REC Weekly Bulletin (12 April 2024)

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Upcoming Meetings and Events
Keep up to date with REC meetings and events with these dates for your diary: • 16 April 2024 - REC Change Panel • 16 April 2024 - Introduction to EMAR Webinar (Register here) • 18 April 2024 - Ofgem and RECCo's Consumer Data Collaboration Event • 23 April 2024 - MHHS Open Day (Register here) • 24 April 2024 - Technical Expert Panel • 25 April 2024 - Introduction to REC Webinar (Register here) • 30 April 2024 - Performance Assurance Board • 08 May 2024 - Metering Expert Panel • 10 May 2024 - REC Issues Group

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April 2024 Extraordinary REC Release

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The Code elements of the April 2024 (3.10.0) Extraordinary REC Release have been implemented today, 12 April 2024. This Release introduces three changes:

- R0062 - Removal of ERDA meteringPointEnergyFlow Change Restriction

- R0063 - Addition of Key Information to all Service Now Tickets

- R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing

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

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

Please note, there has been a change to the version numbers of the REC for the March Extraordinary Release and future releases. As the technical work for MHHS has used REC V4 as baseline and to avoid industry impact we are renumbering the March release to 3.9.0 and the April release to 3.10.0.

New Podcast

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The REC Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode Paul Rocke is joined by Holly Law as they discuss the changes being implemented in the April 2024 Extraordinary Release on 12 April 2024. To listen to the episode, click here.

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.

The Code Manager has also released a podcast in which Paul Rocke and Amelia Bray discuss the upcoming Introduction to the REC Webinar. To listen to the full episode and access the transcript, click here.

Introduction to EMAR Webinar

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The REC Code Manager is hosting an Introduction to the Energy Market Architecture Repository Webinar on **16 April 2024** (10:00 - 10:45) to provide an overview of EMAR including demonstrations of the Digitalised REC and the REC Data Specification in the Digital Navigator. To view the full list of topics and register your interest, click here.

R0063 Delays

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Following CSS go-live DNOs were unable to resolve some tickets sent to them by the CSS Provider, as they did not include critical information such as which MPAN the issue related to. The REC PAB approved a derogation (Derogation 10) relating to this, which established a workaround between DNOs and DCC.

R0063 (Addition of Key Information to all Service Now Tickets) was a change raised to enable the critical information to be automatically included within a ticket at the point at which it is created, removing the need for the workaround. This change was scheduled for release on 12 April 2024. Delays in the technical development of this change were raised late to the Code Manager, and subsequently the technical implementation of R0063 will be delayed until 28 June 2024. The change to the REC will still take place as planned on 12 April 2024.

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

Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation

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This is a reminder that R0147 (Prepayment Levelisation) went live on 01 April 2024.

All domestic Suppliers are required to submit a snapshot of their Portfolio data from the 1st Calendar day of the Month to their associated SharePoint by the 15th Calendar day of the month. To ensure smooth processing, it's recommended to submit this ahead of the deadline. For submission templates, the Invoice Schedule, and additional information, please visit the Payment Levelisation Page on the REC Portal.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing your SharePoint folder or any other enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact us at pmlreconciliation@recmanager.co.uk and enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

Sandbox and Derogation Update

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Yesterday, following your feedback, we implemented improvements to the Sandbox and Derogation page on the REC Portal to make it more accessible and easy to understand. The page now includes additional guidance about Sandbox and Derogation processes, and a clearer to read table with more useful information.

The page includes relevant information related to all Sandbox and Derogation Applications that have been submitted. It details the reference, status and provides a link to all documentation related to the Sandbox or Derogation (including the Application Form, relevant PAB Headline Report confirming the PAB decision, and any relevant wider information such as subsequent PAB meeting discussions).

REC Changes Impacted by MHHS Change and Technical Code Freeze

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We have previously communicated about the potential impacts of the existing Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Programme Change Freeze, as well as the Core Systems (technical) Code Freeze which is planned to be in place from November 2024. Further detail on this can be found on the REC Portal.

The Code Manager has completed a review of any in flight REC Change Proposals and continue to review all new Change Proposals, in this context, as they are raised.

The impacted Change Proposals are provided below. Impacts relate to the following:

- Amending and creation of new Switching Messages, and associated testing
- Technical restrictions for functionality changes to the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) and the EES API
- Consequential restrictions for functionality changes to the Secure Data Exchange system due to the shared technical architecture with EES
- Capacity of Service Providers/ the EES and SDEP Service Provider to contribute to solution development and provide impact assessments, alongside MHHS implementation activities
- The validity of commercial impact assessments where long lead times are expected

As a result, these changes will need to be put on hold until it is appropriate to progress the change which may differ between each Change Proposal depending on the nature of the change.

