Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (22 March 2024)

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March 2024 Extraordinary REC Release

The March 2024 REC Release will be implemented next week, on **28 March 2024**. For further information, the Release Plan is available on the Release Management page of the REC Portal.

The Release Plan provides a summary of all the Change Proposals (CPs) that are included in the Release, including a summary of the change, impacted Parties and impacted REC Products. The release plan and other information on future releases can be found here.

The REC Baseline statement will also be updated to reflect the new version numbers of the updated products and will be implemented as part of the March 2024 Release.

R0093 – Authority Decision to Reject Appeal

On 21 March 2024, the Authority issued its decision to reject an appeal raised on Change Proposal R0093 – Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period.

The decision document can be found on the REC Portal here.

R0093 was due for implementation on 23 February 2024, however, was removed from this release to allow the appeal to reach its conclusion. R0093 will now be implemented at the earliest opportunity and further details will be communicated via the REC Change Bulletin and release pages.

If you have any questions, please contact enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

R0043 – Solution Update

Following discussion with impacted Parties and the REC Change Panel, we have applied some updates to the Solution documentation for R0043 - Commissioning of Works by the Crowded Meter Room Coordinator (CMRC) to Resolve Issues In Crowded Meter Rooms. This is to ensure alignment with the Legal Text and to provide clarity to parties as they begin development for this change release in June 2024.

The updates to documentation include:-

The R0043 Legal Text has a provision for Suppliers to both **send and receive** the D0002 Market Message from the Crowded Meter Room MEM (CMRM). However, the approved Data Specification only included the Scenario Variant for a Supplier **sending** the D0002 to the CMRM. We have updated the Data Specification to include the Scenario Variant for CMRM **sending** the D0002 to the Supplier, to reflect the approved Legal Text.

In addition, we have removed references to descoped Market Messages, from the Final Change Report.

For clarity, whilst the D0126 Market Message is used within the solution for R0043 the Market Message is not being changed, therefore, to remove ambiguity, we have removed it from the Data Specification set of Market Messages.

The Pre-release information provided for this change will be updated in line with these changes.

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please contact the [Technical Change Mailbox](#).

Notice of Implementation – R0157

On 19 March 2024, the REC Change Panel voted to approve the Final Change Report for [R0157 – Removal of Facsimile as a Method of Code Communication](#).

Subject to no appeal being raised, this will be implemented as part of the REC's November 2025 release. The exact release date will be confirmed in due course via the Change Proposal Page and the REC Change Bulletin.

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

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

Qualification Approach & Plan (QA&P) Annex 2 Consultation

The Qualification Approach and Plan (QA&P) Annex 2: Non-SIT Supplier & Agent MHHS Qualification Testing Approach has been published for consultation. The document sets out the specific MHHS Qualification Testing requirements, scope, testing framework, objectives, and approach for Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents. This document applies to Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents including new entrant Supplier and Agents who are looking to enter the market before M14.

Comments are due by 17:00 on **05 April 2024**. For more information on this consultation and to submit a confirmation of review or comments on this document, please visit the [Qualification Approach & Plan page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions about this consultation, please email the Code Bodies at MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk and performanceassurance@recmanager.co.uk.

Non-SIT Supplier & Agent Qualification Testing Test Scenarios Consultation

The initial list of **Batch 1 Qualification Test Scenarios and Cases for Non-SIT Supplier and Agent Qualification Testing** has been published for consultation. Batch 1 contains the core list of Functional Test Scenarios in scope. Analysis is still ongoing to identify any gaps and the output of this analysis plus consultation feedback will inform Batch 2.

For more information on this consultation and to submit a confirmation of review or comments on this document, please visit the [Non-SIT Supplier & Agent Qualification Testing Test Scenarios page of the MHHS website](#). Comments are due by 17:00 on **05 April 2024**. If you have any questions about this consultation, please email the Code Bodies at MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

A walkthrough of the selection approach and next steps is planned for **25 March 2024** (14:00 - 14:45). This session will walkthrough how the Test Scenarios and Test Cases were selected, how they'll be used, and to answer any participant questions to support participants responding to the consultation.

If you would like to attend this session, please email PPC@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

REMINDER: Pre-Qualification Submission

All Non-SIT Suppliers, Agents, and New Entrant DNOs (referred to as LDSOs in the MHHS Programme) Programme Participants are required to provide a **Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS)** for MHHS Qualification. The PQS window opened on 05 February 2024 and final submissions are due by 17:00 on **26 April 2024**.

The submission includes 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. The MHHS Programme expects participants to submit their Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) Approach and Plan as supporting evidence for their PQS submission.

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 the Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) submission for SIT Participants is set out in the [Qualification Approach and Plan](#).

Existing LDSOs participating in Non-SIT LDSO Qualification are not expected to submit the PQS.

On 07 March 2024, the Code Bodies hosted a webinar on the PQS to support participants in completing the document. Please see the [PQS Webinar Article](#) for more information and details on the webinar recording, slides, worked example and Q&A document.

