

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (19 July 2024)

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Authority Referral

On 16 July 2024, the REC Change Panel voted to recommend that the Authority approve [R0119 – Annulment Definition](#) for implementation on 08 November 2024.

In accordance with paragraphs 21.1(a) and 21.2 of Schedule 5 to the REC, the decision on this Change Proposal is to be determined by the Authority, following the recommendation from the Change Panel.

The updated Final Change Report has been published on the Change Proposal page on the REC Portal and has now been referred to the Authority to make their determination.

July 2024 Extraordinary Release

The Code elements of the July 2024 (3.11.1) REC Release have been implemented today, 19 July 2024. This Release introduces one change:

- [R0167 - Change Process Improvements following Code Manager review](#)

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.

August 2024 REC Release Drop-in Session

The Code Manager is hosting the August 2024 REC Release Drop-in Session on **08 August 2024** (11:00 - 11:45) to provide an overview of the planned changes within the scope the August 2024 (3.12.0) REC Release taking place on **23 August 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.

Data Specification Pre-Release (REC V3.12.0)

The Data Specification pre-release for the 23 August Release (REC V3.12.0) is now available on the [Digital Navigator](#) (select “Data Specification Pre-Release Information” from the menu on the left hand-side).

This pre-release implements:

- R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements (1) Process Types
- R0146 - Data Specification Update for Refresh Functionality
- R0164 - Removing the Enumerations from Communications Method Data Item (J0386) to Align with BSC CP 1594.

There are three versions of the pre-release available:

Human Readable

- Full Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (HTML Format)

Machine Readable

- DTC Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (Access Format) - R0164 impact only
- Full Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (BACPAC Format)

If you have previously downloaded the DTC Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (Access Format) please discard the previous version and re-download the new version published on 17 July 2024.

Note, if you would like to receive email notifications of future Data Specification pre-releases, join our Data Specification Distribution list by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

REC Code Roadmap V1.4

A refreshed version of the REC Code Roadmap is now available. It presents the priority work items that the REC Code Manager is delivering now and in the near future that are resulting, or could result, in changes to the REC.

Points to note from V1.4 include:

- **Metering** theme continues to have significant focus and activity; this currently includes:
 - the review of the CoMCoP under [R0152](#) - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)
 - a new Issue [I0172](#) looking at the end to end New Connections process (cross codes RFI currently open)
 - a review of Gas MAM processes that is likely to lead to new changes shortly
 - [R0177](#) to facilitate review and amendment of the SMIS questions

- Several changes to make the REC metering provisions simpler and more accessible e.g. moving footnotes into the main Schedule 14 text (R0181) and moving obligations out of the REC where best placed elsewhere (R0170).
- Anticipated CP on the **CRS Performance Charge**, following the Switching Incentives Regime survey.
- Thirteen **consultations** (also including impact assessments, RFIs and surveys) are happening over the summer. Contact your OAM or change.management@recmanager.co.uk with any queries.
- Volume of change confirmed or proposed for the **August 2024 release**; 9 CPs could be implemented in next month's release, spread across 7 roadmap themes. Refer to the [Portal](#) to find out more.

Please send us feedback on the roadmap, e.g. if your priorities are not sufficiently represented in the change pipeline, or if you would like to see other information included on the roadmap.

The Code Roadmap is published in the Digital Navigator and refreshed approximately fortnightly. Click [here](#) to view the roadmap.

Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

NEW - Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing Readiness Report

The MHHS Programme has issued the **Qualification Testing Readiness Report Template** for Distribution Network Operators (known as Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSO) in the programme) who are not participating in Systems Integration Testing (SIT).

The Qualification Testing Readiness Report Template is for participants to complete to ensure readiness before Qualification Testing starts. The report aims to ensure that all necessary components and prerequisites are in place to conduct testing in the Qualification Testing phase efficiently and effectively.

It can be viewed and downloaded on the [Non-SIT LDSO Qualification page of the MHHS website](#).

- The deadline for the interim report is **26 July 2024**.
- The final report is due by **02 September 2024**.

If you have any questions, please email LDSO_QT@mhhsprogramme.co.uk

New MHHS Change Requests

Two new MHHS Programme Change Requests have been raised and issued for impact assessment that will be of interest to REC stakeholders:

- [CR052: Amending the 'Milestone 7 \(M7\) Significant Code Review \(SCR\) Powers Enabled' Milestone](#) was issued for impact assessment on 11 July 2024. The deadline for responses is 17:00 on 25 July 2024.
- [CR053: Industry Standing Data \(ISD\) Publication Frequency Change](#) was issued for impact assessment on 12 July 2024. The deadline for responses is 17:00 on 26 July 2024.

For more details, including access to the Change Request forms, please visit the [Programme Change Control page of the MHHS website](#).

The MHHS Programme has held a Change Control Webinar for each of the Change Requests earlier in July. In case you missed it, you can access the webinar slides, recording and Q&A on the [MHHS Change Control Webinars page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions, or to provide your feedback and submit your impact assessments, please complete the relevant form and email it to PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

NEW - MHHS Home on the REC Portal

Information about the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme and its impacts on the REC has a new home on the REC Portal. [Navigate to our new page](#) to easily find all published information, including REC Wiki articles, upcoming events, details of change freeze impacts, consequential change documents and more. We're adding more information all the time. If you have any questions, please get in touch via the Service Desk on enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

MHHS Webinar

RECCo and the Code Manager would like to thank everyone for their attendance and participation on the Countdown to MHHS webinar on 18 July 2024. The webinar slides, recording and Q&A will be made available by RECCo the week commencing 22 July 2024.

