Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (01 December 2023)

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Notice of Implementation

On **29 November 2023**, the Technical Expert Panel voted to approve R0149 – Updates to the EES API Technical Specification.

Subject to no appeal being raised, this will be implemented in the extraordinary REC release on **06 December 2023**.

If you have any questions on this Change Proposal, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

December 2023 Extraordinary REC Release

The December 2023 Extraordinary REC Release will be implemented next week, on **06 December 2023**. For further information, the December 2023 Release Webinar and Release Plan are available on the Release Management page of the REC Portal.

The REC Baseline statement will also be updated to reflect the new version numbers of the updated products and will be implemented on **06 December 2023** as part of the December 2023 Extraordinary Release.

Following the approval of R0149 – Updates to the EES API Specification we have published v1.4 of the Release Plan for the **06 December 2023** Extraordinary REC release.

The Release Plan provides a summary of all the Change Proposals (CPs) that are included in the Release, including a summary of the change, impacted Parties and impacted REC Products. The release plan and other information on future releases can be found here.

December RIG

The December REC Issues Group (RIG) will be held on the 08 December. The Change Team will be discussing the following:

- R0037 – Prepayment credit balance and debt transfer processes

- R0142 – Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials

If you would like to attend the RIG, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Prepayment Levelisation Webinar

Work continues to end the prepayment premium

Energy consumers in the UK who use prepayment meters have historically been charged more for their energy than those who pay via direct debit. Following selection by Ofgem, RECCo are developing systems and processes to levelise energy bills between prepayment meter and direct debit customers.

On the 30 November, RECCo, alongside representatives from Ofgem and Capgemini, held a progress webinar to confirm when the new levelisation system will be implemented, how the scheme will operate, the changes being made to REC legal text, the latest data reporting requirements, and to answer key questions.

If you missed the webinar, you can watch the recording here. Check the RECCo website for further materials, including the slide pack and FAQs.

Request for Information: R0082

The Code Manager has issued a Request for information (RFI) on Change Proposal R0082 - Formalising the Submission of PPMIP Unallocated Transaction Report (UTR) Files.

This RFI will be used to understand which PPMIPs are using which file types and the usefulness of the additional data items from MAP C0339. This will determine how the Code Manager progresses the change.

To respond to this RFI, download and complete the 'Request for Information Response form' on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form. Please submit responses by **23:59** on **15 December 2023**.

R0148 - Introduction of classification-based access model into the REC in support of Open Data

R0148 - Introduction of classification-based access model into the REC in support of Open Data involves the categorisation of data within the Enquiry Services which will help to improve, extend, and simplify access to data securely and efficiently. These will be 4 categories of Closed, Personal, Conditionally Open and Always Open.

Part of this Change Proposal will be to introduce a metadata catalogue which categorises each Data Item within the Enquiry Services. The Code Manager is requesting that industry review the proposed categorisation of the Data Items and an overview of how this should be completed can be found here . Once the review is finalised, it can be uploaded to the Portal on the relevant Party Impact Assessment page here.

This request was flagged to RIG Members at the meeting on 10 November 2023 and there were concerns raised over the size of the request and that ample time must be provided to ensure the right resource can conduct this review. The Code Manager has taken this feedback on board and extended the Impact Assessment period to 26 January 2024.

Please submit response by **23:59** on **26 January 2024**.

Impact Assessments Published

The following Impact Assessments have been published and can be accessed from the Impact Assessments Register, on the REC Portal.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts		Published Date	Response Deadline
		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0142 - Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials	Gas Suppliers MEMs	DI40145 (Multiplication Factor)	Gas Suppliers MEMs	01 December	22 December
R0070 - Provision of Enduring Test Environments	CSS Users	N/A	N/A	24 November	15 December

To respond to an Impact Assessment; download and complete the Impact Assessment Response Form on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

Please note: the cut off for responses is 23:59 on the Response Deadline in the bulletin and on the Impact Assessment Response form. On the REC Portal this shows the cut off as 00:00 on the following date. Please submit your responses in line with the bulletin and Response form deadline.

Further information about Impact Assessments can be found in the Change Management User Guide.

Consultations Published

The following Consultation has been published and can be accessed from the Consultations Register on the REC Portal.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts		Published Date	Response Deadline
		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0093 - Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period	CSS Users	N/A	N/A	01 December	15 December
R0145 - Service Termination Issue Reporting (Change to Category 2 document)	DNO MEMs Energy Suppliers	N/A	N/A	24 November	08 December
R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation Ofgem Statutory Consultation - Changes to prepayment meter standing charges and other debt costs	Domestic Energy Suppliers	N/A	N/A	22 November	13 December

To respond to a Consultation; download and complete the 'Consultation Response form' on the Consultation Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

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On 28 November 2023, the Initial Assessment Report and accompanying Change Proposal Plan for the below Change Proposals were published on the REC Portal.

- R0115 – Frequency and content of CSS reports on switching via the DCC Portal

On the 30 November, an updated version of the Initial Assessment Report, for the following Change Proposal was published on the REC Portal, to reflect Cross Code impacts identified.

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

The table below summarises the areas of impact that the Code Manager anticipates will result from these Change Proposals.

Change Proposal	Consumers	REC Parties/Market Participants	REC Products	REC Services
R0115	N/A	Ofgem and Switching Operator	Switching Operator Service Definition	Central Switching Service
R0139	Electricity Consumers	Electricity Suppliers, Distribution Networks, Metering Equipment Managers	Data Specification Schedule 13	N/A

If you have comments on the Initial Assessment Reports, please provide these via the Change Proposal pages (using the 'Add Comments' button), by **23:59 on Monday 04 December 2023**.

Comments will be presented for review by the Change Panel, ahead of making its decision, in the meeting on **05 December 2023**.

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