The Code Bodies are hosting drop-in sessions for participants who require further support in completing their PQS. The sessions are open to all participants completing the PQS and they will be recorded and published on the Collaboration Base. They will take place on:

- **04 April 2024** (11:00 - 12:00)

- **09 April 2024:** there will be a session at the end of the Qualification Working Group

- **17 April 2024** (14:00 - 15:00)

To receive an invite, please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

For more information on the PQS and how to submit your information, please visit the [Pre-Qualification Submission page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions about the PQS or Placing Reliance please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

02 April REC Change Panel Meeting Cancellation

The Change Panel meeting scheduled for 02 April 2024 has been cancelled. This is due to a lack of agenda items and business.

The next meeting of the Change Panel will now take place on **16 April 2024**.

Category 3 Change Proposals

Category 3 Change Proposal C3-0071 - Alt HAN Request for additional gas data items for GES standard report has now been implemented.

Alt HAN Co is already in receipt of the Alt HAN Co Gas Enquiry Service standard report, however wants to add additional data items to this report. These additional data items will be used to better identify candidates for the Alt HAN solution to support Energy Suppliers with meeting their Smart Meter roll out license obligations. The changes to the DAM were approved at the Performance Assurance Board on 29 February 2024, and this Category 3 Change Proposal had been raised to make these changes to the DAM.

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		
R0150 – On-Site Aggregation as a Method to Facilitate Third Party Access (BSC P455)	Suppliers MEMs	N/A	N/A	22 March	16 April
R0158 – Amendment to the 'Supplier Registration Report (MAP)' report methodology	All REC Participants	N/A	N/A	15 March	05 April
R0092 & R0092A – DCC Service Level Agreements for the Switching Incentive Regime	All CSS Users	N/A	N/A	01 March	03 April

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.

We appreciate that stakeholders may not always have the time to complete a consultation response form, so alternatively we are happy to accept any responses by email to change.management@recmanager.co.uk.

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.

Further information about Consultations can be found in the [Change Management User Guide.](#)

Initial Assessment Reports Published

The Initial Assessment Report and accompanying Change Proposal Plan for Change Proposal R0144 - Allowing different Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs) to be appointed to Import and Export Metering Points has been 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
R0144	Export Consumers	N/A	Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	CSS Provider

If you have any comments on the Initial Assessment Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page (using the 'Add Comments' button) by **23:59 on 29 March 2024.**

Preliminary Change Reports Published

The Preliminary Change Report for the following Change Proposal has now been published:

- [R0150 – On-Site Aggregation as a Method to Facilitate Third Party Access – BSC P455](#)

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

Rejected Change Proposal – R0068

Following further analysis and engagement with the REC Change Panel at its meeting on 19 March 2024, the Code Manager has revisited its consideration of Change Proposal [R0068 – REC Data Protection Changes.](#)

Despite earlier acceptance of the Change Proposal, the Code Manager, and the Change Panel, believes that the proposal has no reasonable prospect of being approved in its current format, and have determined that the Change Proposal should not progress any further.

Consequently, Change Proposal R0068 has been rejected.

The Code Manager has offered their assistance to the proposer should they need any support in raising a new Change Proposal to resolve any remaining issues.

Update on Change Proposal Plan – R0151

The Change Proposal Plan for R0151 – Implementation of Online Certificate Standard Protocol in Addition to Certificate Revocation List has been withdrawn.

On 06 February 2024, the Change Panel approved a Change Proposal Plan that included a Service Provider Impact Assessment Period for R0151 to occur between 02 February 2024 and 24 April 2024.

As part of this period, a 15 Working Day Preliminary Impact Assessment was issued to the DCC ahead of schedule, as agreed with them, on 29 January 2024. However, the Code Manager is yet to receive a response.

A contingency period was included in the plan up until Party Impact Assessment, to allow for any unforeseen delays. We were notified on several occasions that they were about to get the information from Entrust/Landmark and thus send the response back, but this has just continued to extend. A response is still yet to be received and this contingency period will now lapse.

This is the first time the DCC have needed to engage with their Service Provider, Entrust, for a REC Impact Assessment, and the Code Manager is aware of the difficulties that the DCC have had in receiving the appropriate data from Entrust, to proceed with, and return with sufficient quality, the Preliminary Impact Assessment for R0151 at this stage.

A new Change Proposal Plan will be presented to the Change Panel once a new, deliverable timescale, has been agreed with the DCC.

Withdrawn Change Proposal – R0082

Change Proposal R0082 - Formalising the Submission of PPMIP Unallocated Transaction Report (UTR) Files has been withdrawn.

Due to the MHHS impact on Service Providers, the technical code freeze and any MHHS impacts on the proposed solution, the Code Manager has reconsidered the priority of R0082 and believes that should be progressed following MHHS go-live. This Change Proposal has been withdrawn, and the Code Manager will consider raising a new change at the appropriate time following MHHS with consideration of the Codes Roadmap.

R0082 will be open for adoption for 10 Working Days, after which time it can be fully withdrawn on the REC Portal. If you wish to adopt this Change Proposal, you can do so by emailing the Code Manager at change.management@recmanager.co.uk by 23:59 on **09 April 2024**.

New Change Proposals

The following new Change Proposal has been raised:

- R0160 – Electricity Supply to Hydrogen Electrolysers

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

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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