

## REC Weekly Bulletin (12 July 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 July 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 18 July 2024 - RECCo's Countdown to MHHS Webinar ([Register here](#))
- 25 July 2024 - R0182 - Levelisation Reconciliation Update Webinar ([Register here](#))
- 30 July 2024 - Performance Assurance Board
- 31 July 2024 - Technical Expert Panel
- 01 August 2024 - REC Change Issues Group
- 08 August 2024 - August 2024 REC Release Drop-in Session ([Register here](#))
- 09 August 2024 - REC Issues Group
- 14 August 2024 - Metering Expert Panel

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## RECCo's Countdown to MHHS Webinar

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RECCo is hosting a Countdown to MHHS webinar for all REC Parties 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](#).

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## R0182 - Levelisation Reconciliation Update Webinar

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The Code Manager is hosting a R0182 - Levelisation Reconciliation Update Webinar on **25 July 2024** (10:30 - 12:00) in which topic areas such as the data requirements, the R0182 Change Proposal and solution overview will be discussed. To learn more information and register your interest, click [here](#).

## August 2024 REC Release Drop-in Session

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The Code Manager is hosting the August 2024 REC Release Drop-in Session on **08 August 2024** (11:00 - 11:45) to provide an overview of the planned changes within the scope the August 2024 (3.12.0) REC Release taking place on **23 August 2024**. The session will provide information on the impacts of the changes and provide you with an opportunity ask your questions direct to the Code Manager.

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

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## July Extraordinary Release

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The July 2024 Extraordinary REC Release will be implemented next week, on **19 July 2024**. Further information on the Change Proposals that are being implemented as part of this Release are available on the [Release Management page](#) of the REC Portal. 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 July 2024 Release.

## Changes to the SDEP – New Process Types

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Change Proposal [R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements \(1\) - Process Types](#) is introducing new use cases (Process Types) into the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) on 23 August 2024. The Code Manager has drafted guidance to assist SDEP users with preparing to use the new Process Types, which is being sent to EES MAUs and REC Contract Managers now. This was previously consulted on under C3-0083 - SDEP User Guide Updates and the new Process Type reference numbers have now been included.

The final version of the SDEP User Guide will be issued with the August release, so if you have any comments or questions on the guidance materials, please contact us at [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

## Downloadable Change Register: Your Feedback

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The Code Manager is seeking your feedback about how you access the downloadable Change Register on the REC Portal. We are keen to understand what aspects of the downloadable Change Register provide the most value, and whether you have any suggestions for improvement. To provide your feedback [please access our survey](#).

## MHHS Updates

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### **REMINDER: Test Population Activity: Population of ESME ID**

As per **Section 4.1 ESME ID Population Overview** of the **MHHS Data Cleanse Plan**, the DCC and LDSOs will be required to work together to perform a bulk upload of ESME ID into each Registration Service in **August 2024**. To prepare for this, the DCC and all LDSOs are required to perform a test of this population process in **July 2024**, as agreed by the Migration & Cutover Advisory Group (MCAG). The DCC will extract the ESME ID and corresponding MPANs for each installed Smart Meter within the Smart Metering Inventory and provide a single encrypted file (.csv) to the Programme via SFTP.

Once received, the Programme will share a (.csv) file with each LDSO (by Market Participant Identifier (MPID)) via SFTP on **12 July 2024**. Each LDSO will need to access their SFTP, retrieve the (.csv) file and check that it matches their expectations. Once complete, all LDSOs are required to provide a self-declaration to the Operational Readiness team at [OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk) on **18 July 2024**. You can find further guidance and information in the [MHHS Data Cleanse Plan](#).

**REMINDER: Test Population Activity: Population of Meter Location and Number of Displayed Register Digits**

As per **Section 4.2 Meter Location and Number of Displayed Register Digits Population of the MHHS Data Cleanse Plan**, the DCC and LDSOs will be required to work together to perform a bulk upload of Meter Location and bulk population of Number of Displayed Register Digits into each Registration Service in **August 2024**.

