REC Weekly Bulletin (23 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:

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

February 2024 REC Release

The Code elements of the February 2024 (3.8.0) REC Release have been implemented today, 23 February 2024. This Release introduces three changes:

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- R0103 - Central provision of DCC Technical Contacts for Requesting Test Certificates

- R0071 – DCC Access to EES & GES

- R0156 - Updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules and Physical Interface Design Specification

All the updated REC Products can be located on the REC Portal. Updates to EMAR and Digital Navigator will be complete by the end of the day.

The REC Baseline Statement has been updated with the new product version numbers.

For further information on this Release, please visit the Release page. Should you have any questions, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact your Operational Account Manager.

Notice of implementation – R0147 Prepayment Levelisation

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On 23 February 2024, the Authority issued its decision to the Code Manager, to approve R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation for implementation on 28 March 2024. The decision document can be found on the REC Portal here.

This Change Proposal will be included in the 28 March 2024 Release Plan, to reflect the approval, and the completion of the update will be confirmed via the REC Change Bulletin.

The Authority's decision has been published at the same time as the decision on the related Licence Modifications. The Licence Modifications and new arrangements for Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation under the REC, will come into effect on **01 April 2024**.

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. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click here.

PML Reconciliation Readiness Checklist:

- Contact and bank details confirmed

- Access to reporting Sharepoint

- Data extract on midday on 01 April 2024 – please note additional guidance has been added to the Change Proposal page on the REC Portal here.

- Data submission by 15 April 2024

- Sign up to the R0147 Prepayment Levelisation Pre-Release Webinar

If you have any questions about this Change Proposal in advance of the webinar, please contact us at enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

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@recmanger.co.uk.

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 subjection to appropriate consultation prior to the REC Change being raised by the Code Manager.

Performance Assurance Dashboard Wiki Article

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The Code Manager has published a new REC Wiki article on the Performance Assurance Dashboard. The article contains further background on the dashboards, guidance videos and answers to FAQS. Click here to read the article.

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

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MHHS Code Drafting 'Mop Up 2': Final Review Consultation

The MHHS Programme Code Workstream issued the Topic Mop Up 2 Code Artefacts for consultation on 19 February 2024. Metering is the REC area most impacted by the MHHS Design, and this is reflected in the Code Drafting. The Code Topic Mop Up 2 consultation is the final opportunity for industry to feed into the Code Drafting before it is baselined and submitted for approval by the Programme and Ofgem thereafter. For more information on this consultation and how to submit your

comments, please visit the [Code Topic Mop Up 2 page of the MHHS website](#). Comments are due by 17:00 on 11 March 2024.

Qualification Assessment Document (QAD)

The QAD sets out the information and evidence that market participants are required to provide to the REC and Balancing Settlement Code (BSC) Code Bodies so that they can be MHHS Qualified to operate under the new arrangements. The QAD has been developed through discussions with the MHHS Qualification Working Group (QWG) and has been provided to industry for consultation. The QAD consultation window will close at 17:00 on 01 March 2024.

To access the QAD and for details on how to submit comments, please visit the [Qualification Assessment Document page on the MHHS website](#).

MHHS Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS)

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 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.

RECCo's 2024-25 Budget

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RECCo has published its latest budget document, which outlines its budget for 2024-25. The document also includes an estimate of the costs for the following two years. The budget for this year includes the necessary funds to improve the quality of their services, deliver their portfolio of programmes, enhance internal resources, and cover the costs of the services they manage. Read the document in full and sign up for the budget webinar here.

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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 Change Panel on **06 February 2024**.

- Draft Minutes have been published following the REC Metering Expert Panel on **14 February 2024**.

- Headline Report has been published following the REC Change Panel on **20 February 2024**.

- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Performance Assurance Board on **27 February 2024**.

- Agenda and Papers have been published ahead of the Technical Expert Panel on **28 February 2024**.

We are pleased to announce that following the completion of the REC Metering Expert Panel election, Sarah Hayes will be joining the Panel as one of the Supplier Members.

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