REC Weekly Bulletin (15 December 2023)

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	Upcoming Meetings and Events
MEMs DNOs Suppliers	Keep up to date with REC meetings and events with these dates for your diary: • 19 December 2023 - Performance Assurance Board • 19 December 2023 - REC Change Panel • 20 December 2023 - Technical Expert Panel • 09 January 2023 - Metering Expert Panel • 12 January 2024 - REC Issues Group • 18 January 2024 - Market Entry Engagement Session (Register here) • 23 January 2024 - RECCo's Forward Work Plan Webinar (Register here) • 28 February 2024 - RECCo's 2024-25 Budget Breakdown Webinar (Register here)

	Performance Assurance Newsletter
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Market Entry Engagement Session

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We are hosting a Market Entry Engagement Session on **18 January 2024** (11:00-12:00). This session will provide an overview of the Market Entry journey for qualification, tips and guidance on how to complete a successful submission for each stage of the application journey. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions around the general Market Entry process as well as for your individual Market Entry requirements. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click here or email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

MHHS Updates

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MHHS Programme Systems Integration Testing (SIT)

The production Data Transfer Service (DTS) will be used for MHHS SIT Functional and MHHS SIT Migration Testing. The following preparatory activities will be carried out to support this:

- The REC Code Manager will update the Microsoft Access 'DTS Catalogue' to contain the new or updated Data Flow / Data Items. This updated Catalogue will be available to industry via the normal processes operated by the REC Code Manager when a change is made to that artefact.

- This updated DTS Catalogue will be made available on or before 22 December 2023.

- ElectraLink will update the production DTS with these changes before the SIT Functional test phase starts.

To prepare for using DTS, SIT participants should ensure that:

- You have configured your DTS gateways to support the new Market Roles and Market Participant IDs (MPIDs) that you intend to use in Testing.

- You can send and receive data flows that are consistent with the specification set out within the MHHS or Code Body design artefacts.

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

Programme Change Freeze

At the Programme Steering Group meeting on 06 December 2023 industry representatives formalised an MHHS Programme Change Freeze. The purpose of the Change Freeze is to address instability during Programme delivery, implementation and go-live that creates risk for the Programme, Code Bodies and Programme participants.

To create stability there is now an increased threshold for **all** change that impacts the MHHS Programme, with an expectation that changes will have implementation deferred until after go-live - MHHS Programme Milestone M10, 'Central Systems Ready for Migrating MPANs,' targeted for March 2025. In some cases, implementation may need to be deferred until after MHHS Migration has completed, unless they are required to fix a fault in the MHHS design. For clarity, changes with no impact on MHHS will not be impacted.

More information on the Change Freeze will be shared through the MHHS Programme Advisory Group meetings and the MHHS Programme will communicate with the Code Bodies on the Change Freeze approach accordingly for any impacted changes in progress.

The REC MHHS team will continue to engage with the Programme through the Cross Code Advisory Group and the Horizon Scanning process regarding how REC Change Proposals may impact MHHS. Guidance on how the REC Code Manager will manage Change Proposals during the change freeze will be shared in the new year.

MHHS Impacts to Data Transfer Network (DTN) Flows Consultation

The Design workstream has issued four Data Transfer Network (DTN) solution documents for consultation, relating to reports that will be sent from the Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC) Central Systems following a Demand Control Event (DCE). Comments are requested by **17:00** on **05 January 2024**. Please visit the MHHS Impacts to Data Transfer Network (DTN) Flows page of the MHHS website for more information on the consultation and how to submit comments. If you have any questions about this consultation, please email Design@mhhsprogramme.co.uk

Information for DNOs on Placing Reliance Submission and next steps for Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents

On 23 November 2023, the Code Bodies and Programme team held a Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSO, or DNO under the REC) specific session to walk through and provide additional guidance on how to complete the Non-Systems Integration Testing (SIT) Placing Reliance Proposal Form. The session was recorded and you can view the session here along with the supporting slides. An updated version of the Non-SIT Placing Reliance Proposal Form and a worked example, as well as FAQs were published along with the December Qualification Working Group (QWG) papers which are published on the Qualification and E2E Sandbox Working Group (QWG) page of the Collaboration Base.

If you're a Non-SIT LDSO, the deadline to submit your Placing Reliance Proposal Form to the Programme via the Qualification mailbox at LDSO_QT@mhhsprogramme.co.uk is 05 January 2024.

The Pre-Qualification Submission template was also published along with the December QWG papers and are available on the QWG page of the Collaboration Base. The deadline for Non-SIT Suppliers and Agents to review and feedback on the Pre-Qualification Submission template is 02 January 2024. The Code Bodies and Programme team plan to hold a webinar in February 2024 to walk through and provide additional guidance on how to complete the Pre-Qualification Submission.

Address Quality Plan Consultation

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Each Financial Year, DCC as Switching Operator must have in place a plan (the Address Quality Plan (AQP)) setting out the actions proposed to be taken to improve address quality and meet the Address Quality Objective. For the AQP which is to be effective from 01 April 2024, DCC has brought forward the consultation to allow parties additional time to comment on the proposals. The consultation starts on 15 December 2023 and concludes on 31 January 2024. REC Parties are requested to review the draft Address Quality Plan and provide responses on the consultation response document.

The completed response document should be sent to smb-address-service@smartdcc.co.uk marking the subject of the email "**Year 3 Address Quality Plan – Consultation Response**" by 17:00 on 31 January 2024. Should you have any queries in relation to the consultation please raise these at the same email address marking the subject of your email "**Year 3 Address Quality Plan – Query**".

Addressing the misuse of the Change of Tenancy Flag

As highlighted by Ofgem in their recent statutory consultation, we are taking steps to address the misuse of the Change of Tenancy flag, change of occupier and objections processes in the non-domestic energy market. We will be raising a change proposal to tackle these issues and will work with the REC Code Manager to establish the appropriate stakeholder groups to capture input. The Code Manager will share further details on how stakeholders can join this group in due course.

November 2023 Energy Theft Forum

In November, RECCo held their second Energy Theft Forum - a chance for stakeholders to learn about the work being done to reduce energy theft in the UK. The slides and recording can be accessed here.

RECCo Upcoming Events

23 January 2024 - Introducing our Forward Work Plan

Learn about RECCo's vision and key priorities for 2024-27, including how they plan to improve the retail energy market, promote innovation, and deliver positive consumer outcomes. Register here.

28 February 2024 - 2024-25 Budget Breakdown Webinar

Following the publication of RECCo's Forward Work Plan, they'll be hosting a webinar to thoroughly explain the budget needed to deliver our strategy, REC services and our energy industry commitments. Register here.

REC Service Desk

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The REC Code Manager service will continue to operate over the Christmas and New Year period, with key staff available across the team to respond to your queries and provide you with ongoing support.

The only change to our service is the closure of our telephone and live web chat from 13:00 on 22 December 2023 until 09:00 on 02 January 2024. You can still raise tickets with the Service Desk through the REC Portal, or by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk, and we will respond as normal.

REC Committees

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Within the past week, the Code Manager has published the below REC Committees documentation on the REC Portal.

- Final Minutes have been published following the Metering Expert panel on **08 November 2023.**

- Headline Report has been published following the Metering Expert Panel on **13 December 2023.**

- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Performance Assurance Board on **19 December 2023.**

- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Change Panel on **19 December 2023.**

- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Technical Expert Panel **20 December 2023.**

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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