

## REC Weekly Bulletin (02 February 2024)

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

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Keep up to date with REC meetings and events with these dates for your diary:

- 06 February 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 07 February 2024 - February Release Drop-in Session ([Register here](#))
- 09 February 2024 - REC Issues Group
- 14 February 2024 - Metering Expert Panel
- 12 February 2024 - RECCo's P1 Major Switching Incident Review ([Register here](#))
- 27 February 2024 - Performance Assurance Board
- 28 February 2024 - Technical Expert Panel
- 28 February 2024 - RECCo's 2024-25 Budget Breakdown Webinar ([Register here](#))
- 14 March 2024 - R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar ([Register here](#))

### Introduction to REC Data Specification Session

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The Code Manager hosted an Introduction to the REC Data Specification on 30 January 2024. This session provided an overview and a demonstration of how to navigate the Data Specification.

To access the recording and slides, click [here](#).

## February Release Drop-in Session

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The REC Code Manager is hosting a February Release Drop-in Session on **07 February 2024** (14:00-14:30) to provide an overview of the planned changes within the scope the February Release taking place on 23 February 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](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

## R0147- Prepayment Levelisation Survey Reminder and Webinar

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REC Change Proposal [R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation](#) was raised to progress the necessary changes to the REC, setting out how Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation will operate and the obligations on RECCo and Domestic Suppliers. The Change Proposal is targeted for implementation on 28 March 2024 and the new PML Reconciliation Schedule will take effect on **01 April 2024**.

In readiness for the Change Proposal R0147 being approved, and the Levelisation Policy being implemented, the Code Manager has emailed all Energy Supplier Contract Managers asking for the following:

- Completion of a Levelisation Readiness survey, which can be found [here](#), by 17:00 on **02 February 2024**.
- A contact and bank details form to be sent to [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk) by **09 February 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact the [REC Service Desk](#) or your Operational Account Manager.

The REC Code Manager is hosting R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar on **14 March 2024** (13:00-14:30) to provide an overview of the R0147 Prepayment Levelisation before its implementation.

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## REC Annual Maintenance of Qualification

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All REC Parties and non-Party REC Service Users are required to complete an annual Maintenance of Qualification as per [Schedule 9 Qualification and Maintenance](#) Section 11. REC Contract Managers have received a notification of their deadline and submission requirements, and these requirements will also be uploaded to the REC Portal for your reference.

Should you encounter any issues with the REC Portal or would like to further discuss roles and access permissions to complete these submissions, please contact [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

If your company will not be able to complete this requirement by the communicated due date, please reach out to [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk) by 16 February 2024 with any issues.

## DCC JWS Certificate

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Action Required within **12 Working Days** (before 20 February 2024). Any party that receives a message directly from CSS and needs to validate its authenticity will need a copy of the latest CSS JWS (Public) Production signing certificate. The CSS JWS (Public) Production Certificate will expire on 03 March 2024. The JWS Certificate is issued to digitally sign each message and validates that the message sender is authenticated and the message integrity. Each CSS User that receives messages from CSS will need to install the updated certificate to ensure messages can still be authenticated. This [Portal page](#) provides further details.

## MHHS Updates

### **MHHS Code Drafting 'Mop Up 2': Final Review Consultation coming soon**

MHHS programme participants will have a final opportunity to review and provide feedback on the MHHS code drafting captured in the Code Artefacts in the upcoming Mop Up 2 consultation. The Programme will publish the Mop Up 2 Code Artefacts for participant review on 19 February 2024 and comments will be due by 17:00 on 11 March 2024. All participants are requested to ensure resource is allocated to complete this review.

