

Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (23 August 2024)

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August 2024 Extraordinary REC Release

The Code elements of the August 2024 (3.12.0) Extraordinary REC Release have been implemented today, 23 August 2024. This Release introduces five changes:

- [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](#)
- [R0166 - Removal of the Green Deal Panel](#)
- [R0181 - Schedule 14 - Metering Operations Footnote Review](#)

All the updated REC Products can be located on the REC Portal. Updates to SDEP, 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 and the relevant changes relating to [R0166 - Removal of the Green Deal Panel](#).

For further information on this Release, please visit the [Release page of the REC Portal](#). Should you have any questions, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact your Operational Account Manager.

August 2024 REC Release Podcast Episode: The REC Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode Paul Rocke explores the changes being implemented in the August 2024 Extraordinary Release on 23 August 2024. Listen to the episode on the [Podcast Page](#) on the REC Portal

Notice of Implementation: R0177 & R0188

On 20 August 2024, the REC Change Panel voted to approve the following Change Proposals for implementation.

- [R0177 – Change Smart Meter Installation Consumer Survey Specification survey questions to a REC Category 2 document](#)
- [R0188 – Changes to Terms of Reference following acceptance of R0167.](#)

Subject to no appeals being raised, these will be implemented on **06 September 2024**.

If you have any questions on these Change Proposals and their implementation, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

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:

- On Hold Change Requests
- NEW: Design Interim Release 8.2 Artefacts live
- REMINDER: Non-SIT Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) Qualification Testing Readiness Report deadline - **02 September 2024**
- Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing Subgroup (LQTSG) - **28 August 2024**
- REMINDER: Weekly Submission Templates deadline **02 October 2024**
- Migration Final Drop-in Session - **02 September 2024**

For more information on MHHS, take a look at the [MHHS page](#) on the REC Portal.

Category 3 Change Proposals

[C3-0093 – REC Service User Categorisation and Assessment](#) was raised on 13 August 2024 and was 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 the 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		
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
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

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		
New: R0155 – Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales	Non-Domestic Energy Suppliers, Third Party Intermediaries (TPIs), Consumer Representative Groups	N/A	N/A	23 August	27 September
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

To respond to an RFI; download and complete the RFI Response Form on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

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Change Reports: Final Recommendations Published

The Code Manager has published the Change Report containing the Final Recommendation for the following Change Proposal:

- [R0120 – Search GES API using Meter Serial Number](#)

If you have any comments on the Change Report for R0120, please provide these via the Change Proposal page by **23:59** on **27 August 2024**. The Change Report will be presented for a final decision at the REC Technical Expert Panel meeting on **28 August 2024**.

New Change Proposal and Issue Raised

The following REC Change Proposal has now been raised:

- [R0206 – Cross Code Change to align with BSC CP1598](#)

The following REC Issue has now been raised:

- [I0205 - Provision of HH Consumption Data for Advanced Meter ETs](#)

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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