

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (12 April 2024)

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April 2024 Extraordinary REC Release

The Code elements of the April 2024 (3.10.0) Extraordinary REC Release have been implemented today, 12 April 2024. This Release introduces three changes:

- [R0062 - Removal of ERDA meteringPointEnergyFlow Change Restriction](#)
- [R0063 - Addition of Key Information to all Service Now Tickets](#)
- [R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing](#)

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

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

Please note, there has been a change to the version numbers of the REC for the March Extraordinary Release and future releases. As the technical work for MHHS has used REC V4 as baseline and to avoid industry impact we are renumbering the March release to 3.9.0 and the April release to 3.10.0.

New Podcast

The REC Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode Paul Rocke is joined by Holly Law as they discuss the changes about to be implemented in the April 2024 Extraordinary Release on 12 April 2024. To listen to the episode, click [here](#).

Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation

This is a reminder that [R0147 \(Prepayment Levelisation\)](#) went live on 01 April 2024.

All domestic Suppliers are required to submit a snapshot of their Portfolio data from the 1st Calendar day of the Month to their associated SharePoint by **17:00** on the 15th Calendar day of the month. To ensure smooth processing, it's recommended to submit this ahead of the deadline. For submission templates, the Invoice Schedule, and additional information, please visit the [Payment Levelisation Page](#) on the REC Portal.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing your SharePoint folder or any other enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact us at pmlreconciliation@recmanager.co.uk and enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

R0063 - Addition of Key Information to all Service Now Tickets

Following CSS go-live DNOs were unable to resolve some tickets sent to them by the CSS Provider, as they did not include critical information such as which MPAN the issue related to. The REC PAB approved a derogation (Derogation 10) relating to this, which established a workaround between DNOs and DCC.

R0063 was a change raised to enable the critical information to be automatically included within a ticket at the point at which it is created, removing the need for the workaround. This change was scheduled for release on 12 April 2024. Delays in the technical development of this change were raised late to the Code Manager, and subsequently the technical implementation of R0063 will be delayed until 28 June 2024. The change to the REC will still take place as planned on 12 April 2024.

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.

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

Code Topic Mop Up 2 Assurance Review

The Code Workstream has published the **Code Topic Mop Up 2 Artefacts** for assurance review. This is an opportunity for participants to review Programme responses to the comments from the consultation and submit a further comment if necessary. To find out how to submit your comments and for further information on this assurance review, please visit the [Code Topic Mop Up 2 page of the MHHS website](#). Comments are due by **17:00** on **22 April 2024**.

Following Industry Assurance Review, the Artefacts will progress to the Code Drafting Working Group (CDWG) in May for recommendation, and then to the Cross-Code Advisory Group (CCAG) on **22 May 2024** for Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) approval.

If you have any questions about the Code Artefacts, please email the Code team at Code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

PQS 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. Final submissions are due by **17:00** on **26 April 2024**. As a reminder, participants can complete the Placing Reliance section of the PQS and share it with the Code Bodies by emailing MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk ahead of the PQS deadline on **26 April 2024** to receive initial feedback on your proposal.

On 04 and 09 April 2024, the Code Bodies hosted drop-in sessions for participants who require further support in completing their PQS. A Q&A document has been created and is being updated after each session which you can view under the MHHS Webinar: Pre-Qualification Submission: 07 March 2024 section on the [MHHS Webinars & Open Days Page](#).

There is a final session, open to all participants completing the PQS, on **17 April 2024** (14:00 – 15:00). Like the others, the session will be recorded and published on the Collaboration Base. If you'd like to attend the final session, please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

Population of Connection Type for Traditional and Advanced Meters within Measurement Class 'A' Self-Declaration

The MHHS Data Cleanse Plan sets out the requirement for DNOs (known as LDSOs in the MHHS Programme) to have completed their part of the population activities, as detailed within section "6.2.1.4 Population of Connection Type for Traditional and Advanced Meters within Measurement Class 'A'" by **26 April 2024**.

The Programme requests that all LDSOs issue a self-declaration to the Programme by **29 April 2024** confirming completion of this activity. You can find more information about this in the MHHS Data Cleanse Plan which is published on the [Data Cleanse Plan page of the MHHS website](#).

Please email your self-declaration to OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk and direct any questions you have about this request to this mailbox.

REC Changes Impacted by MHHS Change and Technical Code Freeze

We have previously communicated about the potential impacts of the existing Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Programme Change Freeze, as well as the Core Systems (technical) Code Freeze which is planned to be in place from November 2024. Further detail on this can be found on the [REC Portal](#).