An email will be sent with more information on 19 February 2024, and we will also share in The Clock on 21 February 2024. If you have any questions about this consultation, please get in touch with the Code Team at [code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

### **MHHS New Advisory Groups**

From February 2024, The Testing and Migrations Advisory Group (TMAG) will be replaced by SIT, Qualification and Migration Advisory Groups. There are still vacant seats on these groups as follows:

- **SIT Advisory Group (SITAG):** The first meeting will take place on 21 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the **third Wednesday** of each month.
  - Medium Supplier
  - Supplier Agent
  
- **Migration and Cutover Advisory Group (MCAG):** The first meeting will take place on 22 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the **third Thursday** of each month.
  - Medium Supplier
  - Small Supplier
  - Supplier Agent

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- **Qualification Advisory Group (QAG):** The first meeting will take place on 27 February 2024 and further meetings will be on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month.
  - Small Supplier

To submit a nomination, please complete the [Constituency Representative Nomination Form](#) and submit to [PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

### **MHHS Qualification Approach and Plan (QA&P) Consultation**

On 31 January 2024, the MHHS QA&P, produced by the Retail Energy Code (REC) and Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), was published for a 10-working day consultation. All REC Parties who are intending to operate in the new MHHS arrangements, will need to go through MHHS Qualification and are encouraged to provide feedback on this document.

The QA&P sets out the purpose of MHHS Qualification during the MHHS Programme, and provides the high-level plan and requirements, in relation to the BSC and REC. If you have any questions about the QA&P consultation, please email the Code Bodies at [MHHSQualification@elxon.co.uk](mailto:MHHSQualification@elxon.co.uk) and [performanceassurance@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:performanceassurance@recmanager.co.uk). The QA&P is accompanied by two Annexes which are also published for consultation:

- Annex 1: Non-Systems Integration Testing (SIT) Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) MHHS Qualification Testing Approach & Plan. This annex sets out the approach for Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing during the MHHS Programme and provides the high-level plan and requirements for Non-SIT LDSO participants to complete Qualification Testing as part of their overall MHHS Qualification. If you have any questions on the Annex 1 consultation, email the MHHS Programme at [LDSO\\_QT@MHHSprogramme.co.uk](mailto:LDSO_QT@MHHSprogramme.co.uk).
- Annex 4: Process for participants that do not complete MHHS Qualification within the required timescales. This annex sets out the market sanction process under the BSC if a current Programme participant fails to complete MHHS Qualification in line with the MHHS Programme Plan. This document is applicable to all participants no matter their qualification route. It will be of particular interest to Suppliers. If you have any questions about Annex 4, email Elxon at [MHHSQualification@elxon.co.uk](mailto:MHHSQualification@elxon.co.uk).

All the documents, as well as further information on the QA&P, can be found on the [Qualification Approach & Plan page of the MHHS website](#). Please submit your confirmation of review or comments on the documents, via this page by 17:00 on **14 February 2024**. Note: Annexes 2 and 3 covering Non SIT Supplier and Agents/New Entrant LDSOs will be published at a later date for a separate consultation.

## P1 Major Switching Incident Review Webinar

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On 06 July 2023, a [Major Switching Incident occurred](#) within the Central Switching Service (CSS), which prevented successful energy supply switches and new registrations for gas and electricity. Whilst now resolved, the incident significantly impacted multiple industry parties and their end consumers.

After the July 2023 incident, RECCo conducted a thorough review with the REC Code Manager to understand what happened and recommend measures to prevent, detect and more effectively manage future incidents. RECCo have now published their full review report and executive summary [here](#).

Following this publication, RECCo are hosting a webinar on **12 February 2024** (13:00 – 14:00). This session aims to provide a detailed overview of the incident, the lessons learned, and the strategic measures to prevent, detect, and manage similar incidents in line with their commitments as the review is formally closed. [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 **19 December 2023**.
- [Final Minutes](#) have been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **20 December 2023**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Performance Assurance Board on **30 January 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **31 January 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Energy Theft Reduction Expert Group on **31 January 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the REC Change Panel on **06 February 2024**.

## Contacting the Code Manager

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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](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk), or use the [CSI feedback form](#).

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