

## REC Weekly Bulletin (19 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:

- 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
- 06 August 2024 - REC Change Panel
- 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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## 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).

## July Extraordinary Release

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The Code elements of the July 2024 (3.11.1) REC Release have been implemented today, 19 July 2024. This Release introduces one change:

- [R0167 - Change Process Improvements following Code Manager review](#)

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.

## REC Code Roadmap - V1.4

A refreshed version of the REC Code Roadmap is now available. It presents the priority work items that the REC Code Manager is delivering now and in the near future that are resulting, or could result, in changes to the REC.

Points to note from V1.4 include:

- **Metering** theme continues to have significant focus and activity; this currently includes:
  - the review of the CoMCoP under [R0152](#) - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP)
  - a new Issue [I0172](#) looking at the end to end New Connections process (cross codes RFI currently open)
  - a review of Gas MAM processes that is likely to lead to new changes shortly
  - [R0177](#) to facilitate review and amendment of the SMIS questions
  - Several changes to make the REC metering provisions simpler and more accessible e.g. moving footnotes into the main Schedule 14 text (R0181) and moving obligations out of the REC where best placed elsewhere (R0170).
- Anticipated CP on the CRS Performance Charge, following the Switching Incentives Regime survey.
- Thirteen consultations (also including impact assessments, RFIs and surveys) are happening over the summer. Contact your OAM or [change.management@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:change.management@recmanager.co.uk) with any queries.
- Volume of change confirmed or proposed for the August 2024 release; 9 CPs could be implemented in next month's release, spread across 7 roadmap themes. Refer to the Portal to find out more.
- Please send us feedback on the roadmap, e.g. if your priorities are not sufficiently represented in the change pipeline, or if you would like to see other information included on the roadmap.
- The Code Roadmap is published in the Digital Navigator and refreshed approximately fortnightly. [Click here to view the roadmap.](#)

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## MHHS Programme Updates

### **NEW - Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing Readiness Report**

The MHHS Programme has issued the **Qualification Testing Readiness Report Template** for Distribution Network Operators (known as Licensed Distribution System Operators (LDSO) in the programme) who are not participating in Systems Integration Testing (SIT).

The Qualification Testing Readiness Report Template is for participants to complete to ensure readiness before Qualification Testing starts. The report aims to ensure that all necessary components and prerequisites are in place to conduct testing in the Qualification Testing phase efficiently and effectively.

It can be viewed and downloaded on the [Non-SIT LDSO Qualification page of the MHHS website](#).

- The deadline for the interim report is **26 July 2024**.
- The final report is due by **02 September 2024**.

If you have any questions, please email [LDSO\\_QT@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:LDSO_QT@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

### **New MHHS Change Requests**

Two new MHHS Programme Change Requests have been raised and issued for impact assessment that will be of interest to REC stakeholders:

- [CR052: Amending the 'Milestone 7 \(M7\) Significant Code Review \(SCR\) Powers Enabled' Milestone](#) was issued for impact assessment on 11 July 2024. The deadline for responses is **17:00 on 25 July 2024**.
- [CR053: Industry Standing Data \(ISD\) Publication Frequency Change](#) was issued for impact assessment on **12 July 2024**. The deadline for responses is **17:00 on 26 July 2024**.

For more details, including access to the Change Request forms, please visit the [Programme Change Control page of the MHHS website](#).

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The MHHS Programme has held a Change Control Webinar for each of the Change Requests earlier in July. In case you missed it, you can access the webinar slides, recording and Q&A on the [MHHS Change Control Webinars page of the MHHS website](#).

If you have any questions, or to provide your feedback and submit your impact assessments, please complete the relevant form and email it to [PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk](mailto:PMO@mhhsprogramme.co.uk).

### **NEW - MHHS Home on the REC Portal**

Information about the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme and its impacts on the REC has a new home on the REC Portal. [Navigate to our new page](#) to easily find all published information, including REC Wiki articles, upcoming events, details of change freeze impacts, consequential change documents and more. We're adding more information all the time. If you have any questions, please get in touch via the Service Desk on [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

### **MHHS Webinar**

RECCo and the Code Manager would like to thank everyone for their attendance and participation on the Countdown to MHHS webinar on 18 July 2024. The webinar slides, recording and Q&A will be made available by RECCo the week commencing 22 July 2024.

