

RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.3
REC RELEASE DATE	28/03/2024
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MAJOR
NEW REC VERSION	3.9.0

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE	R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation
	R0154 - Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1
	R0093 - Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period
	R0159 - House Keeping Amendment to the PARC

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are four Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the March 2024 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 28 March 2024 these Code changes will be delivered.

R0147 – Prepayment Levelisation

This Change Proposal seeks to introduce the necessary governance and charging arrangements into the Retail Energy Code, to reconcile the impact on Domestic Energy Suppliers of levelling the cost of standing charges to Domestic Consumers paying by means of a Prepayment Meter with those paying by Direct Debit.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 31 - Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation	N/A	New REC Schedule which sets out arrangements concerning Payment Method Levelisation	NEW
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	V4.3	New defined terms added around PPM Levelisation	AMENDED
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Performance Assurance: Report Catalogue	V5.0	New report added for aggregated submission report on Energy Supplier payment portfolio data	AMENDED
Performance Assurance: Retail Risk Register	V3.1	New Risk Driver to be added to measure and monitor Parties submission on Levelisation	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Having the Prepayment Levelisation scheme in place will ensure that there is a mechanism for the timely and accurate invoicing of Energy Suppliers to reconcile the cost of the Levelisation policy.
Code Manager	REC Code Manager	Will have new ongoing operational responsibilities impacting the Technical and Performance Assurance Providers.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: [PREPAYMENT LEVELISATION](#)

R0154 - Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1

REC Parties and Service Providers must undergo Performance Assurance as part of their obligations under the REC, as outlined in Schedule 6 – Performance Assurance. Performance Assurance is conducted in several ways, one of which is completion of Performance Reports. These are outlined in the category 2 document: Performance Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC). The REC Assurance Board (PAB) are responsible for proposing updates to the PARC as part of their annual review. This change seeks to update the PARC at PAB’s recommendation to reflect the changes they are suggesting.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Performance Assurance Report Catalogue	V5.0	Changes to Performance Assurance Reporting	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	There will be a change to Performance Assurance requirements.
Distribution Network Operators & Gas Transporters	REC Party	There will be a change to Performance Assurance requirements.
Metering Equipment Managers	REC Party	There will be a change to Performance Assurance requirements.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0093 - Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period

As part of the MHHS programme, it is necessary to migrate approximately 31 million MPANs from the existing settlement arrangements to those under the MHHS Target Operating Model. This will create a significantly increased volume of messages, whether for Switches or changes to Supplier Agents, for the Central Switching Service (CSS) Service during the MHHS Migration Period. The CSS Service Definition does not currently require the Switching Operator to be capable of processing these additional volumes.

This Change Proposal seeks to make the necessary updates to the REC, primarily to the CSS Service Definition, to ensure that the Switching Operator is appropriately prepared for the increase in message volumes that will be created during the MHHS programme migration period.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions	V4.3	Defined terms relating to MHHS migration have been added	AMENDED
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
CSS Service Definition	V1.1	Addition of new paragraph 7.11. around Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: SWITCHING DATA SERVICE

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Switching Operator	REC Service Provider	Need to ensure their service provision is ready for the significant increase in volumes resulting from MHHS migration
CSS Users	REC Party	Will benefit through the avoidance of disruption to CSS performance for both BAU and migration Switching activity

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0159 - House Keeping Amendment to the PARC

The Code Manager has identified two typographical errors in the approved legal text for the Performance Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC) as part of the implementation of R0147 Prepayment Levelisation and R0154 Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1.

In the PARC drafting, R0147 has specified the Code Manager (RTS) as providing the new data submission report that is part of the R0147 solution. However, RTS will be acting for RECCo in provision of this report and not RTS as the Code Manager.

In the PARC drafting for R0154 we identified inconsistent capitalisation. As parts of the files used are validated, we think updating this typographical error will make it easier for REC Parties to submit files, or REC Parties and the REC Code Manager to identify how to resolve submission errors.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Performance Assurance Report Catalogue	V5.0	For the performance report - Aggregated Submission Report on Energy Supplier Payment Portfolio Data- Change the provider from Code Manager to RECCo and correct inconsistent capitalisation throughout.	AMENDED

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED: N/A

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	V1.35	Amended to add the new REC Schedule and 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	01/03/24	Weekly Bulletin
Legal Text Pre-Release	08/03/24	Weekly Bulletin
Release Webinar	14/03/24	Microsoft Teams
Release Go Live communication	28/03/24	Email from REC Change Management
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	28/03/24	Release Management Page

5 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

There are no testing requirements in scope of this release.

6 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

There are no Service provider assurance requirements 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.