

REC Weekly Bulletin (16 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:

- 20 February 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 27 February 2024 - Performance Assurance Board
- 28 February 2024 - Technical Expert Panel
- 28 February 2024 - RECCo's 2024-25 Budget Breakdown Webinar ([Register here](#))
- 08 March 2024 - REC Issues Group
- 13 March 2024 - Metering Expert Panel
- 14 March 2024 - R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar ([Register here](#))

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New Podcast

The Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode, Paul Rocke is joined by Holly Law as they explore the Change Proposals about to be implemented in the REC Release scheduled for 23 February 2024. To listen to the full podcast and read the transcript, click [here](#).

For Prompt Action - DCC JWS Certificate

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Any party that receives a message directly from Central Switching Service (CSS) and needs to validate its authenticity will need a copy of the latest CSS JWS (Public) Production signing certificate. Action is required by **20 February 2024, (2 Working Days)**. 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.

February 2024 REC Release

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The February 2024 REC Release will be implemented next week on 23 February 2024. For further information, the Release Webinar and Release Plan are available on the [Release Management page](#) of the REC Portal.

The Release Plan provides a summary of all the Change Proposals (CPs) that are included in the Release, including a summary of the change, impacted Parties and impacted REC Products. The release plan and other information on future releases can be found [here](#).

The REC Baseline statement will also be updated to reflect the new version numbers of the updated products and will be implemented as part of the February 2024 Release.

R0093 Appeal

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On 08 February 2024, an Appeal was raised against the REC Technical Expert Panel's vote to approve [R0093 - Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes during MHHS Migration Period](#). The Code Manager has submitted an appeal to the Authority on 15 February 2024.

As a result, R0093 will not be implemented on 23 February 2024. The February 2024 [Release Plan](#) will be updated accordingly. If you have any questions on this Change Proposal, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

R0147- Prepayment Levelisation Webinar

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The Code Manager is hosting a 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.

To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click [here](#) or email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Party Assurance Un-acceded Metering Equipment Managers

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We are aware that there are organisations who have an active Market Participant ID (MPID) in Market Domain Data (MDD), which gives them the ability to act as a MEM but are not yet acceded to the REC and have not qualified. We previously attempted to engage with these MEM Parties in October 2023, however, we did not receive responses. We are now seeking to remove these MEMs from MDD (i.e. end-dating the relevant MPIDs within MDD). We want to ensure this is actioned in a controlled manner, if an un-acceded/unqualified Party does engage we are keen to provide them with a path to qualification and compliance.

From our analysis of the data held within the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES), we are reaching out to Electricity Suppliers who have appointments associated with these un-acceded MEMs, suggesting that action is taken.

As presented at the February Retail Issues Group meeting, if an organisation wishes to act as a MEM they should accede to the Code and become a Qualified party in accordance with the provisions of the Qualification and Maintenance Schedule ([REC Schedule 15 Section 1, Clause 1.1](#)). Furthermore, [REC Schedule 14, Clause 2.3](#) requires Suppliers to ensure appointed MEMs are qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

We ask Parties who have been contacted to complete the required action by **20 February 2024** and/or inform us if they are unable to complete the required action in time, alongside their expected timelines for appointing appropriate MEMs for the MPANs noted. Should the MEM organisation contact the Code Manager, complete REC accession, and commence the transition requirements between now and the last date for requesting changes for March MDD release (i.e. before 20 February 2024), we will allow them to continue to remain in MDD provided they continue to remain engaged and complete their transition requirements.

Gas Metering Equipment Manager Update

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The Performance Assurance team previously discussed issues in relation to data from the Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) reconciliation, MEM RFI and Metering-specific topic monitoring. In November 2023, an Initial Discovery Working Group was held. If you would like to access the material produced from this group, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Gas MEMs

Gas MEMs and Gas Suppliers are invited to register to take part in 1-to-1 interviews being held from 04 March 2024 to 18 March 2024 to explore the advantages and disadvantages of our proposed solutions in an open and collaborative environment. Secure your place by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by 17:00 23 February 2024 and we will organise a suitable time.

Please note, if you do not take part in the interviews, the solutions proposed are not finalised and will be subject to appropriate consultation prior to the REC Change being raised by the Code Manager.

Update to Data Cleanse Report Guidance

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[C3-0067 \(Data Cleanse Report Guidance\)](#) was implemented on 15 February 2024 and can be accessed through the [Category 3 Change Log](#). If you have any questions regarding this Change Proposal, email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

MHHS Code Drafting ‘Mop Up 2’: Final Review Consultation

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 it will also be shared in The Clock on 21 February 2024 as well as this bulletin. If you have any questions about this consultation, please email the Code Team at code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

MHHS Supply, Distribution & Transmission Licence Review Consultation

The MHHS Programme has published the **MHHS Supply, Distribution & Transmission Licence Review** document for consultation. Comments are due by **17:00 on 13 March 2024**.

