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REC CHANGE ISSUES GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCHIG_25_0904**
DATE	**04 September 2025, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Presenter	Representing	Initials	Role
Paul Witton-Dauris	REC Code Manager	PWD	Chair
Caroline Freimuller	REC Code Manager	CF	Lead Analyst
Glenn Sheern	REC Code Manager	GS	Subject Matter Expert
James Hardy	REC Code Manager	JH	Lead Analyst
Jonny Moore	RECCo	JM	Operations Consultant
Lorna Mallon	REC Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Harry Firth	REC Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

Full attendee list available upon request.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Change Issues Group (CHIG) meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting. No items were raised by attendees.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chair invited attendees to provide comments on the draft minutes from the meeting which took place on 07 August 2025. HF advised that no comments had been made prior to the meeting. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4. I0240 – DATA ALIGNMENT OF METER INFORMATION THROUGH MHHS MIGRATION

JH provided an overview of the Issue to attendees. JH explained that a draft guidance document had been developed following discussions in the August Change Issues Group meeting. The guidance outlines five scenarios for handling Meter Point Administration Number (MPANs) when metering jobs are incomplete or have failed, particularly in emergency situations.

JH confirmed that feedback had already been received and incorporated into an updated version of the document, which will be shared via the REC Portal, post-meeting papers, and the weekly change bulletin. Stakeholders were asked to review the document and submit feedback to change.management@recmanager.co.uk by the end of September.

A Supplier representative queried whether the guidance applied only to emergency jobs. JM clarified that the guidance applies to any metering work conducted during the migration window, due to system update constraints.

5. I0273 – SHARING OF SSC AND TPR INFORMATION FOR MHHS SMART AND ADVANCED METERS

JH provided an overview of the Issue to attendees. JH explained that this Issue stems from BSC Issue 118 - ADS Readings and Meter Configuration for Domestic CT metered customers and highlights the need for Standard Settlement Configuration (SSC) data in cases where customers opt out of half-hourly data sharing. JM clarified that the recommendation from BSC Issue 118 was to include SSC where opt-outs are used, but this is not mandatory.

A RECCo representative raised a concern that microbusiness customers were not listed as impacted Parties. JH confirmed this would be corrected in the documentation and on the REC Portal.

A Supplier representative asked about the potential impact and how Suppliers would determine which Consumers require SSC. JM explained that SSC is optional under Market Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) design and that guidance may be needed to clarify when it should be populated. They also noted the absence of a mechanism to communicate register-level Time Pattern Regime (TPR) information.

Several attendees raised concerns and requirements for a potential solution, including emphasising the need to include traditional Current Transformer (CT) meters, avoiding different regimes for microbusiness and non-microbusiness customers, and concerns about non-communicating smart meters.

The group discussed the possibility of interim solutions, such as using the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP), before formal data flow changes are implemented. JM noted that any data flow changes would require a minimum six-month lead time post-approval.

6. I0190 – RELATED METER POINT RMP STATUS RULES

CF provided an overview of the Issue to attendees. CF advised that this Issue proposes allowing a secondary Metering Point with a status of 'created' to be linked to a primary Metering Point with a status of 'operational' for MHHS migrated points. This change would enable automatic agent appointment and status updates.

CF advised that an information request recently closed and received three responses and invited any further comments from attendees. They added that feedback could be sent to change.management@recmanager.co.uk. CF added that Parties would have other opportunities to provide feedback on the Issue at the impact assessment and consultation stages.

7. I0266 – REC DATA SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS

CF provided an overview of the Issue to attendees. CF advised that as part of the Issue, the Code Manager had reviewed legacy guidance from Annex B and C documents. They raised several technical questions for stakeholder input regarding Electricity Market Messages, and advised they may return to a future meeting with gas questions. These included:

- Whether “all data items for every installed meter must be included” in D0149 was required post-MHHS M10;
- Whether “active export registers for smart DCC meters” should be explicitly included in flow notes, or whether it was already covered by Schedule 14;
- Whether “meter details groups should take precedence over removed meters groups in the case of discrepancy” for D0150’s/D0268’s;
- Whether the “D0150 Data Items must contain the same values as the D0149 where those equivalent Data Items appear” should also reference the D0367; and
- Whether “asterisks should be used in mandatory password fields when no password exists” is an appropriate rule or whether there are other operational processes being utilised.

CF encouraged parties to review the published paper and submit feedback via change.management@recmanager.co.uk. They advised that a formal party impact assessment will be issued soon, with extended feedback opportunities.

8. R0162 – ACCESS TO SDES FOR GAS NETWORKS

CF provided a brief update on the Issue to attendees. CF advised that the Service Provider impact assessment is nearly complete, with discussions ongoing around options on how Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) and Independent Gas Transporter (IGTs) can use the same email address for both account types, as the Code Manager is aware

companies that are IDNOs and IGTs often use the same operational staff for both fuels. An update will be provided as soon as possible.

9. I0172 – END-TO-END NEW CONNECTIONS PROCESS REVIEW

LM provided an update on the process map for non-IGT Meter Asset Manager (MAM) gas meter installs. LM clarified that the map applies to both IGT and GT sites and should be labelled accordingly. The map was included in last month's papers and will be uploaded to the portal if needed. LM advised that updates on iGT MAM installs are expected later in the autumn.

10. CODE MANAGER ISSUE TRACKER UPDATE

CF provided attendees with an update of several Issues currently being progressed by the Code Manager. The full list of updates is available to view on the meeting slides on the REC Portal.

11. MEETING TIMINGS

The Chair and HF led a discussion on improving meeting engagement and suggested removing meeting timings from the agenda. Attendees provided some suggestions on improving engagement, including the reduction of the meeting from three hours to two, and the issuing of the slide deck ahead of the meeting. The Chair and HF thanked attendees for their feedback and added that they would look into introducing these changes ahead of the September meeting.

12. SOLR PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ENGAGEMENT

GS provided an overview of Code Manger observations of the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process to attendees. He advised that the Code Manager is looking into the appetite of forming a working group to look at SoLR process and obligations within the Code. The Code Manager wants to understand industry thoughts on the following areas; sequencing of standing data changes, information provision to replacement suppliers, Market Participant Identifier (MPID) transfer processes, and handling complex scenarios. The Code Manager would also like to discuss how REC obligations interact with obligations in the Standard Licence Conditions, with potentially developing code guidance or changes. This has currently not formally been raised as an Issue. Interested parties are invited to register via enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

A BG representative noted a parallel BSC modification and working group on SoLR processes and encouraged cross-code engagement.

13. COMMISSIONING TIMESCALES REVIEW

CF raised the question to attendees of whether the current 80 working day commissioning timescale in REC Schedule 14 should be shortened to align with the new four-month settlement

timetable coming as part of MHHS. A poll returned 100% support for a Change Proposal to shorten these timescales.

Another poll was conducted to gather feedback on whether the Change should be implemented before or after the M16 milestone (currently aiming for July 2027). 88% (eight votes) of responses agreed that this Change should be implemented before or as part of the M16 milestone.

A Supplier representative suggested conducting an information request to assess the practical impact on Parties before progressing with a Change Proposal.

14. AOB

The Chair invited attendees to provide AOB.

The Chair reminded attendees of the upcoming REC Engagement Day on 30 September and provided a link to register for tickets.