The Code Manager has completed a review of any in flight REC Change Proposals and continue to review all new Change Proposals, in this context, as they are raised.

The impacted Change Proposals are provided below. Impacts relate to the following:

- Amending and creation of new Switching Messages, and associated testing
- Technical restrictions for functionality changes to the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) and the EES API
- Consequential restrictions for functionality changes to the Secure Data Exchange system due to the shared technical architecture with EES
- Capacity of Service Providers/ the EES and SDEP Service Provider to contribute to solution development and provide impact assessments, alongside MHHS implementation activities
- The validity of commercial impact assessments where long lead times are expected

As a result, these changes will need to be put on hold until it is appropriate to progress the change which may differ between each Change Proposal depending on the nature of the change.

The impacted Change Proposals are:

- [R0037- Prepayment Credit Balance & Debt Transfer Processes](#)
- [R0079 - Addition of Previous MEM to the EES API](#)
- [R0095 - Changes to allow DNOs to reinstate disconnected MPANs](#)
- [R0122 - SDEP Review Improvements \(2\) - Usability](#)
- [R0161 - Enabling Robotics for SDEP](#)

- [R0162 - Access to SDES for Gas Networks](#)

Each of these Change Proposals will be paused at the current process stage and will continue from that stage when lifted off hold. Change Proposal Plans currently in place are being withdrawn and the Proposer for each of these changes has been informed.

A detailed update will be provided to the REC Change Panel, and other Responsible Committees, at the next available opportunity. They will then be kept informed and new Change Proposal Plans submitted when the changes are lifted off hold. The Code Manager will continue to work with Service Providers and these Change Proposals, along with all others, will continue to be monitored to ensure progression at the appropriate time.

On an ongoing basis, the latest update and any progression can be checked on the individual Change Proposal pages and in the downloadable Change Register, which can be found on the [Change and Release Management](#) pages of the REC Portal.

If you have questions regarding the impacted Change Proposals above or more generally on the freeze impacts, please submit them to the Code Manager at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk or contact your Operational Account Manager. You can also contact the Change Management Team directly at change.management@recmanager.co.uk.

Category 3 Change Proposals

Category 3 Change Proposal [C3-0078 – REC Service User Categorisation and Assessment Document v5.0](#) has now been raised.

The REC Code Manager has updated the REC Service User Categorisation and Assessment Document to provide further guidance on the framework used to determine the scope of the Information Security and Data Protection assessment. This includes clarifying of the level of assessment, which is required for each user type, which varies based on way a user accesses a service; this is because API access gives the ability to access lots of data, as well as the potential to disrupt other users of the REC Service.

This Category 3 Change Proposal will also include the associated update to the REC Baseline Statement.

If you have any comments on this Category 3 Change Proposal, please submit them to the Code Manager at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **18 April 2024**.

New Change Proposal

A new Change Proposal has been raised:

- [R0163 - Theft Detection Incentive Scheme \(TDIS\) Reporting Periods](#)

These 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.

Impact Assessment

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		
R0094 – Clarify Obligations on Gas Meter Exchanges that Occur Close to CoS	Gas Suppliers Gas MEMs	N/A	N/A	27 March	19 April

Please note that the REC Portal has been updated to correctly advise that the above Change Proposal is expected to impact **All Categories of Consumer**. Previously, the Change Proposal Page incorrectly stated that only Domestic Consumers would be impacted. This Change Proposal is currently within Impact Assessment, with responses invited by **19 April 2024**.

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.

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

Preliminary Change Reports Published

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

- [R0048 - DCC Service Organisation Control 2 \(SOC2\) Assessments](#)

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

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		
C3-0073 - Data Access Request UKRPA	All REC Parties	N/A	N/A	27 March	16 April
C3-0074 - Data Access Request Department for Education	All REC Parties	N/A	N/A	27 March	16 April
C3-0075 - Data Access Request Organisation or Local Authority providing access to grants and other funding	All REC Parties	N/A	N/A	27 March	16 April
C3-0076 - Data Access Request Service Provider to End-User Electric Vehicle Charging and Demand Flexibility	All REC Parties	N/A	N/A	27 March	16 April
R0150 - On-Site Aggregation as a Method to Facilitate Third Party Access (BSC P455)	MEMs	N/A	N/A	22 March	16 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](#).

Final Change Reports Published

The Final Change Report for the following Change Proposal has been published:

- [R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements \(1\) - Process Types](#)

If you have any comments on this Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by 23:59 on **19 April 2024**.

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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