

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (05 January 2024)

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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

Programme Change Freeze

The Code Manager would like to remind you of the current MHHS Programme Change Freeze that is now in place.

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.

Address Quality Plan Consultation

Each Financial Year, DCC as Switching Operator must have in place a plan (the Address Quality Plan (AQP)) setting out the actions proposed to be taken to improve address quality and meet the Address Quality Objective. For the AQP which is to be effective from 01 April 2024, DCC has brought forward the consultation to allow parties additional time to comment on the proposals. The consultation starts on 15 December 2023 and concludes on 31 January 2024. REC Parties are requested to review the [draft Address Quality Plan](#) and provide responses on the [consultation response document](#).

The completed response document should be sent to smb-address-service@smartdcc.co.uk marking the subject of the email “**Year 3 Address Quality Plan – Consultation Response**” by 17:00 on 31 January 2024. Should you have any queries in relation to the consultation please raise these at the same email address marking the subject of your email “**Year 3 Address Quality Plan – Query**”.

January REC Issues Group (RIG)

The January REC Issues Group (RIG) will be held on the 12 January. The Change Team will be discussing the following:

- [R0037 – Prepayment credit balance and debt transfer processes](#)
- [R0109 – Aligning electricity and gas timescale requirements for sharing Meter Technical Detail information](#)

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

Category 3 Change Proposals

Category 3 Change Proposal [C3-0060 – Entry Assessment Forms](#) has been raised.

In line with the Performance Assurance Plan, the Code Manager has reviewed and updated the Entry Assessment Forms, with the updates noted at the REC Performance Assurance Board in November. A clarification has been added to the Entry Assessment Forms to note that there is a separate Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) to complete for MHHS.

Additionally, in line with the risk-based approach to Market Entry, the Code Manager has updated the Information Security and Data Protection (ISDP) with separate sections to be completed dependant on the applicant and their requested access, and also updated the Business Solutions Assessment to capture if an Applicant has previously operated in the market.

Based on Party feedback, the guidance for some questions was updated to provide more clarity.

C3-0060 will be implemented on 12 January 2024.

Data Access Requests

Following Performance Assurance Board agreement with the Code Manager's recommendation to approve the requested access or changes to the relevant Data Access Matrices on 19 December 2023, the below Category 3 Changes have been raised.

- [C3-0057 – Data Access Request for Virtual Lead Parties](#)
- [C3-0058 – Administrative changes to align to the Data Permissions Matrix](#)

C3-0057 and C3-0058 are now open for Consultation and these will close at 23:59 19 January 2024. If the Consultation responses return no concerns that would require the Code Manager to revisit the changes, the Code Manager will implement these Change Proposals on 26 January 2024.

[C3-0059 – Data Access Request for DESNZ](#) has also been raised and will be implemented on 26 January 2024.

Impact Assessments Published

The following Impact Assessment has 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

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 Consultations have 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		
R0154 – Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1	Suppliers	N/A	N/A	5 January	26 January
R0062 – Removal of ERDA Metering Point Energy Flow Change Restriction	Suppliers DNOs	N/A	N/A	21 December	23 January
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
C3-0057 – Data Access Request for Virtual Lead Parties	All REC participants	Electricity DAM	Virtual Lead Parties	05 January	19 January
C3-0058 - Administrative Changes to align to the Data Permissions Matrix	All REC participants	GAS DAM	Gas Markup Participants	05 January	19 January

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Initial Assessment Reports Published

On 05 January 2024, the Initial Assessment Report and accompanying Change Proposal Plan for the below Change Proposal was published on the REC Portal.

- [R0080 – Improvements to ‘Failed to Deliver’ CSS Messages](#)

The table below summarises the areas of impact that the Code Manager anticipates will result from this change proposal.

Change Proposal	Consumers	REC Parties and Service Users	REC Products	REC Services
R0080	Electricity and Gas Consumers	All CSS Users	Schedule 24 – Switching Data Management Physical Design Interface Document (PhID) CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules	Central Switching Service Switching Data Service Providers

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 Friday 12 January 2024**.

Preliminary Change Reports Published

The Preliminary Change Report for the following Change Proposal has been published on the REC Portal:

- [R0154 – Performance Assurance Report Catalogue V5.1](#)

If you have any comments on the Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59 on 12 January 2024**.

Withdrawn Change Proposals

Change Proposal [R0089 - Removal of Pre-COVID AQ Value from Data Access Matrix](#) has been withdrawn.

Since the implementation of [R0118 – Review of Schedule 12 and processes to manage access to data](#), the Gas Data Access Matrix has been made a Category 3 document and the removal of the Pre-COVID AQ value has been progressed through C3-0058 – Administrative Changes to align to the Data Permissions Matrix. C3-0058 is due for implementation on 26 January 2024.

Whilst the Code Manager doesn't expect any adoptions, R0089 will be open for adoption for 10 Working Days after which time will be fully withdrawn on the REC portal. If you wish to adopt this Change Proposal, you can do this via the 'Adopt Proposal' button on the Change Proposal page, by **23:59 on 19 January 2024**.

New Change Proposals Raised

The following new Change Proposal has been raised:

[R0157 – Removal of Facsimile as a Method of Code Communication](#)

This will now go through an initial assessment by the Code Manager to assess the priority status and score. This will in turn determine the next steps and timeline for the progression of the Change Proposal. There is no action required from you at this time.

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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