To prepare for this, we're asking the DCC and all LDSOs to perform a test of these population processes in **July 2024** as agreed by the Migration & Cutover Advisory Group (MCAG). All MEMs have been primed to extract the Meter Location, LDSO MPID and corresponding MPAN for each installed Smart Meter within their portfolio, as well as to use current MTDs they hold for SMETS1 meters (Number of Register Digits data item), and to provide a single encrypted file (.csv) to the Programme via SFTP. Once received, the Programme will share a (.csv) file with each LDSO (by MPID) via SFTP on **12 July 2024**.

Each LDSO will need to access their SFTP, retrieve the (.csv) file and check that it matches their expectations. Once complete, all LDSOs are required to provide a self-declaration to the Operational Readiness team at [OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:OpReadiness@mhhsprogramme.co.uk) on **18 July 2024**. You can find further guidance and information in the [MHHS Data Cleanse Plan](#).

**REMINDER: Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) Consultation**

Code Bodies have published an uplifted **version 1.2** of the **QAD** for consultation. Comments are due by **17:00 on 19 July 2024**. Version 1.2 of the QAD includes additional information on Non-Functional and Operational Qualification Testing. It also includes updates based on feedback from consultation on version 1.1. To submit a confirmation of review or comments on the QAD, or for more information on this consultation, visit the [Qualification Assessment Document page of the MHHS website](#).

Code Bodies have also published the QAD Q&A document following the webinars that took place in May and June, walking participants through the QAD questions and portal navigation. You can find this Q&A document and the webinar slides and recordings on the [MHHS Webinars & Open Days page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions about this consultation, please email the Code Bodies at [MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk](mailto:MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk).

### **NEW! Qualification Approach & Plan & Annex 1&2 Consultation**

The MHHS Programme and Code Bodies have issued the **Qualification Approach and Plan (QA&P) with two supporting Annexes** for industry consultation following Non-Functional and Operational Testing updates to the Artefacts:

- **Annex 1: Non-Systems Integration Testing (SIT) Licensed Distribution System Operator (LDSO) MHHS Qualification Testing Approach**
- **Annex 2: Non-SIT Supplier & Agent MHHS Qualification Testing Approach**

Comments are due by **17:00 on 19 July 2024**.

The QA&P sets out the purpose of Qualification during the MHHS Programme, and provides the high-level plan and requirements for participants, in relation to the BSC and REC. This document applies to all participants no matter their qualification route. This is the last planned update to the QA&P. To view the QA&P consultation documents and for more information on how to submit comments, visit the [Qualification Approach & Plan page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions about the QA&P or Annex 2, email the Code Bodies at [MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk](mailto:MHHSQualification@elexon.co.uk) and [qualification@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:qualification@recmanager.co.uk). For questions on LDSO Qualification Testing, please email the MHHS Programme at [LDSO\\_QT@MHHSprogramme.co.uk](mailto:LDSO_QT@MHHSprogramme.co.uk).

### **NEW! Programme Participant Information Request (PPIR) in relation to 'Validation of Service Provider Change of Supplier (CoS) Appointment' prior to formal Change Request**

Following discussions at the Fast Track Implementation Group (FTIG), the Large Supplier Community have submitted a draft Change Request relating to the CoS and Change of Service Provider (CSP) processes.

As per the updated Change Control Process following the approval of [CR050: Amendments to the MHHS Change Control Approach and Form](#), a Change Request must include a single solution option and Implementation Plan before it is submitted to the Change Board. Before submitting this Change Request, we've issued a **PPIR** to understand more about the Implementation Plan, and to gauge more information that is critical to providing a complete CR to Change Board. Feedback on this PPIR is due by **17:00 on 22 July 2024**.

You can view the draft Change Request on the [PPIR in relation to 'Validation of Service Provider CoS Appointment' prior to formal Change Request page of the Collaboration Base](#). You can view the **PPIR form** under the Quick Links menu on the Collaboration Base page, where you can confirm alignment to the current Design status, materiality and impact of the draft Change Request, and timeline for the change if the design was to change, noting that the Programme is in a Change Freeze.

