REC Weekly Bulletin (22 December 2023)

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Upcoming Meetings and Events	
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REC Service Desk	
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New Podcast: UX Project Overview

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The Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode, Paul Rocke is joined by Cassie Robinson as they give an overview of the recently launched project to review the User Experience across the REC Portal and the Digital Navigator.

To listen to the episode, click here.

Performance Assurance Webinar

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The Code Manager hosted a Performance Assurance Webinar on 14 December 2023 in which we discussed updates on RFIs approach, updates from the Performance Assurance Board, dashboard review responses and more.

To access the recording and slides, click here.

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 can 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.

REC Services UX Project: Usability Testing

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The Code Manager project to review User Experience (UX) on the REC Portal and Digital Navigator continues. Following a series of stakeholder interviews, the Code Manager's UX experts are developing a set of wireframes for a potential new UX design for these services. In January 2024, the Code Manager is looking to test these designs and assumptions in a further set of stakeholder interviews. A priority period was given to those who took part in initial feedback gathering sessions; however, a number of Usability Testing interview slots are still available for the week commencing 08 January 2024. If you would like to express interest in signing up for a one-hour virtual interview, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

February REC Release

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In the REC, February releases are typically planned for the last Friday of the month, and BSC releases are planned for the last Thursday of the month, which results in releases only being a day apart. However, because 2024 is a leap year, the REC release will be on 23 February 2024 and the BSC release will be on 29 February 2024. We want to reassure you that there are no impacts to parties resulting from this difference in implementation date. We considered whether to move the implementation date from the approved dates to align with the BSC standard release, but the Code Manager considered the impact would be greater.

V1.0 of the Release Plan for the February REC Release has been published. If additional CPs are approved for this Release, an updated version of the Release Plan will be published. The release plan and other information on future releases can be found here.

MHHS Updates

An updated Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) v13.9 will be published on the REC Portal on 22 December 2023. This update includes test flows/information that will be used for MHHS SIT Functional and MHHS SIT Migration Testing in March 2024.

REC Parties should use the information below to ensure that they do not mistakenly use this test flow data in production.

The following preparatory activities are being carried out to support MHHS SIT Function and Migration Testing:

- The REC Code Manager will update the Microsoft Access DTC Catalogue to contain the new or updated Data Flow / Data Items required for MHHS SIT.
- This updated DTC will be made available via EMAR, on 22 December 2023.
- ElectraLink will update the production DTS with these changes before the SIT Functional test phase starts.

To prepare for testing using the DTS, MHHS SIT participants, who are already working with the MHHS Programme in this capacity, 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 on MHHS SIT preparation, please contact the MHHS Testing team at Testing@mhhsprogramme.co.uk. If you have any questions regarding DTS gateway configuration, please contact electralink.helpdesk@electralink.co.uk.

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Important Information regarding the DTC

- The MHHS SIT version of the DTC will be v13.9.
- Changes to the DTC are in line with those made in MHHS Artifact DES196 mainly consisting of non-structural changes to Data Flows, such as adding new routing for MHHS roles.
- Due to the nature of changes made, two Data Flows (D0303 and D0311) have received new version numbers (both 002). These versions have been set with a "T" status to deter any production usage. **For the avoidance of doubt, v002 of the D0303 and D0311 should not be used to send production messages.**
- New MHHS Market Roles have been added to the ExternalEntity table, which mirror the wording of Elexon MDD.
- The "NHHDR" role will transition to "Meter Reading Service" upon MHHS go-live, however, references to NHHDR remain unchanged in v13.9 to avoid any impacts on the production catalogue. These will be made prior to go-live (expected March 2025).
- Some Data Flows require Name/Title amendments for MHHS go-live, however, they remain unchanged in v13.9 to avoid any impacts on the production catalogue. These will be made prior to go-live (expected March 2025).
- At a high level, all changes have been detailed in the VersionHistory table.

In 2024, a further update will be made to the DTC to support MHHS SIT Cycle 2, including SIT Migration Testing. This will include eight new Data Flows to allow the sending of 'ECS Reports' over the DTN, as well as any other changes required by the MHHS Programme. If you have any questions regarding the content of the DTC Catalogue, please contact enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

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RECCo is hosting these events in the New Year:

23 January 2024: Introducing our Forward Work Plan - Learn about our vision and key priorities for 2024-27, including how we plan to improve the retail energy market, promote innovation, and deliver positive consumer outcomes. Register now.

28 February 2024: A breakdown of our 2024-25 budget - Following the publication of our Forward Work Plan, we'll be hosting a webinar to thoroughly explain the budget needed to deliver our strategy, REC services and our energy industry commitments. Register now.

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 Performance Assurance Board on **28 November 2023.**

- [Final Minutes](#) have been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **29 November 2023.**

- [Final Minutes](#) have been published following the Change Panel on **05 December 2023.**

- [Draft Minutes](#) have been published following the Metering Expert Panel on **13 December 2023.**

- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Change Panel on **19 December 2023.**

- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Performance Assurance Board on **19 December 2023.**

- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **20 December 2023.**

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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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