## Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (28 June 2024)

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**June 2024 REC Release (3.11.0)**

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The Code elements of the June 2024 (3.11.0) REC Release have been implemented today, 28 June 2024. This Release introduces six changes:

- R0043 - Commissioning of Works by the Crowded Meter Room Coordinator (CMRC) to Resolve Issues in Crowded Meter Rooms

- R0064 - Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCoP Installer

- R0070- Provision of Enduring Test Environments

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

- R0158 - Amendment to the 'Supplier Registration Report (MAP)' Report Methodology

- R0160 - Electricity Supply to Hydrogen Electrolysers

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.

**R0098 - Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES**

R0098 was raised to allow optional fuzzy searching within the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES). This change was scheduled for release on **28 June 2024**. During performance testing of the changes applied to the EES API to accommodate the R0098 requirements, a degradation of response time was identified, and subsequently, the implementation of this Change will be delayed. Once a new release date has been agreed, it will be communicated via email and the REC Portal.

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.

**June Release Podcast**

The 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 June 2024 REC Release on 28 June 2024. To listen to the episode, click here.

## Notice of Implementation

On 26 June 2024, the REC Technical Expert Panel voted to approve the Final Change Report for R0146 – Data Specification Update for Refresh Functionality. Subject to no appeal being raised, this will be implemented in the REC Release on 23 August 2024.

This Change Proposal will be included in the August 2024 Release Plan, to reflect the approval, and the completion of the update will be confirmed via the REC Change Bulletin.

If you wish to appeal either decision of the REC Technical Expert Panel, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **23:59 on 10 July 2024**.

## Notice of Rejection

On 26 June 2024, the REC Technical Expert Panel voted to reject Change Proposal R0048 - DCC Service Organisation Control 2 (SOC2) Assessments in line with the Code Manager's recommendation.

## New Change Improvements Webinar

The Code Manager hosted a webinar on 20 June 2024 to share the new improved Change process. This webinar updated REC Stakeholders on what to expect from the REC Change process and when the process will be implemented.

To access the recording and slides, click here.

## July Change Issues Group

The July REC Change Issues Group will be on **04 July 2024.**

The Change team will be presenting the following:

- R0096 – CSS Message Regeneration Functionality

- R0099 – CSS End User Obligations

- I0168 – Clarify & Strengthen CRS Providers Requirements

- I0186 – Non Duel-Fuel Gas PSR Customer

The agenda and meeting documents can be found on the REC Portal, here.

If you would like to attend the Change Issues Group, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

## Creating user permissions for new SDEP Process Types

Reminder to SDEP users to submit your user permissions for the new SDEP Process Types by close of play **08 July 2024.**

As part of the implementation of Change Proposal R0121 in August, we are running a one-off exercise to update the permissions of new/existing users of the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) for the new Process Types (use cases). All registered SDEP Master Administrative Users (MAU) have been contacted directly, and provided a template to complete if they wish to participate in this exercise.

If you don't wish to participate, you will be able to register the relevant users after the August release, via the usual process in the SDEP.

If you have any questions about this permissions exercise or about R0146 more generally, please contact enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

## 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 |
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| | | Impacted areas | Impacted Parties | | |
| **New:** R0060 - ERDS Service Definition timezone correction | All REC Parties | N/A | N/A | 27 June | 19 July |
| **New:** Electric meter point guidance (MHHS Metering Points) | MEMs DNOs | N/A | N/A | 27 June | 19 July |
| R0181 - Schedule 14 - Metering Operations Footnote Review | All REC Parties | N/A | All REC Parties | 19 June | 10 July |
| R0113 - Data Specification Updates and Clarifications | All REC Parties | Several – detailed inside Preliminary Change Report | All REC Parties | 23 May | 05 July |

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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.

| Impact Assessment Published |
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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 |
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| | | Impacted areas | Impacted Parties | | |
| R0120 - Search GES API using Meter Serial Number | GES Supply Point Switching API Users | N/A | N/A | 28 June | 17 July |
| R0170 - Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance | DNOs, Electricity MEMs, Energy Suppliers | N/A | N/A | 21 June | 12 July |

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.

| Request for Information – I0179 |
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The Code Manager has issued the following RFI for I0179 - Proposal for Limiting Queries in EES API Calls (Single API Call With Multiple Queries), seeking responses by 23:59 on **05 July 2024.**

To respond to this RFI, download and complete the 'Request for Information Response form' on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

## Final Change Report

On 25 June 2024 the Final Change Report for R0167 – Change Process Improvements following Code Manager review was published on the REC Portal.

This Change will be presented to the REC Change Panel for decision on **02 July 2024**.

## Preliminary Change Report

The Preliminary Change Report for Change Proposal R0060 - ERDS Service Definition timezone correction has been published on the REC Portal. In line with its Change Proposal Plan, it will now proceed to Consultation.

## Category 3 Change Proposals

The following Category 3 Change Proposals have been implemented on 28 June 2024:

- C3-0085 - Data Cleanse Report Guidance which includes the addition of a new Energised No Meter – Terminated report.

