

## REC Weekly Bulletin (28 June 2024)

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

- 02 July 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 04 July 2024 - REC Change Issues Group
- 10 July 2024 - Metering Expert Panel
- 10 July 2024 - Electricity Operational Metering Forum
- 11 July 2024 - Market Entry Engagement Drop-in Session ([Register here](#))
- 12 July 2024 - REC Issues Group
- 30 July 2024 - Performance Assurance Board
- 31 July 2024 - Technical Expert Panel

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## June 2024 REC Release

The Code elements of the June 2024 (3.11.0) REC Release have been implemented today, 28 June 2024. This Release introduces six changes:

- [R0043 - Commissioning of Works by the Crowded Meter Room Coordinator \(CMRC\) to Resolve Issues in Crowded Meter Rooms](#)
- [R0064 - Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCOP Installer](#)
- [R0070- Provision of Enduring Test Environments](#)
- [R0142 - Amendment to Multiplication Factor Enumerations to Support Hydrogen Trials](#)
- [R0158 - Amendment to the 'Supplier Registration Report \(MAP\)' Report Methodology](#)
- [R0160 - Electricity Supply to Hydrogen Electrolysers](#)

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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.

### **R0098 - Optional Fuzzy Searching in EES**

[R0098](#) was raised to allow optional fuzzy searching within the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES). This change was scheduled for release on **28 June 2024**. During performance testing of the changes applied to the EES API to accommodate the R0098 requirements, a degradation of response time was identified, and subsequently, the implementation of this Change will be delayed. Once a new release date has been agreed, it will be communicated via email and the REC Portal.

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

### June 2024 Release Podcast

The Code Manager has released its latest podcast. In this episode, Paul Rocke is joined by Holly Law as they discuss the changes about to be implemented in the June 2024 REC Release on 28 June 2024. To listen to the episode, click [here](#).

### Market Entry Engagement Drop-in Session

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The REC Code Manager is hosting a Market Entry Engagement Drop-in Session on **11 July 2024** (10:00 - 11:00). This event will be an open drop-in session where anyone is welcome to ask questions regarding the general Market Entry process under the REC, or questions specific to their application. To learn more information and register your interest, click [here](#).

### New Change Improvements Webinar

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The Code Manager hosted a webinar on 20 June 2024 to share the new improved Change process. This webinar updated REC Stakeholders on what to expect from the REC Change process and when the process will be implemented.

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

### Creating user permissions for new SDEP Process Types

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Reminder to SDEP users to submit your user permissions for the new SDEP Process Types by close of play **08 July 2024**.

As part of the implementation of Change Proposal R0121 in August, we are running a one-off exercise to update the permissions of new/existing users of the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) for the new Process Types (use cases). All registered SDEP Master Administrative Users (MAU) have been contacted directly, and provided a template to complete if they wish to participate in this exercise.

If you don't wish to participate, you will be able to register the relevant users after the August Release, via the usual process in the SDEP.

If you have any questions about this permissions exercise or about R0121 more generally, please contact [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

## REC Code Roadmap Refresh V1.3

A refreshed version of the REC Code Roadmap (V1.3) has now been [published on the REC Digital Navigator](#). The Code Roadmap presents the priority work items that the Code Manager is delivering now and in the near future that could result in changes to the REC. Points of note from V1.3 include:

- New [Change Proposal R0182](#) raised – and has been associated with the Prepayment theme
- Nine Consultations/Impact Assessments will be open through July and August. Contact your OAM or [change.management@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:change.management@recmanager.co.uk) with any queries.
- Seven Change Proposals implemented in the 28 June 2024 Release span six Roadmap themes. Refer to the [Portal](#) to find out more. The next Release is 23 August 2024 with up to seven Change Proposals to be implemented.
- Future CPs are expected on the Smart Meter Installation Survey (SMIS), Switching Incentives (CRS provider), MHHS REC legal text, MPAN/UPRN linking, prepayment unallocated process, Unbilled energy and Address Management. Look out for further information if you have an interest in these topics.

We welcome your feedback on the Roadmap, including on any priorities you consider to be insufficiently represented in the change pipeline, or where you would like to see other information included on the roadmap.

The Code Roadmap is published in the Digital Navigator and refreshed approximately fortnightly.

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## Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Updates

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**Consistency Check Consultation:** The Code Artefacts Consistency Check is the final MHHS Programme industry consultation for the Code Artefacts. This consistency check is to ensure that the Code Artefacts align with the latest Design Artefacts, and to do a final check via a cross-code review, legal review, traceability matrix, format, and terminology review and to ensure that the series align with each other. The full set of REC artefacts that have been impacted by MHHS code drafting are included in this consultation. The Code Artefacts are published on the [MHHS Website](#). The consultation closes on **12 July 2024** at 17:00. If you have any questions, please contact [Code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:Code@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

**MHHS webinar - 18 July 2024:** RECCo is hosting an MHHS webinar on 18 July 2024 (11:30 – 13:00). The webinar will cover the key consequential changes and activities that all REC Parties need to take in relation to the REC before MHHS goes live in **March 2025**. For more information and to register your interest click [here](#).