If you have any questions about this PPIR, please email [PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

Following the deadline, all confirmed theft figures will be used for Debit/Credit calculations which will be published on the Performance Assurance Dashboard by **22 August 2024**. Additional information on timelines can be found in the [Theft Detection Incentive Scheme \(TDIS\) Reporting Timeframe](#).

## Police Partnership Proposal

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The Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for the Police Partnership Proposal was circulated for review and feedback in May 2024. RECCo would like to thank those parties who contributed their thoughts and positive approval of the proposal. RECCo are now moving forward with the Outline Business Case which will be further consulted upon in September 2024. In the meantime, if any party would like information on the proposal or wish to add further comment and suggestion, please contact RECCo at [Theft@retailenergycode.co.uk](mailto:Theft@retailenergycode.co.uk)

A copy of the SOC Proposal can be found on the REC Portal, Energy Theft Reduction Hub, or for download [here](#).

## Gas Enquiry Service (GES) Platform Migration

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On 22 June 2024, work was undertaken to migrate GES to a newer, more efficient, and robust platform. Despite rigorous testing and enhanced monitoring, issues were identified with a small number of data items. Consequently, it was reverted to the existing platform for both the portal and the supply point switching API services on 25 June to ensure the quality of service for all GES users.

Following a detailed analysis of the issues experienced between 22 June 2024 and 25 June 2024, the decision to revert to the existing platform minimised user impact, with only approximately 1.8 out of every 10,000 individual data items affected. Each request via the portal or API typically involves multiple data items and considering the lower traffic volumes on the GES portal during this period, almost all customers were unaffected, and those who were impacted experienced minimal disruption.

Although the likelihood of validation or processing errors is very low, if you encounter any issues with activities that occurred between 22 June 2024 and 25 June 2024, please contact us [by raising a ticket](#) via the portal.

With the analysis now complete, our team will focus on resolving the identified issues and planning the reimplementation. We will provide further updates in the coming weeks.

Access GES [here](#).

## Energy Enquiry Services

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The current contracts for Enquiry Services are due to expire in July 2025, with the option for RECCo to extend them until July 2027. Considering the changing energy landscape with the introduction of the Central Switching Service and the ongoing deployment of the Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Service, it is important to decide on the best strategic direction for the development of the Enquiry Services leading up to the 2027 contract milestone and the final expiration of the current contracts.

RECCo recently published the business case for their Energy Enquiry Services Evolution Project, outlining their plans. You can read it [here](#).

## Proposed EES Notification Enhancements

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RECCo are exploring a new solution to enhance our notification service and would like to hear your thoughts on it.

Currently, there are no targeted alerts sent to known subscribers via notifications. The only way to subscribe to the service is by subscribing manually to the C&C Statushub portal. To improve this, RECCo are considering implementing an elective, fully automated service. Integration of the existing tools with a new tool would allow RECCo to develop and implement a process enabling users to subscribe to the service effortlessly. Subscribers would then receive email or web hook notifications directly.

Please take 2 minutes to complete this brief survey, "[Improving your Statushub Experience](#)" so that RECCo can understand the level of interest and usefulness of this type of service. Based on the interest gathered, RECCo will decide whether to proceed with this internal change.

This new process is designed to complement the existing notifications, not replace them. Rest assured, the current system where the Code Manager distributes emails to users will remain unchanged – this is an additional feature to provide more targeted and timely updates. RECCo aim to enhance the interaction with EES users, and feedback on this new notification process and registration would be valuable.

## 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 Metering Expert Panel on **12 June 2024**.
- [Draft Minutes](#) have been published following the Technical Expert Panel on **26 June 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following the Metering Expert Panel on **10 July 2024**.
- [Agenda and Papers](#) have been published ahead of the REC Change Panel on **16 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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