The impacted Change Proposals are:

- R0037- Prepayment Credit Balance & Debt Transfer Processes
- R0079 - Addition of Previous MEM to the EES API
- R0095 - Changes to allow DNOs to reinstate disconnected MPANs
- R0122 - SDEP Review Improvements (2) - Usability
- R0161 - Enabling Robotics for SDEP
- R0162 - Access to SDES for Gas Networks

Each of these Change Proposals will be paused at the current process stage and will continue from that stage when lifted off hold. Change Proposal Plans currently in place are being withdrawn and the Proposer for each of these changes has been informed.

A detailed update will be provided to the REC Change Panel, and other Responsible Committees, at the next available opportunity. They will then be kept informed and new Change Proposal Plans submitted when the changes are lifted off hold. The Code Manager will continue to work with Service Providers and these Change Proposals, along with all others, will continue to be monitored to ensure progression at the appropriate time.

On an ongoing basis, the latest update and any progression can be checked on the individual Change Proposal pages and in the downloadable Change Register, which can be found on the [Change and Release Management](#) pages of the REC Portal.

If you have questions regarding the impacted Change Proposals above or more generally on the freeze impacts, please submit them to the Code Manager at enquires@recmanager.co.uk or contact your Operational Account Manager. You can also contact the Change Management Team directly at change.management@recmanager.co.uk.

Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

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Code Topic Mop Up 2 Assurance Review

The Code Workstream has published the **Code Topic Mop Up 2 Artefacts** for assurance review. This is an opportunity for participants to review Programme responses to the comments from the consultation and submit a further comment if necessary. To find out how to submit your comments and for further information on this assurance review, please visit the [Code Topic Mop Up 2 Page](#). Comments are due by **17:00** on **22 April 2024**.

Following Industry Assurance Review, the Artefacts will progress to the Code Drafting Working Group (CDWG) in May for recommendation, and then to the Cross-Code Advisory Group (CCAG) on **22 May 2024** for Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) approval.

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

PQS Submission

All Non-SIT Suppliers, Agents, and New Entrant DNOs (referred to as LDSOs in the MHHS Programme) Programme Participants are required to provide a Pre-Qualification Submission (PQS**)** for MHHS Qualification. Final submissions are due by **17:00** on **26 April 2024**. As a reminder, participants can complete the Placing Reliance section of the PQS and share it with the Code Bodies by emailing MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk ahead of the PQS deadline on **26 April 2024** to receive initial feedback on your proposal.

On 04 and 09 April 2024**,** the Code Bodies hosted drop-in sessions for participants who require further support in completing their PQS. A Q&A document has been created and is being updated after each session which you can view under the MHHS Webinar: Pre-Qualification Submission: 07 March 2024 section on the MHHS Webinars & Open Days Page.

There is a final session, open to all participants completing the PQS, on **17 April 2024** (14:00 – 15:00).Like the others the session will be recorded and published on the Collaboration Base. If you'd like to attend the final session, please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk

For more information on the PQS and how to submit your information, please visit the Pre-Qualification Submission Page..

If you have any questions about the PQS or Placing Reliance please email MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk.

Population of Connection Type for Traditional and Advanced Meters within Measurement Class 'A' Self-Declaration

The MHHS Data Cleanse Plan sets out the requirement for DNOs (referred to as LDSOs in the MHHS Programme) to have completed their part of the population activities, as detailed within section "6.2.1.4 Population of Connection Type for Traditional and Advanced Meters within Measurement Class 'A'" by **26 April 2024**.

The Programme requests that all LDSOs issue a self-declaration to the Programme by **29 April 2024** confirming completion of this activity. You can find more information about this in the MHHS Data Cleanse Plan which is published on the Data Cleanse Plan Page.

Please email your self-declaration to OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk and direct any questions you have about this request to this mailbox.

REC Accessions

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
Inzone Power Services Ltd	SC748094	03/04/2024
Fuse Rail Ltd	8886910	04/04/2024

For further detail on REC Party Accessions, please see the REC Party Register.

RECCo's Theft Calculator Tool

As part of RECCo's standard annual update, the theft calculator tools undergo an essential Heating Degree Data (HDD) update. This took place in April 2024, and the tools are now available on the REC Portal.

RECCo values any feedback as it is crucial to the ongoing refinement and effectiveness of these tools. Your contributions are encouraged to ensure their optimal performance and usefulness – for example any new desired features or suggested changes/bugs. All feedback can be sent to theftcalcsupport@est.org.uk.

REC Committees

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Contacting the Code Manager

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