Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (26 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.

REC Change Podcast

The Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode Paul Rocke is joined by Samantha Briggs, Caroline Freimuller and Harriet Truss to provide an overview of some of the key Change Proposals that the REC Change Team is working on, spotlighting two examples of changes that will have significant benefits for consumers. To access this episode and the transcript, click here.

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 (TPIs) and Consumers through a working group and the REC Change Process.

On 25 January 2024, the Code Manager met with Suppliers to introduce the Code Manager's plan for the next stages working group activity, including how the working group will be established and members appointed.

On 01 February 2024 (14:00 - 16:00), the Code Manager will meet with TPIs to provide the same overview. TPIs are invited to sign up to attend this online session by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk before 31 January 2024.

Market Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) – New Working Groups

From February 2024, The TMAG will be replaced by SIT, Qualification and Migration Advisory Groups.

We've confirmed the first meeting dates and regular cadence for each of these new groups:

- **Systems Integration Testing Advisory Group (SITAG)** – the first meeting is on Wednesday 21 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month.

- **Qualification Advisory Group (QAG)** - the first meeting is on Thursday 22 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month.

- **Migration & Cutover Advisory Group (MCAG)** - the first meeting is on Tuesday 27 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

There are still some unfilled seats on these advisory groups, therefore the Code Manager asks that if you are interested in representing your constituency in these groups, or if you have any questions about these changes, please email PMO@mhhsprogramme.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.

Balance and Settlement Code (BSC) – Issue 101 Consultation

The REC Code Manager would like to highlight the upcoming BSC Issue 101 Consultation to all REC Participants.

The BSC are seeking views from potential Data Integration Platform (DIP) Users and other interested parties on the proposed arrangements and drafting for the enduring governance, funding and operation of the DIP. The arrangements, legal text and subsidiary documents have been developed by Elexon as part of Issue 101 'Ongoing Governance, Funding and Operation of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) DIP by BSCCo'.

The DIP is a vital technical component of the transition to MHHS that will be used to share data including Half-Hourly consumption data from consumers' smart meters. Ofgem have tasked Elexon with proposing the future governance arrangements for the DIP; Issue 101 was raised to gather industry input to help develop the arrangements. This consultation on the proposed arrangements and drafting for the DIP is to allow for industry engagement prior to the drafting being implemented as part of an Authority-led Significant Code Review Modification.

You can download this consultation from the Issue 101 and Consultations pages of Elexon's website.

Market Participants are invited to respond by **5pm on Wednesday 21 February 2024**

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.

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.

New Change Proposals

The following new Change Proposal has been raised:

R0092A – DCC Service Level Agreements for the Switching Incentive Regime (Alternative)

Category 3 Change Proposals

The following Category 3 Change Proposals have now been implemented:

- C3-0057 – Data Access Request for Virtual Lead Parties

- C3-0058 – Administrative Changes to align to the Data Permissions Matrix

- C3-0059 – Data Access Request for DESNZ

The REC Baseline Statement has been updated to version 1.29 to reflect the implementation of these Data Access changes.

Requests for Information

The Code Manager has issued a new Request for Information (RFI) for the following Change Proposal:

- R0125 – SDEP Review Improvements (5) – Multilateral Erroneous Switches

To respond to the RFI, download and complete the 'Request for Information Response form' on the R0125 Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form. Please submit responses for this RFI by **23:59 on 16 February 2024.**

The Code Manager is also still seeking responses to a 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 one of these RFIs, 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 Assessment 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		
R0121 – SDEP Review Improvements (1) – Process Types	All Portal Users	N/A	N/A	26 January	16 February
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.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts		Published Date	Response Deadline
		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0070 – Provision of Enduring Test Environments	Service Providers CSS Users	N/A	N/A	26 January	16 February
R0139 – Alignment of Market Message D0225 'Consent to Share Flag' to Support PSR Data Sharing	Energy Suppliers DNOs MEMs	DI51497	N/A	26 January	09 February
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
C3-0061 – Theft Target Methodology	Suppliers	N/A	N/A	15 January	06 February

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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Initial Assessment Reports Published

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

- [R0151 – Implementation of Online Certificate Standard Protocol (OCSP) in addition to Certificate Revocation List (CRL)](#)

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
R0151	N/A	CSS Users	Schedule 25 – Central Switching Service Schedule

CSS Security and API Supporting Information | CSS 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 **02 February 2024**.

Preliminary Change Reports Published

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

- [R0139 – Alignment of Market Message D0225 'Consent to Share Flag' to Support PSR Data Sharing](#)

Final Change Reports Published

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

- R0064 – Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCOP Installer

- R0115 – Frequency and Content of CSS Reports on Switching Via the DCC

If you have comments on the Final Change Reports, please provide these via the Change Proposal page (using the 'Add Comments' button), by **23:59** on **02 February 2024**.

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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