

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (23 February 2024)

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February 2024 REC Release

The Code elements of the February 2024 (3.8.0) REC Release have been implemented today, 23 February 2023. This Release introduces three changes:

- [R0071 – DCC Access to EES & GES](#)
- [R0103 - Central provision of DCC Technical Contacts for Requesting Test Certificates](#)
- [R0156 - Updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules and Physical Interface Design Specification](#)

The updated REC Products can be located on the REC Portal. Updates to EMAR and Digital Navigator will be complete by the end of the day.

The REC Baseline Statement has been updated with the new product version numbers.

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.

R0145 – Decision to Reject Implementation

At the Metering Expert Panel meeting on 14 February 2024, the Panel voted to reject the Code Manager's recommendation to approve [R0145 - Service Termination Issue Reporting \(Change to Category 2 Document\)](#).

Under REC Schedule 5 – Change Management, when a Responsible Committee rejects the recommendation of the Code Manager with respect to a Self-Governance Change Proposal, the Change Proposal is automatically referred to Ofgem (as the Authority) for its determination, unless the Code Manager changes its recommendation based on the reasons provided by the relevant sub-committee.

Following consideration of the decision made by the Metering Expert Panel and the reasons for its rejection, the Code Manager has decided to amend its recommendation, and is now recommending the rejection of R0145. The Code Manager maintains that the business case for R0145 was made, and the solution does address the identified problem statement, and this was reflected in the comments of a majority of group members as the R0145 was progressed and during the vote. However, it is clear that some RECMEP members are supportive of a change to the governance of this document that would remove it from the REC completely. Although this was outside of the scope of the original change, it was a consistent theme throughout the development of R0145.

Consequently, R0145 has been rejected for implementation and the decision will not be referred to Ofgem.

R0147 Prepayment Levelisation – Notice of Implementation

On 23 February 2024, the Authority issued its decision to the Code Manager, to approve [R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation](#) for implementation on 28 March 2024. The decision document can be found on the REC Portal [here](#).

This Change Proposal will be included in the 28 March 2024 [Release Plan](#), to reflect the approval, and the completion of the update will be confirmed via the REC Change Bulletin.

The Authority's decision has been published at the same time as the decision on the related Licence Modifications. The Licence Modifications and new arrangements for Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation under the REC, will come into effect on **01 April 2024**.

The REC Code Manager is hosting R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar on **14 March 2024** (13:00-14:30) to provide an overview of the R0147 Prepayment Levelisation before its implementation. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click [here](#).

PML Reconciliation Readiness Checklist:

- Contact and bank details confirmed
- Access to reporting Sharepoint
- Data extract on midday on 01 April 2024 – please note additional guidance has been added to the Change Proposal page on the REC Portal [here](#).
- Data submission by 15 April 2024
- Sign up to the R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar

If you have any questions about this Change Proposal in advance of the webinar, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

MHHS Code Drafting 'Mop Up 2': Final Review Consultation

The MHHS Programme Code Workstream issued the Topic Mop Up 2 Code Artefacts for consultation on 19 February 2024. Metering is the REC area most impacted by the MHHS Design, and this is reflected in the Code Drafting. The Code Topic Mop Up 2 consultation is the final opportunity for industry to feed into the Code Drafting before it is baselined and submitted for approval by the Programme and Ofgem thereafter.

For more information on this consultation and how to submit your comments, please visit the [Code Topic Mop Up 2 page of the MHHS website](#). Comments are due by 17:00 on **11 March 2024**.

Qualification Assessment Document (QAD)

The QAD sets out the information and evidence that market participants are required to provide to the REC and Balancing Settlement Code (BSC) Code Bodies so that they can be MHHS Qualified to operate under the new arrangements. The QAD has been developed through discussions with the MHHS Qualification Working Group (QWG) and has been provided to industry for consultation. The QAD consultation window will close at 17:00 on **01 March 2024**. To access the QAD and for details on

how to submit comments, please visit the [Qualification Assessment Document page on the MHHS website](#).

MHHS Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS)

All Non-SIT Suppliers, Supplier Agents and MEMs, and new entrant DNOs - referred to as a Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) in the MHHS Programme - are required to provide a Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS) for MHHS Qualification.

The submission will include all the information that Code Bodies need to make an informed judgement on a Party's readiness and suitability to be allocated to a particular Qualification Wave. The information provided will also help Code Bodies to understand the resource and testing capacity required to support each Qualification Wave. For further information on the Qualification Waves, Parties should consult the [Qualification Approach and Plan](#).

Please note that:

- SIT participants are not expected to submit the PQS for the roles and Market Participant IDs (MPIDs) they are participating with in SIT. The proposed process for QAD submission for SIT Participants is set out in the [Qualification Approach and Plan](#).
- Existing DNOs participating in Non-SIT LDSO Qualification are not expected to submit the PQS.

All electricity REC Parties are required to become MHHS Qualified to operate the new MHHS arrangements. Some REC Parties have volunteered to support MHHS Programme testing through SIT. Others (referred to as Non-SIT Parties) will need to undertake Qualification Testing directly with Code Bodies.

The PQS window opened on **05 February 2024** and final submissions must be provided by 17:00 on **26 April 2024**. The Code Bodies are hosting a **Pre-Qualification Submission webinar** on **07 March 2024**.

For more information on the Pre-Qualification Submission and how to submit your information, please visit the [MHHS website](#). If you have any questions about the Pre-Qualification Submission or Placing Reliance, please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

Category 3 Change Proposals

The following Category 3 Change Proposals have now been raised.

- [C3-0068 – REC Charging Statement V2.1](#)
- [C3-0069 – Entry Assessment Information Pack](#)

These Category 3 Change Proposals will be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity and will be communicated via the REC Change Bulletin.

Impact Assessment 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		
R0037 – Prepayment Credit Balance & Debt Transfer Processes	Suppliers	MM90012 (Switch Request) MM90020 (Invitation to Intervene)	Suppliers	09 February	01 March

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		
R0098 – Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES	Suppliers TPIs	N/A	N/A	16 February	08 March
R0108 – Enabling Electricity Enquiry Service Searches Using a Unique Property Reference Number	Suppliers TPIs	Electricity DAM	N/A	16 February	08 March

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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Final Change Reports Published

The Final Change Report for the following Change Proposal has now been published.

- [R0070 – Provision of Enduring Test Environments](#)

If you have any comments on this Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59 on 01 March 2024**.

R0037 – Update to Change Proposal Plan

The following Change Proposal Plan has been updated. Further details are included in the updated document, which has been published on the Change Proposal Page on the REC Portal.

- [R0037 – Prepayment Credit Balance & Debt Transfer Processes](#)

The updated Change Proposal Plan will be taken to the Change Panel meeting on 05 March 2024 to seek approval.

Contacting the Code Manager

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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