**End to End Sandbox Guidance Consultation:** Comments on the MHHS Programme consultation on the End-to-End (E2E) Sandbox Guidance document are due by **17:00** on **05 July 2024**. It outlines the key principles supporting the creation, set up and operation of the Sandbox test environment for optional use by Programme participants. For more information and to provide feedback on the E2E Sandbox Guidance, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please email [Sandbox@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:Sandbox@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

**Migration Contact Nominations Request:** In October 2024, the Programme will issue the first version of the Migration Schedule to industry. We are asking all Suppliers to nominate both a primary and deputy contact who will lead the Migration activities for their organisations. The Migration team aim to use these contacts to share specific Migration information where required. Please provide your primary and deputy contacts by **17:00** on **05 July 2024**, via the form [here](#). If you have any questions, please email [Migration@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:Migration@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

### **Qualification Materials Published**

**Qualification Testing (QT) Wave Allocation Confirmation:** Code Bodies are emailing the QT Wave Allocation Confirmation this week to the key contact listed within the Pre-Qualification Submission. If Parties were expecting this but have not received it by close of business on **28 June 2024**, they can reach out to the Code Bodies via [MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk](mailto:MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk).

**Smart Market Segment requirements exemption request for MHHS Qualification:** REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB) has approved the principles for exemptions from Smart Market Segment requirements for MHHS Qualification for Suppliers who meet the eligibility criteria and can demonstrate appropriate controls to operate without breaching their exemption conditions.

Please note that this provision is subject to approval by the BSC PAB and the implementation of the BSC Modification to allow application. The paper presented at PAB can be found [here](#). The REC Code Manager will work with BSCCo to provide further updates on this via the Qualification Working Group within MHHS governance.

**REC Assessment Criteria for MHHS Qualification:** REC PAB approved the REC Assessment Criteria V3.0 to include coverage of Operational requirements. The updated documents can be accessed via the REC Portal as a [PDF](#) or [Excel Spreadsheet](#).

**Assessing Party Readiness for MHHS Cutover reminder:** REC Party SIT participants should respond to the RFI on their plans for assessment to identify any risks to delivery by **08 July 2024**. The relevant Parties will have received this request via email.

## GES Upgrade - Temporary Roll-Back

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GES Users

On 21 June 2024, the GES Service Provider announced the transition of the Gas Enquiry Service (GES) to a new technology platform. This upgrade aims to enhance resilience and provide a more efficient, cost-effective solution for REC Parties.

After the switch on 22 June 2024, post-implementation testing revealed a few issues, leading to a small number of customer tickets. As a precaution, the GES Service Provider has partially rolled back GES to the old platform while the issues are thoroughly investigated. Consequently, the GES Portal and the Supply Point Switching (SPS) API are now operating on the legacy platform, whereas the Supply Point Enquiry (SPE) and Meter Point Enquiry (MPE) API services continue to run on the new platform.

**Next steps:** Once the issues have been fully investigated and fixes have been tested, the GES Service Provider will transition the GES Online Portal and the Supply Point Switching API (SPS) back to the new platform. This will be confirmed through further communications. If you encounter any functionality issues, [please contact the GES Service Provider by raising a ticket](#). We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this transition.

## REC Accessions

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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	Party Type	Company Number	Date Acceded
Nation Energy Limited	Electricity and Gas Supplier	12852446	20/06/2024
Barbican Power Ltd	Electricity and Gas Supplier	8474516	24/06/2024

For the latest updates on REC Party Accessions and Withdrawals, please see the [REC Party Register](#).

## REC Committees Nominations

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The Code Manager is seeking nominations for a number of roles across the REC Change Panel, the REC Metering Expert Panel, and the REC Performance Assurance Board. Contract Managers and Alternates were issued with a nomination form on 19 June 2024. If you are a Contract Manager and you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one or more of the roles, please complete the nomination form and send to [committees@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:committees@recmanager.co.uk) by 17:00 on **03 July 2024**.

## RECCo's Enquiry Services Stakeholder Advisory Group

To support the Enquiry Services Evolution project, RECCo is establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), a group of industry stakeholders who will be able to offer guidance, diverse perspectives, and insights from experienced service users throughout the project lifecycle.

RECCo is inviting nominations from industry stakeholders for positions on the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Representation from REC and Non-REC Party users of the Enquiry Services is crucial to ensure comprehensive coverage.

Nominations are specifically requested from:

Party Type	Representatives Needed
Suppliers	At least 4 representatives (to ensure representation from Gas and Electricity, non-domestic and domestic, larger, and smaller Suppliers)
Distribution Network Operators (DNOs)	At least 1 representative
Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs)	At least 1 representative
Third Party Intermediary (TPIs)	At least 4 representatives (to ensure representation from Gas and Electricity sectors)

If you're interested in joining the SAG and contributing to the future of the Enquiry Services, please submit your nomination using the [Enquiry Services SAG Nomination Form](#) by **12 July 2024**. Look out for more information on [RECCo's website](#).

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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 **28 May 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Performance Assurance Board on **25 June 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **26 June 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the REC Change Panel on **02 July 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the Change Issues Group on **04 July 2024**.

A meeting of the Electricity Operational Metering Forum has been scheduled for **10 July 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](mailto:committees@recmanager.co.uk) by 03 July 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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