## Data Specification Pre-Release (REC V3.12.0)

The Data Specification pre-release for the 23 August Release (REC V3.12.0) is now available on the [Digital Navigator](#) (select "Data Specification Pre-Release Information" from the menu on the left hand-side). This pre-release implements:

- R0121 - SDEP Review Improvements (1) Process Types
- R0146 - Data Specification Update for Refresh Functionality
- R0164 - Removing the Enumerations from Communications Method Data Item (J0386) to Align with BSC CP 1594

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There are three versions of the pre-release available:

**Human Readable**

- Full Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (HTML Format)

**Machine Readable**

- DTC Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (Access Format) - R0164 impact only
- Full Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (BACPAC Format)

If you have previously downloaded the DTC Data Specification Pre-Release V3.12.0 (Access Format) please discard the previous version and re-download the new version published on 17 July 2024.

Note, if you would like to receive email notifications of future Data Specification pre-releases, join our Data Specification Distribution list by emailing [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).

## Theft Detection Incentive Scheme 2023/2024 Debit and Credit payments

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The final confirmed thefts for Theft Year 2023/2024 have been published on the PA Dashboard on 18 July 2024. These values will now be used for the debit and credit payment calculations which will be published on the PA Dashboard by 22 August 2024.

Additional information on timelines can be found in the [Theft Detection Incentive Scheme \(TDIS\) Reporting Timeframe](#).

## Scheduled Maintenance: EMAR IBM Jazz

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The IBM Jazz element of the Energy Market Architecture Repository (EMAR) will be unavailable for approximately 6 hours from 5pm on 26 July 2024 for planned maintenance. No other REC services will be affected, and you can still view the digitalised REC using the Digital Navigator during the outage period.

## RECCo Re-Procuring the Digital Services

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RECCo is undertaking a continuous improvement programme for the Code Manager service as part of its 2024-2027 Forward Work Plan. This includes evaluating current services and digital solutions to refine future procurement strategies. Stakeholder feedback, collected through events, surveys, and meetings, highlighted the need for improved digital services. The REC Portal and EMAR received low satisfaction scores, pointing to issues like poor navigation and lack of integration.

As a result, RECCo has made the decision to separate the digital services from broader Code Manager services, aiming for an integrated digital solution by late 2026. The development of the new digital services will be guided by a new user group to ensure user-centric solutions are designed.

The initial three-year term for the Code Manager Service Providers ends on 31 August 2024, with an option to extend the contracts for two more years on an 'as is' basis. After a thorough evaluation, which demonstrated the value and benefits of extending the contracts, RECCo has extended the Code Manager Service Provider contracts to the end of August 2026. RECCo's decision was influenced by several factors, such as the current focus on continuous improvement, stakeholder feedback for the overall service and the cost-effectiveness of any potential procurement.

Find out more about the project here: [Update on RECCo's continuous improvement programme for the Code Manager Service - Retail Energy Code Company](#)

## REC Withdrawal

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The following Parties have withdrawn from the Retail Energy Code in accordance with Schedule 19 Clause 3 and have been removed from the Party Register:

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**Eco Green Management Limited (Electricity and Gas Supplier)**

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- Company number: 6957198

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

## MEM Committee Elections

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The Committee Member Elections are now live, the Code Manager is accepting votes for candidates for the Metering Equipment Manager vacancy on the REC Performance Assurance Board.

Contract Managers and Alternates are invited to submit votes using the election form to [committees@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:committees@recmanager.co.uk) ahead of the 17:00 deadline on 01 August 2024.

## Supplier Committee Elections

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The Committee Member Elections are now live, the Code Manager is accepting votes for candidates for the Supplier vacancies on the REC Change Panel, REC Metering Expert Panel and the REC Performance Assurance Board.

Contract Managers and Alternates are invited to submit votes using the election form to [committees@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:committees@recmanager.co.uk) ahead of the 17:00 deadline on 01 August 2024.



## 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 REC Change Panel on **02 July 2024**.
- [Draft Minutes](#) have been published following the Metering Expert Panel on **10 July 2024**.
- [Headline Report](#) has been published following 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](#).

To unsubscribe from receiving this weekly bulletin, email [enquiries@recmanager.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@recmanager.co.uk).



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