

REC Weekly Bulletin (15 March 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:

- 19 March 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 21 March 2024 - Performance Assurance Webinar ([Register here](#))
- 26 March 2024 - Performance Assurance Board
- 27 March 2024 - Technical Expert Panel
- 10 April 2024 - Metering Expert Panel
- 10 April 2024 - Gas Operational Metering Forum
- 12 April 2024 - REC Issues Group
- 23 April 2024 - MHHS Open Day ([Register here](#))
- 25 April 2024 - Introduction to REC Webinar ([Register here](#))

Performance Assurance Webinar

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The REC Code Manager is hosting the Performance Assurance Webinar on **21 March 2024** (12:00 - 13:30) in which we will be discussing topic areas such as Party Performance Methodology, Service Provider Assurance, Theft Targets, and other relevant topics. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click [here](#).

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Introduction to the REC Webinar

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The REC Code Manager is hosting an Introduction to the REC Webinar on **25 April 2024** (10:00 - 12:30) to introduce new REC Parties and those who wish to have a refresher to the Code. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click [here](#).

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

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MHHS Programme Participant Information Request (PPIR): Use of Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) Function

The MHHS Programme is requesting that all Suppliers complete a Programme Participant Information Request to support DCC in understanding anticipated behaviours of Suppliers and Smart Data Service (SDS) Service Providers in relation to SDS Service Provider appointments. In particular, understanding:

- How each Supplier appointed SDS is expected to operate, either using or not using the Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) function, and
- Whether Suppliers will continue to collect smart meter data in addition to using MDRs

[Please complete this PPIR](#) by **17:00** on **19 March 2024**.

Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) Access Request Form

The MHHS Programme has issued a PPIR to DNOs – referred to as LDSOs in the MHHS Programme, relating to the SFTP environment. The SFTP is a key dependency for LDSO testing and the migration of production data between the Data Communications Company (DCC) systems and each LDSOs Metering Point Registration System (MPRS). All LDSOs are obligated to complete this activity before the initial migration of production data in Summer 2024.

To further support participants in understanding the SFTP, the Programme has produced an SFTP Guide which provides a summary of the SFTP and a technical description of the environment which can be found on the [Data page of the MHHS website](#). LDSOs are requested to complete [this PPIR form](#) by 17:00 on **19 March 2024**.

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

Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) Import/Export Meter Point Administration Number (MPAN) matching deadline

The MHHS Data Cleanse Plan sets out a target for LDSOs to have associated a minimum of 80% of Export Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs) to the relevant Import MPAN by **22 March 2024**. As such, the Programme requests that all LDSOs issue a self-declaration to the Programme by **22 March 2024** (the matching deadline).

For more information on what details you need to include in your self-declaration and valid exceptions, please see slide 11 of the [Data Cleanse Working Group \(DCWG\) meeting papers](#) from **29 February 2024**. You can also find more information on this target in the MHHS Data Cleanse Plan which is published on the [Migration Overview page of the MHHS website](#).

Please email your self-declaration and any questions to opreadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk.

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Performance Assurance Newsletter

To help provide better visibility of Performance Assurance work we are trialling a monthly briefing which shares market-wide trends and insights to REC Parties. The third Newsletter is available [here](#) and provides an overview of the performance of REC Services to date.

2024-2025 Address Quality Plan and Supplementary Report

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As per Paragraph 2.6 of [REC Schedule 29 'Address Management'](#), DCC has produced v1.0 of the 2024-2025 Address Quality Plan. In addition, as per Paragraph 2.9 of the same Schedule, DCC has produced the Supplementary Report following the review of the responses to the consultation that was issued on 15 December 2023. To read the Address Quality Plan and the Supplementary Report, click [here](#).

REC Accessions and Withdrawals

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The following organisations have acceded to the Retail Energy Code in accordance with the REC Main Body Clause 3 and are now Parties to the Code.

Organisation	Company Number	Date Acceded
Heywood Electrical & Sons Limited	5182351	08/03/2024
Adhi Electricals Ltd	11600437	11/03/2024

For further detail on REC Party Accessions, please see the [REC Party Register](#).

RECCo's Code Manager Evolution Stakeholder Advisory Group

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As set out in RECCo's [Draft Strategy and Forward Work Plan 2024-27](#), two years into live operations, RECCo conducted a thorough assessment of the performance and effectiveness of the Code Manager services. This was to ensure alignment with industry needs and inform its future re-procurement strategy, particularly as the contract terms are set to end in September 2024. While RECCo has initiated a continuous improvement programme across the Code Manager service over 2024/25, it is also considering the evolution of the service in the medium to long term based on stakeholder feedback.

To support the Code Manager evolution project, RECCo is establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Group, a small group of industry stakeholders who provide informal advice to the project team. Its primary function will be to offer guidance, perspectives and insights throughout various stages of the project lifecycle, running from March 2024 until at least the completion of any required procurement activity, at which point its future will be reviewed and determined.

RECCo is inviting nominations from industry stakeholders for positions on the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Representation from REC Parties and users of the Code Manager Service is crucial, and RECCo is seeking diverse perspectives to ensure comprehensive coverage. Nominations are specifically requested from:

- Suppliers - at least 3 representatives (to ensure representation from gas and electricity, non-domestic and Domestic, larger, and smaller Suppliers)
- Network Parties - at least 2 representatives (1 Distribution Network Operator and 1 Gas Transporter)
- Metering Equipment Managers - at least 1 representative

The group is proposed to meet monthly for virtual meetings lasting 2-3 hours. Where necessary, extended meetings or extraordinary meetings may also be scheduled. RECCo is seeking individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Knowledge of REC governance and processes
- Direct experience of interacting with the Code Manager service
- Ability to act independently from the commercial interests of their respective organisations, especially when such interests might conflict with the demands and requirements of the market
- Willingness to treat all information confidentially and sign a confidentiality agreement
- Wholly independent of, with no conflict of interest with, current Service Providers and/or potential bidders for future procurements

If you're interested in joining the SAG and contributing to the future of the Code Manager service, please submit your nomination using the form below [here](#) by **20 March 2024**.

Please note that while all nominations received are appreciated, not all may be accepted depending on nominees' volume and breadth/depth of expertise.

REC Committees

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

- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Metering Expert Panel on **13 March 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the REC Change Panel on **19 March 2024**.

A meeting of the Gas Operational Metering Forum has been scheduled for **10 April 2024**. If you have not received an invite for the meeting and would like to attend or add anything to the agenda, please email committees@recmanager.co.uk by 03 April 2024.

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