There is a BSC requirement ([BSC Section C 12.5.2\(a\)](#)) for the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) to “*identify and inform the Authority of, any and all further modifications to energy licences which are required for MHHS implementation*”. The Programme has reviewed all Standard Licence Conditions in the Supply, Distribution and Transmission Licences, which are available on the [Licences and Licence Conditions page on the Ofgem website](#).

As a result, we conclude that **no licence changes are required for MHHS implementation**. However, the review identified a few areas that Ofgem may want to consider as to whether changes are required as a consequence of MHHS (e.g. reference to Profile Classes). Participants are requested to review the document and provide comments (if needed).

For more information on this consultation and how to submit comments, please visit the [MHHS website](#). If you have any questions about this consultation, please email Code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

MHHS Open Day

The next **MHHS Open Day** is on **23 April 2024** in London. There will also be a virtual livestream option for participants to join the event. Please visit the [MHHS website](#) for more information and how to book your space.

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MHHS Pre-Qualification Submission

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All Non-SIT Suppliers, Supplier Agents and MEMs, and new entrant DNOs - referred to as a Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) in the MHHS Programme - are required to provide a Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS) for MHHS Qualification.

The submission will include all the information that Code Bodies need to make an informed judgement on a Party's readiness and suitability to be allocated to a particular Qualification Wave. The information provided will also help Code Bodies to understand the resource and testing capacity required to support each Qualification Wave. For further information on the Qualification Waves, Parties should consult the [Qualification Approach and Plan](#).

Please note that:

- SIT participants are not expected to submit the PQS for the roles and Market Participant IDs (MPIDs) they are participating with in SIT. The proposed process for Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) submission for SIT Participants is set out in the [Qualification Approach and Plan](#).
- Existing DNOs participating in Non-SIT LDSO Qualification are not expected to submit the PQS.

All electricity REC Parties are required to become MHHS Qualified to operate the new MHHS arrangements. Some REC Parties have volunteered to support MHHS Programme testing through SIT. Others (referred to as Non-SIT Parties) will need to undertake Qualification Testing directly with Code Bodies.

The PQS window opened on **05 February 2024** and final submissions must be provided **by 17:00 on 26 April 2024**. The Code Bodies are hosting a **Pre-Qualification Submission webinar on 07 March 2024**.

For more information on the Pre-Qualification Submission and how to submit your information, please visit the [MHHS website](#). If you have any questions about the Pre-Qualification Submission or Placing Reliance, please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

R0155 TPIs Workgroup Nominations

TPIs

Nominations are being sought for five Third Party Intermediary representatives for the upcoming workshops for the solution development of [R0155 \(Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales\)](#). The workgroup will meet regularly to develop and discuss potential solutions for R0155. The output of the workgroup will form the solution which the REC Change Panel will recommend for approval or rejection to the Authority.

Successful candidates will be appointed to the workshop for the duration of Solution Development. Only one nominee per company will be considered, and you may nominate yourself or any other person with relevant expertise. If you wish to nominate more than one candidate, you should submit these on separate forms.

Please send completed forms to enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **17:00 on 16 February 2024**.

R0155 Supplier Workgroup Nominations

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Nominations are currently being sought for Supplier representatives to join the upcoming Solution Development workshops for [R0155 \(Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales\)](#). The workgroup will meet regularly to develop and discuss potential solutions for R0155. The output of the workgroup will support the solution, which the REC Change Panel will recommend for approval or rejection to the Authority.

Five Supplier representatives will be appointed to the workgroup. Two representatives will be appointed by Energy UK and two representatives will be appointed by ICoSS. The fifth representative position is available for a Supplier which is affiliated with **neither Energy UK nor ICoSS. The Code Manager is now inviting nominations for this fifth position only.**

Successful candidates will be appointed to the workshop for the duration of Solution Development. Only one nominee per company will be considered, and you may nominate yourself or any other person with relevant expertise.

Send completed forms to enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **17:00 on 16 February 2024**.

REC Metering Expert Panel Supplier Member Election

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Supplier Contract Managers have received an email inviting them to vote in the REC Metering Expert Panel Supplier Member election. There are three nominees up for the role, could you please complete the election form and send to committees@recmanager.co.uk by **15:00 on 20 February 2024**.

RECCo's User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

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RECCo are looking for volunteers to participate in their User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for their Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation process. This UAT is designed to simulate several monthly cycles of the process and will cover various scenarios to assess multiple features of the software within a dedicated testing environment.

RECCo are looking to start UAT week commencing 19 February 2024.

For further information and if you wish to take part in UAT please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Stay Energy Safe Website Feedback Survey

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The ETTOS Marketing Service Provider are currently enhancing the functionality of the Stay Energy Safe website to provide users with an even better online experience.

You are invited to take a few moments to share your valuable feedback on the current website by completing a short survey. Your insights will contribute to making the platform more user-friendly and efficient. To take the survey, click [here](#) by 23 February 2024.

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 REC Metering Expert Panel on **13 December 2023**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the REC Metering Expert Panel on **14 February 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the REC Change Panel on **20 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, or use the [CSI feedback form](#).

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