

RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.0
REC RELEASE DATE	14/04/2022
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MINOR
NEW REC VERSION	2.2.1

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN	R0028 – Review of Category 3 documents in the REC Baseline Statement
SCOPE	R0034 – Market Stabilisation Charge

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are two changes in scope of the April 2022 REC Release. On 05 April 2022 the Change Panel approved Change Proposal R0028 and on 11 April 2022 the Authority approved R0034 for implementation on 14 April 2022.

Below will outline what is in scope of this release. Later in this Release Plan the detail of this scope will be communicated.

R0028

REC Products			
Performance and Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC)	Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Physical Message Standard (API Technical Specification)		
Market Domain Data (MDD) documents:	Performance Assurance User Guide		
 MDD General Meter Product Table; Meter Product Shadow Log; Converter Product Table; and 	Entry and Exit User Guide Metering Accreditation User Guide		
 Converter Product Shadow Log 	Theft User Guide		
Sandbox and Derogation User Guide	EMAR User Guide		
Change Management User Guide	Change Management Templates		

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REC Portal User Guide

R0034

REC Products		
Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge	Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	
REC Baseline Statement		

1.2 DELIVERABLES IN SCOPE

To support the implementation of these changes the deliverables in scope of this Release Plan are:

- Communication & Engagement Plan;
- Training & Guidance;
- REC Version 2.2.1 Pre-Release publication; and
- REC Version 2.2.1 Release publication.

1.3 OUT OF SCOPE

The following is not in scope of this Release Plan:

- 1. R0028
- Changes to the REC Change Process or Category 3 Change Process.
- 2. R0034
- The implementation of the governance, charging arrangements or administration of the Market Stabilisation Charge payments. This will be managed as part of Change Proposal R0035.

1.4 DELIVERABLES OUT OF SCOPE

The following deliverables have been considered during the Planning Phase and it has been determined there are no impacts that require these deliverables to be in scope of the Release:

- REC Portal technical changes;
- EMAR technical changes;
- Updates to User Guides; and
- Updates to, or creation of Knowledge Articles.

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2 IMPACTED REC PRODUCTS

R0028 – REVIEW OF CATEOGRY 3 DOCUMENTS IN THE REC BASELINE STATEMENT

ARTIFACT	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Performance Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC)	This Product is transitioning from Category 3 to Category 2	AMENDED
Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Physical Message Standard (API Technical Specification)	This Product is transitioning from Category 3 to Category 2	AMENDED
Market Domain Data (MDD) documents: o MDD General o Meter Product Table o Meter Product Shadow Log o Converter Product Table; and o Converter Product Shadow Log.	These Products are transitioning from Category 3 to Category 2 MDD files will be renamed to Meter Product Data (MPD) files	AMENDED
Performance Assurance User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Entry and Exit User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Metering Accreditation User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Theft User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Sandbox and Derogation User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
EMAR User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline	AMENDED

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ARTIFACT	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
	Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	
Change Management User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Change Management Templates	These Products are being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
REC Portal User Guide	This Product is being removed from the REC Baseline Statement and will no longer be a Category 3 Product	AMENDED
Performance Assurance: Methodology, Risk Register, PATs, Operating Plan	Name will be amended to Performance Assurance: Methodology	AMENDED
Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions	The definition for EES API Technical Specification will reference the document as a Category 2 instead of a Category 3. Meter Product Definitions will be added	AMENDED
Schedule 5 - Change Management	Market Domain Data change process will be added	AMENDED

R0034 - MARKET STABILISATION CHARGE

ARTIFACT	ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	V2.3	Introduces the new definition for Market Stabilisation Charge	AMENDED
Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge	V1.0	New obligations on RECCo and Energy Suppliers to support the modified licence	NEW
REC Baseline Statement	V1.3	Introduces Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge	AMENDED

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3 IMPACTED REC SYSTEMS

REC PORTAL

There are no changes required to the REC Portal to support the Change Proposals in scope of the April 2022 REC Release.

ENERGY MARKET ARCHITECTURE REPOSITORY (EMAR)

No impacts to EMAR have been identified for the Change Proposals that are in scope of the April 2022 REC Release.

PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE ANALYTICS

No impacts to the Performance Assurance Framework have been identified for the Change Proposals that are in scope of the April 2022 REC Release.

OTHER

The April 2022 REC Release will be delivered via a big bang approach, with no industry testing required across the Change Proposals that are in scope.

4 IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS

R0028 - REVIEW OF CATEOGRY 3 DOCUMENTS IN THE REC BASELINE STATEMENT

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
All REC Parties	REC Party	Need to be aware of the changes to understand where information is held ready for when the organisation needs it
All REC Service Users	Non-Party Service User	Need to be aware of the changes to understand where information is held ready for when the organisation needs it
Code Manager	Code Body	Need to be aware of the changes to ensure the right steps are taken with future changes

R0034 – MARKET STABILISATION CHARGE

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Need to be aware of the new obligations in preparation for the implementation of R0035 later this year.
RECCo	Code Body	Need to be aware of the new obligations in preparation for the implementation of R0035 later this year.

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5 RELEASE PLAN

REC PRE-RELEASE AND RELEASE ENGAGEMENT PLAN

EVENT / MILESTONE	START DATE	END DATE	COMMUNICATION METHOD
Release Plan	08/04/2022	08/04/2022	Email from the Code Manager with a link to the REC Portal
Pre-Release information	08/04/2022	08/04/2022	Email from the Code Manager with a link to EMAR
Stakeholder drop in session	11/04/2022	11/04/2022	Microsoft Teams meeting
FAQs	14/04/2022	14/04/2022	Email from the Code Manager with a link to the REC Portal
Release information	14/04/2022	14/04/2022	Email from the Code Manager with a link to the REC Portal

UPDATES TO REC SYSTEMS

There are no updates to REC systems required to support the changes in scope of this release.

CHANGES TO REC SERVICE PROVIDER SYSTEMS

There are no requirements for technical development of REC Service Provider systems in scope of this release.

TRAINING AND GUIDANCE

To support the new way of working a drop-in session will take place on 11 April 2022, which will outline the detail of the changes in scope and what those changes mean to impacted stakeholders.

The session will inform development of the FAQs which will be made available on the REC Portal after the drop-in session, along with a recording of the session.

It has been identified there are no changes required to User Guides or Knowledge Articles.

6 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

As there are no changes to REC systems or REC Service Provider systems in scope of this release there are no requirements for testing.

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7 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

As there are no requirements to update REC systems or REC Service Provider systems in scope of this release, it has been determined that Technical Assurance is not required.

PARTY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

8 GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING

Due to the short window between release initiation and the implementation date, there will be no formal reporting during the release.