

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (15 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.

Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement - Programme Updates

MHHS Programme Systems Integration Testing (SIT)

The production Data Transfer Service (DTS) will be used for MHHS SIT Functional and MHHS SIT Migration Testing. The following preparatory activities will be carried out to support this:

- The REC Code Manager will update the Microsoft Access 'DTS Catalogue' to contain the new or updated Data Flow / Data Items. This updated Catalogue will be available to industry via the normal processes operated by the REC Code Manager when a change is made to that artefact.
- This updated DTS Catalogue will be made available on or before 22 December 2023.
- ElectraLink will update the production DTS with these changes before the SIT Functional test phase starts.

To prepare for using DTS, SIT participants should ensure that:

- You have configured your DTS gateways to support the new Market Roles and Market Participant IDs (MPIDs) that you intend to use in Testing.
- You can send and receive data flows that are consistent with the specification set out within the MHHS or Code Body design artefacts.

If you have any questions, please email the Testing team at Testing@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

Programme Change Freeze

At the Programme Steering Group meeting on 06 December 2023 industry representatives formalised an MHHS Programme Change Freeze. The purpose of the Change Freeze is to address instability during Programme delivery, implementation and go-live that creates risk for the Programme, Code Bodies and Programme participants.

To create stability there is now an increased threshold for **all** change that impacts the MHHS Programme, with an expectation that changes will have implementation deferred until after go-live - MHHS Programme Milestone [M10](#), 'Central Systems Ready for Migrating MPANs,' targeted for March 2025. In some cases, implementation may need to be deferred until after MHHS Migration has completed, unless they are required to fix a fault in the MHHS design. For clarity, changes with no impact on MHHS will not be impacted.

More information on the Change Freeze will be shared through the MHHS Programme Advisory Group meetings and the MHHS Programme will communicate with the Code Bodies on the Change Freeze approach accordingly for any impacted changes in progress.

The REC MHHS team will continue to engage with the Programme through the [Cross Code Advisory Group](#) and the Horizon Scanning process regarding how REC Change Proposals may impact MHHS. Guidance on how the REC Code Manager will manage Change Proposals during the change freeze will be shared in the new year.

MHHS Impacts to Data Transfer Network (DTN) Flows Consultation

The Design workstream has issued four Data Transfer Network (DTN) solution documents for consultation, relating to reports that will be sent from the Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC) Central Systems following a Demand Control Event (DCE). Comments are requested by **17:00** on **05 January 2024**. Please visit the [MHHS Impacts to Data Transfer Network \(DTN\) Flows page of the MHHS website](#) for more information on the consultation and how to submit comments. If you have any questions about this consultation, please email Design@mhhsprogramme.co.uk

Information for DNOs on Placing Reliance Submission and next steps for Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents

On 23 November 2023, the Code Bodies and Programme team held a Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSO, or DNO under the REC) specific session to walk through and provide additional guidance on how to complete the Non-Systems Integration Testing (SIT) Placing Reliance Proposal Form. The session was recorded and you can view the session [here](#) along with [the supporting slides](#). An updated version of the Non-SIT Placing Reliance Proposal Form and a worked example, as well as FAQs were published along with the December Qualification Working Group (QWG) papers which are published on the [Qualification and E2E Sandbox Working Group \(QWG\) page of the Collaboration Base](#).

If you're a Non-SIT LDSO, the deadline to submit your Placing Reliance Proposal Form to the Programme via the Qualification mailbox at LDSO_QT@mhhsprogramme.co.uk is 05 January 2024.

The Pre-Qualification Submission template was also published along with the December QWG papers and are available on the [QWG page of the Collaboration Base](#). The deadline for Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents to review and feedback on the Pre-Qualification Submission template is 02 January 2024. The Code Bodies and Programme team plan to hold a webinar in February 2024 to walk through and provide additional guidance on how to complete the Pre-Qualification Submission.

R0152 - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice – Working Group Interest

Following the implementation of the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) a number of issues have been identified by RECCo, The Code Manager and REC Parties, which mean that REC Parties are unable to meet their obligations as currently presented in the CoMCoP. Change Proposal [R0152 - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice \(CoMCoP\)](#) has been raised to address this.

The Code Manager is setting up a work group to provide expertise and assist in the extensive review of CoMCoP and are looking for up to 4 SMEs to join us on a regular basis. We envisage this work group meeting weekly from the end of January. Alternatively, if there are specific sections or clauses of the CoMCoP review you would like to be involved in, please let us know and we can pass on only relevant invitations.

