such other later date as the <u>Authority</u> may specify in writing. <u>RECCo</u> shall notify all <u>REC Parties</u> of any such termination.
- 10.2. <u>RECCo</u> shall redistribute in accordance with Paragraph 8 <u>PML Reconciliation</u> Amounts received prior to the end of the period applicable under Paragraph 10.1.
- 10.3. Any <u>PML Reconciliation Amounts</u> received by <u>RECCo</u> under Paragraph 5 or 8.6 or being withheld under Paragraph 8.4, following the end of the period applicable under paragraph 10.1, shall be put towards <u>RECCo</u>'s general expenditure (to offset costs that would otherwise be recoverable under Clause 9 of the main body of this <u>Code</u>).
- 10.4. The ending of the application of this <u>REC Schedule</u> under Paragraph 10.1 shall be without prejudice to the obligations of <u>Domestic Suppliers</u> to pay <u>PML Reconciliation</u> <u>Amounts</u> under Paragraph 5.3.

Appendix 1 – Supplier Data Reporting Specification

This appendix provides specification for population of the <u>Payment Portfolio Data</u>, following implementation of R0147.



This data is a summary of an Energy Supplier's aggregate Domestic portfolio at 12:00 on the PML Reconciliation Reporting Date, broken down by region and payment method, in the format specified in this Appendix 1.

The mechanism for submission will be by Comma Separated Values (CSV) file to a designated RECCo SharePoint location.

Please note, data must be provided in the specified agreed format, or it will not be accepted.

The information to be provided:

- For all Domestic registered Market Participant Identifier (MPID) / Supplier Short Code
- Any fixed term contracts for all payment methods agreed prior to the decision date¹ are not included
- Count of all Domestic meter points using the payment method of direct debit as per the Ofgem Definition
- Count of all Domestic meter points using the payment method of Traditional Prepayment as per the <u>Ofgem</u> Definition
- Count of all Domestic meter points using the payment method of Smart Prepayment as per the <u>Ofgem</u> Definition
- Count of all Domestic meter points using the payment method of Standard Credit as per the Ofgem Definition
- Where there are no Domestic metering points for any payment method in a given region, populate with zero
- Data must be a snapshot for 12 noon on the 1st of the month
- Data must be supplied to the required location no later than 17:00 on the 15th calendar day of the month
- Data should be submitted as a CSV file. The file name must include the MPID or the SSC Format: MPID YYYYMM.CSV and/ or SSC YYYYMM.CSV

This specification has the same <u>Effective From Date</u> as the rest of this <u>REC Schedule</u> of 1 April 2024 and so provision of data in this format will be required from this date onwards.

¹ Authority Direction for the License Modification for Payment Levelisation



GAS METER POINT PORTFOLIOS

DATA ITEM	GUIDANCE				
Supplier Short Code	Populate from the Supplier Short	t Code Id valid set as published			
	by Xoserve Format: Text (3)				
Region	Populate from the Ofgem price cap region alignment.				
	Format:				
	east_england				
	east_midlands				
	london				
	merseyside_and_north_wales				
	midlands				
	north_east				
	north_scotland				
	north_west				
	south_east				
	south_scotland				
	south_wales				
	south_west				
	southern				
	yorkshire				
	*each region must be populated, that region, populate with 0.	if you hold no domestic meters in			
Traditional PrePayment	A count of traditional Prepaymen	nt Domestic meter points.			
Meter Points	A Traditional Prepayment Meter is any Meter operating as a Prepayment Meter which is not a Smart Prepayment Meter.				
	"Prepayment Meter" has the meaning given to it in Supplier Licence Condition (SLC) 1 (definitions for standard conditions) of the Gas Supply Licence and Electricity Supply Licence.				
	This is: "any [Gas/Electricity] Meter operating in a mode which requires a Domestic Customer to pay charges for the Supply of [Gas/Electricity] in advance'.				
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)				
Smart PrePayment Meter	A count of Smart Prepayment Domestic meter points.				
Points	A Smart <u>Prepayment Meter</u> is any Gas Meter operating as a <u>Prepayment Meter</u> which is a Relevant <u>Smart Metering System</u> as				



	defined by SLC 33.22 of the Gas Supply Licence.
	"Prepayment Meter" has the meaning given to it in SLC 1 (definitions for standard conditions) of the Gas Supply Licence and Electricity Supply Licence.
	This is: "any [Gas/Electricity] Meter operating in a mode which requires a Domestic Customer to pay charges for the Supply of [Gas/Electricity] in advance".
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Direct Debit Meter Points	A count of Domestic meter points operating under a tariff where the payment method is Direct Debit
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Standard Credit Meter Points	Count of Domestic meter points operating under a tariff which is neither Direct Debit nor Prepayment
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Total Meter Points	Should be equal to the sum of the portfolio of Domestic meter points provided.
	Total Meter Points =SUM(Traditional PrePayment Meter Points, Smart PrePayment Meter Points, Direct Debit Meter Points, Standard Credit Meter Points)
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Date Applicable	Populate as 1 st of the month for which the data is being submitted. Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
Date Extracted	Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
	Date of the Data Snapshot from your system, which should always be the 1 st of the month.
Date Supplied	Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
	Date the data is uploaded to the PML Reconciliation SharePoint.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·

