Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (16 August 2024)

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August 2024 Extraordinary REC Release

The August 2024 Extraordinary REC Release will be implemented on **23 August 2024**. Further information on the Change Proposals that are being implemented as part of this Release are available on the Release Management page.

Please note that following further testing of R0098 - Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES and R0108 - Enabling Electricity Enquiry Searches Using A Unique Property Reference Number, both of which impact the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) API, a decision has been made to exclude both of these changes from the August 2024 Release, to ensure ongoing performance stability of the EES API. Further work is taking place to determine whether these changes can be implemented without significant impact on the performance of the EES API, as well as considering when implementation may be possible. The updated August 2024 Release Plan (V1.1) has been published and reflects the changes that are currently in scope of the August 2024 Release.

As part of the August 2024 Release, the an updated version of the REC Baseline Statement will also be implemented to reflect the new version numbers of the updated products and the relevant changes relating to R0166 - Removal of the Green Deal Panel.

Request for Information on REC Services Accreditation Scheme documents related to R0137

As part of Change Proposal R0137 – Introducing Third Party Intermediary (energy broker) assurance and accreditation, RECCo are introducing a REC Services Accreditation Scheme under which TPIs can choose to be become accredited. The other route to accreditation is using an Industry-Recognised Accreditation Body.

There are multiple documents that RECCo must provide under this scheme (such as the REC Services Accreditation Scheme Guidance, REC Services Accreditation Scheme Form, TPI-Self Declaration of Compliance Form and TPI Self-Declaration of Fit and Proper Person Form) and whilst they are not code documents, and so not directly within the scope of R0137, RECCo is requesting feedback on what they have produced so far.

As such, the Code Manager has published a separate Request for Information where Parties can provide comments on the documents, should they wish to do so. These comments will be passed directly to RECCo and will not be published as part of the change. Comments must be submitted by **23:59** on **09 September 2024**.

R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Next Steps

Following the completion of the [R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales](#) workgroup, and a legal review of the proposed solution, the Code Manager published an updated Change Report and Change Proposal Plan on **13 August 2024.** The Proposal Plan, that includes a Party impact assessment, will be discussed at the REC Change Panel meeting on **20 August 2024.**

If the Proposal Plan is approved by the Change Panel, we will issue the R0155 Change Report for Party impact assessment on **23 August 2024,** lasting 5 weeks before closing for responses on **27 September 2024.** The duration of the Party impact assessment would be extended by the Code Manager beyond usual industry standards. This would support industry capacity and allow respondents time to review the proposed solution that will be provided alongside the Party Impact Assessment and assess the impacts of the change on their organisation.

We will provide a further update following the REC Change Panel meeting, and will publish further guidance on the process, and how to respond, prior to the Party impact assessment being issued.

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

Theft Issues Group (TIG)

The Theft Issues Group (TIG) invites you to join its next meeting on **28 August 2024** to discuss, refine and understand the practical implications of its first Change Proposals in the theft space.

1. **Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS)**

TIG has been considering how the TDIS can be changed to address some of the issues identified, including extending the scope of incentive payments to include investigative work that does not lead to a confirmed theft.

2. **Desktop and Site Visit Definitions for Theft Investigations**

This change will clarify what level of work and evidence is needed from Parties when conducting investigations to indicate Code compliance and to be accounted for under any schemes incentivising these activities. Please contact committees@recmanager.co.uk to express your interest.

Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

The weekly MHHS updates are now available to access on the new MHHS page on the REC Portal. This week's edition includes the following items:

- Code Drafting Baselining Decision at Cross Code Advisory Group (CCAG) Meeting on **21 August 2024**

- Systems Integration Testing (SIT): Cycle 2 extended to **23 September 2024**

- Initial Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) Submission Date Update

- Updated Data Cleanse Plan and upcoming Population of ESME ID population activity due **18 September 2024**

- Change Request CR054 issued for Impact Assessment: responses due **22 August 2024**

- Design Interim Release 8.2 – Design Artefacts to be published **21 August 2024**

For more information on MHHS, take a look at the MHHS page on the REC Portal.

Category 3 Change Proposals

C3-0092 – Performance Assurance Methodology and Techniques was implemented on **16 August 2024**. This change amends the Performance Assurance Methodology and Techniques document and provides an acknowledgement of the Performance Assurance Board's role in relation to the previous updates to the change process and provides additional general housekeeping updates.

C3-0093 – REC Service User Categorisation and Assessment was raised on 13 August 2024 and will be implemented on **23 August 2024.** This change provides the addition of new User Categories to the Service User Categorisation and Assessment Document (SUCAD).

Please note that to view a Category 3 Change Proposal page you will need to be signed into your REC Portal account. If you have any questions on these Category 3 Change Proposals, please contact enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Consultations Published

The following Consultation has 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		
R0049 – Intellectual Property Rights and Services Data Main Body Changes	CRS Users	N/A	N/A	08 August	30 August
R0105 – Review of ONAGE SLAs	MAMs, Gas Suppliers	N/A	N/A	08 August	30 August
R0170 – Withdrawal of Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) from REC Governance	Energy Suppliers, Electricity MEMs, DNOs	N/A	N/A	09 August	02 September
C3-0091 – Changes to Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference to support alternate R0170 solution	Energy Suppliers, Electricity MEMs, DNOs	N/A	N/A	09 August	23 August
R0069 - Amendments to Sample Access Agreement	Non-Party REC Service Users, CRS Provider	N/A	N/A	02 August	23 August

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

The following Impact Assessment has 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		
R0137 – Introducing Third Party Intermediary (energy broker) assurance and accreditation	All Market Participants	N/A	N/A	15 August	09 September

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 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

Requests for Information

The following Requests for Information have been published and can be accessed from the Impact Assessments Register, on the REC Portal.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Published Date	Response Deadline
RFI on REC Services Accreditation Scheme Documents related to Change R0137	All REC Parties	15 August	09 September

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Change Reports: Final Recommendations Published

The Code Manager has published Change Reports containing the Final Recommendation for the following Change Proposals:

- R0060 – ERDS Service Definition Timezone Correction

- R0188 – Changes to Terms of Reference Following Acceptance of R0167

If you have any comments on the Change Report for R0060, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59** on **23 August 2024**. The Change Report will be presented for a final decision at the REC Technical Expert Panel meeting on **28 August 2024.**

If you have any comments on the Housekeeping Change Report for R0188, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59 on 19 August 2024.** The Change Report will be presented for a final decision at the REC Change Panel meeting on **20 August 2024..**

Change Reports: Proposal Plans Published

The Code Manager has published Change Reports containing the Proposal Plan for the following Change Proposals:

- R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales

- I0173 - Improvements to the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS)

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

The Proposal Plans will be presented for a decision at the REC Change Panel meeting on **20 August 2024.**

New Change Proposal and Issue Raised

The following REC Change Proposal has now been raised:

- R0203 - CSS Retry Strategy

The following REC Issue has now been raised:

- I0204 - Sequence Order of CSS00200 Message

These 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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