MHHS Consequential Change – Market Messages Updates

The REC MHHS Consequential Change solution for REC-owned Market Messages has now been baselined following the documents being shared on 04 July 2024.

Following some updates to the MHHS Design within the programme, and updated definitions under the Schedule 1 code drafting, some consequential updates to the MHHS impacted Market Messages had been identified. The updates to the previously agreed Market Messages were shared under the code drafting Mop-up 2 consultation.

The set of changes under the existing consequential change has now been updated, following no concerns or objections being raised by members of MSAG. It should be noted that the MSAG review highlighted some baseline updates made to the D0126, D0135, D0136 and D0139 since the MHHS updates were initially published. These were as a result of REC CP R0021 and R0043 and have now been reflected in the relevant DTN messages. The consequential change document and the following appendices are now available:

- MHHS Consequential Change - REC-Owned Market Messages V4.0 17.07.2024
- Appendix 1 - REC-Owned Pre-Transition Changes (Go-Live) - DRAFT (V4).zip
- Appendix 3 - Market Messages updates July 2024.zip

The documents have been baselined and are available on the MSAG Committee page of the [Portal](#).

R0182 - Levelisation Reconciliation Update Webinar

The Code Manager is hosting a R0182 - Levelisation Reconciliation Update Webinar on **25 July 2024** (10:30 - 12:00) in which topic areas such as the data requirements, the R0182 Change Proposal and solution overview will be discussed. To learn more information and register your interest, click [here](#).

Request For Information Published

On 11 July 2024 the Code Manager published a Request For Information (RFI) to gather feedback on [I0172 - End-to-End New Connections Process Review to Eliminate Issues Related to New Builds and Similar Situations](#).

This RFI will gather feedback on the new connections process, how market participants interact with this process, and the issues and pain points that arise from this process. The RFI is **Cross-Code**, and as such the REC Code Manager welcomes responses from all market participants, not just REC Parties. Additionally, the Code Manager welcomes responses relating to all aspects of the new connections process, rather than just those new connection issues relating to the REC.

The RFI has been published on the REC Portal under the Party Impact Assessment space, and can be found [here](#).

To respond to the RFI; download and complete the RFI Response Form on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form. The deadline for responses is **16 August 2024**. Alternatively, please submit your responses directly to change.management@recmanager.co.uk.

Please note: the cut off for responses is 23:59 on the Response Deadline in the bulletin and on the RFI 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.

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		
C3-0089 - Meter Configuration Table	Electricity MEMs, DNOs and Suppliers	New table added	N/A	05 July	26 July
R0177 - Change Smart Meter Installation Consumer Survey Specification survey questions to a REC Category 2 document	Energy Suppliers	N/A	N/A	05 July	26 July

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 Assessments

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		
R0049 - Intellectual Property Rights and Services Data Main Body changes	CSS Users	N/A	N/A	04 July	26 July
R0105 - Review of ONAGE SLAs	MAMs, Gas Suppliers	MM40013 - ONAGE	MAMs, Gas Suppliers	04 July	26 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.

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

Preliminary Change Report

The Preliminary Change Report for Change Proposal [R0069 - Amendments to Sample Access Agreement](#) has been published on the REC Portal.

If you have any comments on the Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59 on 26 July 2024**. Comments will be presented for review by the Performance Assurance Board on **30 July 2024**.

Final Change Reports Published

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

- [R0080 - Improvements to 'Failed to Deliver' CSS Messages](#)
- [R0113 - Data Specification updates and clarifications](#)

If you have any comments on the Final Change Report, please provide these via the Change Proposal page (using the 'Add Comments' button) by 23:59 on **26 July 2024**.

These changes will be presented to the REC Technical Expert Panel for decision on **31 July 2024**.

Adopted Change Proposals

On the 12 July 2024, Change Proposal [R0144 - Allowing different Metering Equipment Managers \(MEMs\) to be appointed to import and export metering points](#) was withdrawn. The Code Manager has received notice to adopt this Change Proposal.

The Change Register on the REC Portal has now been updated this Change Proposal will continue its progression.

Category 3 Change Proposal

The following Category 3 Change Proposal has been implemented today, 19 July 2024:

[C3-0090 – Data Cleanse Report Guidance](#) - These updates will make it easier for Parties to understand the approach to each data cleanse report by grouping the reports into three categories: Sprint, Track and Watching Brief.

Downloadable Change Register: Your Feedback

The Code Manager is seeking your feedback about how you access the downloadable Change Register on the REC Portal. We are keen to understand what aspects of the downloadable Change Register provide the most value, and whether you have any suggestions for improvement. To provide your feedback [please access our survey](#).

Committee Elections

Energy Suppliers

The Committee Member Elections are now live, the Code Manager is accepting votes for candidates for the Supplier vacancies on the REC Change Panel, REC Metering Expert Panel and the REC Performance Assurance Board.

Contract Managers and Alternates are invited to submit votes using the election form to committees@recmanager.co.uk ahead of the **17:00** deadline on **01 August 2024**.

MEMS

The Committee Member Elections are now live, the Code Manager is accepting votes for candidates for the Metering Equipment Manager vacancy on the REC Performance Assurance Board.

Contract Managers and Alternates are invited to submit votes using the election form to committees@recmanager.co.uk ahead of the **17:00** deadline on **01 August 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](#).

To unsubscribe from receiving this weekly bulletin, email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

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