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RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.1
REC RELEASE DATE	12/04/2024
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MINOR
NEW REC VERSION	3.10.0

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE	R0062 - Removal of ERDA meteringPointEnergyFlow change restriction
	R0063 - Addition of key information to all Service Now tickets
	R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are three Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the April 2024 (4.1.0) 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 12 April 2024 these Code and technical changes will be delivered.

R0062 - Removal of ERDA meteringPointEnergyFlow change restriction

As part of the Faster Switching Programme Enactment Phase change CR-E37, a restriction was applied to Electricity Retail Data Agents (ERDAs) to prevent multiple changes being made to the RMP. Any errors can be rectified once in the lifetime of an RMP, back to the creation of the RMP.

This change has been raised to allow ERDAs to make more than one change to Energy Flow to improve data accuracy without requiring a new RMP.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 27 – RMP Lifecycle	V1.2	Updated to allow ERDAs to make more than one change to Energy Flow	AMENDED

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Electricity Retail Data Service Providers	REC Service Provider	Will be able to correct the Metering Point Energy Flow Data Item more than once.
Distribution Network Operators	REC Party	Current restrictions are stopping DNO's actioning required corrections unless new RMPs are created.
Suppliers	REC Party	Will affect risks to Settlement that arise from either an incorrect or change in energy direction.

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: N/A

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

R0063 - Addition of key information to all Service Now tickets

This Change seeks to improve the key business information, required by the DNOs, included in the SNOW tickets produced by CSS Service Desk for CSS Asynchronously rejected messages.

This change was scheduled for release on 12 April 2024. Delays in the technical development of this change were raised late to the Code Manager, and subsequently the technical implementation of R0063 will be delayed until 28 June 2024. The change to the REC will still take place as planned on 12 April 2024.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 26 – Switching Service Management Schedule	V1.0	Updated the mandatory items that a Switching Service Data Provider must be provided with.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Electricity Retail Data Service Providers	REC Service Provider	Will benefit from the additional information included in the SNOW tickets.
Gas Retail Data Service Providers	REC Service Provider	Will benefit from the additional information included in the SNOW tickets.

Switching Operator	REC Service Provider	Will be required to make the technical changes necessary to include additional data items in SNOW tickets to the ERDS & GRDS Providers.
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Indirectly impacted by the improved resolution of SNOW tickets.

REC USER GUIDES AND KNOWLEDGE ARTICLES IMPACTED: N/A

REC SERVICES IMPACTED: CENTRAL SWITCHING SERVICE

R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing

Ofgem have been in with discussion with Energy Suppliers this year, requesting them to voluntarily change how they use the consent option within the Priority Services Register (PSR) flow. This Change Proposal (CP) has been raised to make sure the Market Message mirrors the process agreed between Ofgem and Energy Suppliers by re-naming the Priority Services Register (PSR) Data Item DI51497 (J2208) as “Lawful basis for sharing”.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification – Data Item Catalogue	V3.5.0	Re-named the Priority Services Register (PSR) Data Item DI51497 (J2208) as “Lawful basis for sharing” and updated the description.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Suppliers	REC Party	The title of the PSR data item will reflect all lawful basis for sharing.
Distribution Network Operators	REC Party	The title of the PSR data item will reflect all lawful basis for sharing.

REC SERVICES 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	V1.36	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	05/03/24	Weekly Bulletin
Release Go Live communication	12/04/24	Email from REC Change Management
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	12/04/24	Release Management Page

5 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

There will be CSS testing of the technical changes to support the implementation of R0063. 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 both the CSS Provider for R0063, however this will be delayed in line with the technical deployment of R0063.

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.