Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (19 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.

Change of Tenancy Change Proposal (R0155) Working Group

R0155 has been raised by RECCo with the intention of reviewing the non-domestic Change of Tenancy process, including Change of Supplier with a Change of Tenancy. The review has no set solution and is looking for input from Suppliers, Third Party Intermediaries and Consumers through a working group and the REC Change Process.

Prior to the formal establishment of the working group to develop the potential solution for the change, the Code Manager is hosting two online webinars – one for Suppliers and one for Third Party Intermediaries. These sessions will introduce the Code Manager's plan for the subsequent working group activity, including how that working group would be established and members appointed.

Both sessions will commence at 14:00 and are expected to last approximately two hours.

Suppliers are invited to sign up to attend their webinar on 25 January 2024 by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

TPIs are invited to sign up to attend their webinar on 01 February 2024 by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Metering Expert Panel Nominations

The Code Manager is seeking nominations from Suppliers for the Supplier Member vacancy on the REC Metering Expert Panel.

Contract Managers were issued with a nomination form on 15 January 2023, if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please complete the nomination form and send to committees@recmanager.co.uk by 17:00 on 05 February 2024.

MHHS Service Management Strategy Consultation

On 15 January 2024, the MHHS Programme published the **MHHS Service Management Strategy** for a 10 working day industry consultation. The MHHS Service Management Strategy document defines the strategy which will underpin the management of the new MHHS services.

For more details and to provide feedback on this document, please visit the Migration Overview page of the MHHS website and download the **Comments Log**. Comments should be submitted by **17:00** by **26 January 2024** to OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

R0147 – Authority Referral

On 16 January 2024, the REC Change Panel voted to recommend that the Authority approve R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation, for implementation on **28 March 2024**.

The updated Final Change Report has been published on the Change Proposal page on the REC Portal and has been referred to the Authority to make their determination.

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

R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Readiness

The Levelisation Policy developed by Ofgem is being targeted for introduction via Licence Condition amendments to be effective from 01 April 2024. RECCo will be responsible for the introduction and ongoing administration of the supporting Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation via the Retail Energy Code.

REC Change Proposal R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation was raised to progress the necessary changes to the REC, setting out how PML Reconciliation will operate and the obligations on RECCo and Domestic Suppliers. The Change Proposal is targeted for implementation on **28 March 2024**.

To find out more about Levelisation, including recordings of Stakeholder Events held in November, you can access the page on the RECCo website here.

In readiness for the Change Proposal R0147 being approved, and the Levelisation Policy being implemented, the Code Manager has emailed all Energy Supplier Contract Managers this week. We have asked for the following:

- Completion of a Levelisation Readiness survey , which can be found here, by 02 February 2024

- A contact and bank details form to be sent to enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by 09 February 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the REC Service Desk or your Operational Account Manager.

R0043 - Authority Approval

On 15 January 2024, Ofgem approved the Change Proposal R0043 – Commissioning of Works by the Crowded Meter Room Coordinator (CMRC) to Resolve Issues in Crowded Meter Rooms.

This change will help support more than 5,000 shared residential buildings in the UK to being made 'Smart Ready', providing more than 100,000 households that were not previously eligible for a smart meter due to technical installation challenges the opportunity to finally access the technology.

Following the implementation of R0043, the REC will now allow for the commissioning of these works in residential buildings supplied by multiple different energy suppliers, allowing for MEMs to efficiently deliver the solution provided by SMS and Alt Han to ensure that such buildings can be made Smart Ready.

The Change Proposal is now set for implementation on 28 June 2024.

REC Change Podcast

Next Wednesday, 24 January 2024, we will be releasing our latest REC Change Podcast where we will be bringing you the latest news from the Retail Energy Code.

Paul Rocke the Head of Communications within the Code Manager Team will be joined by Sam Briggs the Change Delivery Manager along with Caroline Freimuller and Harriet Truss. Together they will be providing listeners with a summary of all the Change Proposals that we are working on, spotlighting two examples of changes that will have significant benefits for consumers.

The Podcast will be available through the REC Portal, via our LinkedIn page or by clicking here from next Wednesday.

February Release Drop-in Session

The REC Code Manager is hosting a February Release Drop-in Session on **07 February 2024** (14:00-14:30) to provide an overview of the planned changes within the scope the February Release taking place on 23 February 2024. The session will provide information on the impacts of the changes and provide you with an opportunity ask your questions direct to the Code Manager.

To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click here or email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

C3-0061 – Theft Target Methodology

C3-0061 (Theft Target Methodology) has been raised. A Consultation on this Change Proposal will be open until **23:59 on 05 February 2024** and can be accessed via the Consultation Register on the REC Portal.

In support of this, RECCo are hosting a drop-in session to answer any questions you may have on this on **22 January 2024** (12:00 - 13:00). If you would like to register for this session and submit any questions in advance, please contact theft@retailenergycode.co.uk.

Requests for Information

The Code Manager has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for each of the following Change Proposals:

- R0060 – ERDS Service Definition Timezone Correction

- R0072 – Introduction of a new Meter Asset Condition Code

- R0109 – Aligning Electricity and Gas Timescale Requirements for Sharing Meter Technical Detail Information

To respond to an RFI, download and complete the 'Request for Information Response form' on the relevant Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form. Please submit responses by **23:59** on **09 February 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		
R0098 – Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES	All Portal Users, EES Users	N/A	N/A	11 January	03 February
R0108 – Enabling EES Searching using a UPRN	All Portal Users, EES Users	Electricity DAM	Virtual Lead Parties	11 January	03 February

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.

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		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0142 – Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials	All Gas Market Participants	DI40145	Gas Suppliers Gas Shippers MEMs Central Data Service Provider	19 January	09 February
R0156 – Updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules and Physical Interface Design Specification	CSS Users	N/A	N/A	19 January	02 February
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
C3-0061 – Theft Target Methodology	Suppliers	N/A	N/A	15 January	06 February

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Preliminary Change Reports Published

The Preliminary Change Reports for the following Change Proposals have been published on the REC Portal:

- R0070 – Provision of Enduring Test Environments

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

- R0156 – Updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules and Physical Interface Design Specification

Contacting the Code Manager

We've made contacting the Code Manager even easier – by adding webchat to every page of the REC Portal. 75% of webchats are resolved on the spot, without the need for a case to be created!

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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