REC Stakeholders impacted by the CoMCoP review are invited to express their interest in participating in the working group by emailing the enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **05 January 2024**.

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		
R0150 - On-site Aggregation as a method to facilitate Third Party Access - BSC P455	Electricity Suppliers MEMs	N/A	N/A	15 December	15 January
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

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		
R0115 - Frequency and content of CSS reports on switching via the DCC portal	Energy Suppliers Switching Operator	N/A	N/A	15 December	19 January
R0064 - Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCOP Installer	MEMs	N/A	N/A	07 December	05 January

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.

Please note: the cut off for responses is 23:59 on the Response Deadline in the bulletin (unless a different cut-off is specified in the table above) and on the Consultation 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.

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Preliminary Change Reports Published

The Preliminary Change Report for Change Proposal [R0115 - Frequency and content of CSS reports on switching via the DCC portal](#) has been published on the REC Portal.

In line with the Change Proposal Plan, this will now progress to Consultation.

Initial Assessment Reports Published

On the 12 December the Initial Assessment Report and accompanying Change Proposal Plan for [R0154 - Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1](#) was published on the REC Portal.

On the 15 December the Initial Assessment Report and accompanying Change Proposal Plan for [R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales](#) was published on the REC Portal.

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
R0154	N/A	Energy Suppliers, DNOs, MEMs, Gas Transporters	Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue (PARC)	REC Performance Assurance Board
R0155	Non-Domestic	Energy Suppliers, TPIs	Schedule 1 – Interpretations Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management Schedule 30 – Consumer Facing Switching and Billing Issues TPI Code of Practice	Secure Data Exchange Service Central Switching Services Central Data Services Provider

If you have comments on the Initial Assessment Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page (using the 'Add Comments' button), by **23:59** on **18 December 2023**.

Rebaselined Change Proposal Plans

The following Change Proposal Plan has been re-baselined following approval by the REC Change Panel. The explanation for the re-baselining is included in the updated documents, which has been published on the Change Proposal Page on the REC Portal.

- [R0095 – Changes to allow DNOs to reinstate disconnected MPANs.](#)

Category 3 Change Proposals

Category 3 Change Proposal [C3-0056 - GES Online Portal User Guide](#) has been implemented and can be found [here](#). This Change Proposal was 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.

To reflect this implementation, the REC Baseline Statement has been updated to version 1.27.

Withdrawn Change Proposals

On the 15 December 2023, Change Proposal [R0026 - Whole current \(WC\)/Current Transformer \(CT\) certificates](#) was withdrawn.

R0026 was raised as a transitional issue from the MOCOPA. Since REC go-live, the way that electricity metering audits are conducted has changed in such a way that this change is no longer relevant without a wider review of the metering audit arrangements.

This Change Proposal is now open for adoption. If you wish to adopt the Change Proposal, you can do this via the 'Adopt Proposal' button on the Change Proposal page, by **23:59** on **03 January 2024**, after which time it will be fully withdrawn on the REC Portal.

New Change Proposals Raised

The following new Change Proposal has been raised:

- [R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales](#)

Update from the Taskforce

The Taskforce continues to make headway on progressing a portfolio of 53 Change Proposals. In the new year we will give you an update on progress including some Requests for Information on the below changes.

- [R0060 - ERDS Service Definition timezone correction](#). For the attention of ERDS Providers, the EES Provider and any other REC Parties (Electricity only)
- [R0072 - Introduction of a new Meter Asset Condition Code](#). For the attention of MEMs and DNOs (Electricity only).

The following Party Impact Assessments will also be triggered.

- [R0098 - Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES](#). For the attention of EES API Users (Electricity only)
- [R0108 - Enabling Electricity Enquiry Service searches using a Unique Property Reference Number](#). For the attention of Third-Party Intermediaries and Suppliers (Electricity only)
- [R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements \(1\) Process Types](#) - For the attention of SDEP Users (Both electricity and gas).

Non-REC owned Data Specification Change

BSC CP1589: Create Additional Market Participant Role Codes

Following the withdrawal of R0132, the proposed change to the market role code data item is being progressed under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) under CP1589. This Change Proposal (CP) suggests expanding the format from a single character (Char(1)) to a two-character (Char(2)) alphanumeric value. The implementation of CP1589 would significantly increase the number of available codes, allowing for the introduction of new Market Roles in the evolving energy market. This change is crucial for maintaining the market's adaptability and accommodating future growth and innovation.

For more information on this CP, for which the consultation closes on Friday 15 December, please visit the [CP1589 page of the Elexon website](#). If you have any questions, please email bsc.change@elexon.co.uk.

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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