- C3-0086 - Performance Assurance Methodology and Techniques which includes updates to the Data Cleanse Report Categorisation and general housekeeping changes.

## Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

**Consistency Check Consultation:** The Code Artefacts Consistency Check is the final MHHS Programme industry consultation for the Code Artefacts. This consistency check is to ensure that the Code Artefacts align with the latest Design Artefacts, and to do a final check via a cross-code review, legal review, traceability matrix, format, and terminology review and to ensure that the series align with each other. The full set of REC artefacts that have been impacted by MHHS code drafting are included in this consultation. The Code Artefacts are published on the MHHS Website. The consultation closes on **12 July 2024** at 17:00. If you have any questions, please contact Code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

**MHHS webinar - 18 July 2024:** RECCo is hosting an MHHS webinar on 18 July 2024 (11:30 – 13:00). The webinar will cover the key consequential changes and activities that all REC Parties need to take in relation to the REC before MHHS goes live in **March 2025**. For more information and to register your interest click here.

**End to End Sandbox Guidance Consultation:** Comments on the MHHS Programme consultation on the End-to-End (E2E) Sandbox Guidance document are due by **17:00** on **05 July 2024**. It outlines the key principles supporting the creation, set up and operation of the Sandbox test environment for optional use by Programme participants. For more information and to provide feedback on the E2E Sandbox Guidance, click here. If you have any questions, please email Sandbox@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

**Migration Contact Nominations Request:** In October 2024, the Programme will issue the first version of the Migration Schedule to industry. We are asking all Suppliers to nominate both a primary and deputy contact who will lead the Migration activities for their organisations. The Migration team aim to use these contacts to share specific Migration information where required. Please provide your primary and deputy contacts by **17:00** on **05 July 2024**, via the form here. If you have any questions, please email Migration@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

**Qualification Materials Published**

**Qualification Testing (QT) Wave Allocation Confirmation:** Code Bodies are emailing the QT Wave Allocation Confirmation this week to the key contact listed within the Pre-Qualification Submission. If Parties were expecting this but have not received it by close of business on **28 June 2024**, they can reach out to the Code Bodies via MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

**Smart Market Segment requirements exemption request for MHHS Qualification:** REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB) has approved the principles for exemptions from Smart Market Segment requirements for MHHS Qualification for Suppliers who meet the eligibility criteria and can demonstrate appropriate controls to operate without breaching their exemption conditions.

Please note that this provision is subject to approval by the BSC PAB and the implementation of the BSC Modification to allow application. The paper presented at PAB can be found here. The REC Code Manager will work with BSCCo to provide further updates on this via the Qualification Working Group within MHHS governance.

**REC Assessment Criteria for MHHS Qualification:** REC PAB approved the REC Assessment Criteria V3.0 to include coverage of Operational requirements. The updated documents can be accessed via the REC Portal as a PDF or Excel Spreadsheet.

**Assessing Party Readiness for MHHS Cutover reminder**: REC Party SIT participants should respond to the RFI on their plans for assessment to identify any risks to delivery by **08 July 2024**. The relevant Parties will have received this request via email.

## REC Code Roadmap Refresh V1.3

A refreshed version of the REC Code Roadmap (V1.3) has now been published on the REC Digital Navigator. The Code Roadmap presents the priority work items that the Code Manager is delivering now and in the near future that could result in changes to the REC. Points of note from V1.3 include:

- New Change Proposal R0182 raised – and has been associated with the Prepayment theme

- Nine Consultations/Impact Assessments will be open through July and August. Contact your OAM or change.management@recmanager.co.uk with any queries.

- Seven Change Proposals implemented in the 28 June 2024 Release span six Roadmap themes. Refer to the Portal to find out more. The next Release is 23 August 2024 with up to seven Change Proposals to be implemented.

- Future CPs are expected on the Smart Meter Installation Survey (SMIS), Switching Incentives (CRS provider), MHHS REC legal text, MPAN/UPRN linking, prepayment unallocated process, Unbilled energy and Address Management. Look out for further information if you have an interest in these topics.

We welcome your feedback on the Roadmap, including on any priorities you consider to be insufficiently represented in the change pipeline, or where you would like to see other information included on the roadmap.

The Code Roadmap is published in the Digital Navigator and refreshed approximately fortnightly.

## REC Committees Nominations

The Code Manager is seeking nominations for a number of roles across the REC Change Panel, the REC Metering Expert Panel, and the REC Performance Assurance Board. Contract Managers and Alternates were issued with a nomination form on 19 June 2024.

If you are a Contract Manager and you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one or more of the roles, please complete the nomination form and send to committees@recmanager.co.uk by 17:00 **on 03 July 2024.**

## New Issue Raised

The following REC Change Issue has been raised:

- I0186 - Non Duel-Fuel Gas PSR Customer

This will now go through a period of assessment with the Code Manager to explore the issue and determine the next steps. There is no further 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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**You can also keep up to date with any news from the Code Manager during the week by following us on LinkedIn, where we publish daily posts. You can follow us here.**