

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (08 December 2023)

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Portal Notifications

Please note that due to an issue, the Portal is not currently able to generate notifications to users upon the publication of Change information, including new consultations and impact assessments. We will continue to notify you of Change publications through this Bulletin.

December 2023 Extraordinary REC Release

The Code elements of the December 2023 (3.7.0) REC Release were implemented on Wednesday 06 December. This Release introduced five changes:

- [R0067 - Introduction of CSS Refresh Functionality](#)
- [R0128 - Removal of CSS Business Rule 1177 to reflect OFAF optionality](#)
- [R0136 - Change to REC Schedule 22 Market Stabilisation Charge \(MSC\)](#)
- [R0118 - Review of schedule 12 and processes to manage access data](#)
- [R0149 - Updates to the EES API Interface Specification - REC Portal](#)

All the updated REC Products can be located on the REC Portal. The updates to EMAR and Digital Navigator have also been completed.

The REC Baseline Statement has been updated with the new product version numbers. This change was implemented as part of the December 2023 REC Release.

For further information on this Release, please visit the [Release page](#). Should you have any questions, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact your Operational Account Manager.

CoMCoP Derogation

On 01 April 2023, the pre-existing metering codes of practice were combined into the new REC Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP), following a RECCo project and engagement with Industry. Since this date RECCo and the Code Manager have identified issues with the drafting, for which a derogation is in place which can be found [here](#). All metering providers should familiarise themselves with the derogated clauses. It is essential that all metering works continues to be carried out safely, if you are not sure of the requirements that apply to you, please engage directly with your OAM or email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

The REC Change Team have already started to work on [Change Proposal R0152](#) (Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)) to identify any updates required, please look out for further communications on this and ways in which you can input.

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 30 November, RECCo alongside representatives from Ofgem, 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. Some key dates have also been confirmed [here](#).

If you missed the webinar, you can watch the recording below or download the presentation slides [here](#).

If you have any comments on the changes proposed, the REC [Consultation on R0147](#) is open for responses until the 13 December.

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		
R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing	Electricity Suppliers, DNOs, MEMs	DI51497 / J2208 Consent to share data obtained	Suppliers, DNOs, MEMs	08 December	05 January
R0142 - Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials	Gas Suppliers MEMs	DI40145 / A0120 (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		
R0064 - Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCOP Installer	MEMs	N/A	N/A	07 December	05 January
R0093 - Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period	CSS Users	N/A	N/A	01 December	15 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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Preliminary Change Reports Published

The Preliminary Change Report for Change Proposal [R0062 - Removal of ERDA meteringPointEnergyFlow change restriction](#) has been published on the REC Portal.

If you have any comments on the Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59 on 15 December 2023**. Comments will be presented for review by the Change Panel on **19 December 2023**.

Initial Assessment Reports Published

The Initial Assessment Reports and accompanying Change Proposal Plans for the following Change Proposals have been published on the REC Portal:

- [R0150 - On-site Aggregation as a method to facilitate Third Party Access - BSC P455](#)
- [R01502 - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice \(CoMCoP\)](#)

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

Change Proposal	Consumers	REC Parties/Market Participants	REC Products	REC Services
R0150	Electricity Consumers	MEMs DCs	Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions Schedule Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	N/A
R0152	N/A	MEMs, Suppliers, DNOs	CoMCoP	Meter Scheme Auditor

If you have comments on the Initial Assessment Reports, please provide these via the Change Proposal page (using the 'Add Comments' button), by **23:59 on 15 December 2023**.

Category 3 Change Proposals

Annually, the Code Manager prepares the Performance Assurance Operating Plan which sets out the Performance Assurance Technique(s) that are to be applied in relation to each Retail Risk identified in the Risk Register, together with the key Performance Assurance Activities for the year ahead. In line with the Performance Assurance Plan, the Code Manager reviewed the documents and updates have been approved by REC Performance Assurance Board.

Category 3 Change Proposal [C3-0055 2023/24 Performance Assurance Operating Plan](#) has now been implemented.

The 2023/24 Performance Assurance Operating Plan can be accessed [here](#).

In addition, the Code Manager produces an Annual Performance Assurance Report for the year which focuses on the key Performance Assurance activities, challenges, and reflections during the previous year.

The 2023 Performance Assurance Annual Report can be accessed [here](#). Please note this Annual Report is not a Category 3 document but is published for reference against the related Performance Assurance products.

Category 3 Change Proposal [C3-0056 - GES Online Portal User Guide](#) has been raised to address consequential impacts from XRN5573 - Updates to the Priority Consumer process. As part of this review, an error in the wording for "Priority Consumer Indicator" has been corrected and adapted to suit the needs of the XRN change.

C3-0056 will be implemented on 15/12/2023.

Contacting the Code Manager

The REC Code Manager service will continue to operate over the Christmas and New Year period, with key staff available across the team to respond to your queries and provide you with ongoing support.

The only change to our service is the closure of our telephone and live web chat from 13:00 on 22 December 2023 until 09:00 on 02 January 2024. You can still raise tickets with the Service Desk through the REC Portal, or by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk, and we will respond as normal.

We welcome feedback about our communications and all aspects of the REC Code Manager service. To send us your feedback you can create a ticket on the [REC Portal Service Desk](#), send an email to enquiries@recmanager.co.uk, or use the [CSI feedback form](#).

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