Gas meter point Portfolio Example:

Suppli	Region	Traditio	Smart	Dire	Standa	Total	Date	Date	Date
er		nal	Payme	ct	rd	Mete	Applica	Extract	Supplie
Short		Paymen	nt	Debi	Credit	r	ble	ed	d
Code		t Meter	Meter	t	Meter	Poin			
		Points	Points	Mete	Points	ts			
				r					
				Poin					



				ts					
AAA	east_england	387	38	4572	48	5045	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	east_midlands	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	london	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	merseyside_and_north_ wales	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	midlands	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	north_east	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	north_scotland	287	138	4552	98	5045	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	north_west	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	south_east	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	south_scotland	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	south_wales	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	south_west	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	southern	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA	yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07

ELECTRICITY METER POINT PORTFOLIOS

DATA ITEM	GUIDANCE
MPID	Populate from the MPID Id valid set as published by the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)
	Format: Text (4)
Region	Populate from the Ofgem price cap region alignment*. Format:
	east_england
	east_midlands



	london					
	merseyside_and_north_wales midlands					
	north_east					
	north_scotland					
	north_west					
	south_east					
	south_scotland					
	south_wales					
	south_west					
	southern					
	yorkshire					
	*each region must be populated, if you hold no domestic meters in that region, populate with 0.					
Traditional PrePayment	A count of traditional Prepayme	ent Domestic meter points.				
Meter Points	A Traditional Prepayment Meter is any Meter operating as a Prepayment Meter which is not a Smart Prepayment Meter.					
	"Prepayment Meter" has the meaning given to it in SLC 1 (definitions for standard conditions) of the Gas Supply Licence and Electricity Supply Licence.					
	This is: "any [Gas/Electricity] Meter operating in a mode which requires a Domestic Customer to pay charges for the Supply of [Gas/Electricity] in advance'.					
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)					
Smart PrePayment	A count of Smart Prepayment I	Domestic meter points.				
Meter Points		any electricity Meter operating as a Relevant Smart Metering System as ectricity Supply Licence.				
	"Prepayment Meter" has the meaning given to it in SLC 1 (definitions for standard conditions) of the Gas Supply Licence and Electricity Supply Licence.					
	This is: "any [Gas/Electricity] Meter operating in a mode which requires a Domestic Customer to pay charges for the Supply of [Gas/Electricity] in advance".					
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)					
Direct Debit Meter Points	A count of Domestic meter poil payment method is Direct Debi	nts operating under a tariff where the it				

13



	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Standard Credit Meter Points	Count of Domestic meter points operating under a tariff which is neither Direct Debit nor Prepayment
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Total Primary Meter Points	Should be equal to the sum of the portfolio of Domestic meter points provided.
	Total Primary Meter Points =SUM(Traditional PrePayment Meter Points, Smart PrePayment Peter Points, Direct Debit Meter Points, Standard Credit Meter Points)
	Format: Integer, positive or zero (NOT NULL)
Date Applicable	Populate as 1 st of the month for which the data is being submitted. Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
Date Extracted	Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
	Date of the Data Snapshot from your system, which should always be the 1 st of the month.
Date Supplied	Format: YYYYMMDD (Date period post 20240101)
	Date the data is uploaded to the PML Reconciliation SharePoint.

Electricity Meter Point Portfolio Example:

<u>MPI</u>	Region	Tradition	Smart	Dire	Stand	Total	Date	Date	Date
<u>D</u>		al	PrePaym	ct	ard	Prima	Applica	Extract	Supplie
		PrePaym	ent Meter	Debi	Credit	ry	ble	ed	d
		ent Meter	Points	t	Meter	Meter			
		Points		Met	Points	Point			
				er		s			
				Poin					
				ts					
AAA	east_england	2056		250	209	2827	202404	202404	202404
Α		3056	0	05	209	0	01	01	07
AAA	east_midlands	10554	0	742	585	8543	202404	202404	202404
Α		10554	0	97	500	6	01	01	07
AAA	london	14124	0	397	257	5416	202404	202404	202404
Α		14124	0	80	257	1	01	01	07
AAA	merseyside_and_north	4325	0	416	462	4641	202404	202404	202404
Α	_wales	4325		31	462	8	01	01	07
AAA	midlands	7658	0	208	377	2888	202404	202404	202404



Α				45		0	01	01	07
AAA A	north_east	12345	0	452 73	620	5823 8	202404	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	north_scotland	18470	0	982 12	756	1174 38	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	north_west	6016	0	878 56	284	9415 6	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	south_east	19652	0	168 37	300	3678 9	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	south_scotland	2235	0	511 38	889	5426 2	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	south_wales	4142	0	660 78	640	7086 0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	south_west	3264	0	218 55	622	2574 1	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	southern	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07
AAA A	yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	202404 01	202404 01	202404 07