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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_24_0604**
DATE	**04 June 2024, 13:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Joy Nnamani	Retail Energy Code Company	JN	Committee Chair
Ben Atkinson	Domestic Suppliers	BA	Committee Member
Dan Tarasco-Fittock	Non-Domestic Suppliers	DTF	Committee Member
Alex Travell	Electricity Networks	AT	Committee Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Networks	AC	Committee Member
Dave Wright	MEMs	DW	Committee Member
Lynne Fallon	Independent SME	LF	Committee Member
Sebastian Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Committee Member
Grace Royall	Authority	GR	Committee Member
Alice Williams	Citizens Advice	AW	Committee Member
Lorna Mallon	Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	Change Analyst
James Hardy	Code Manager	JH	Change Analyst
Beth Brown	Code Manager	BB	Change Analyst
Ryan Dale	Code Manager	RD	Change Analyst
Bradley Mercer	Code Manager	BM	Secretary

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP). BM advised that apologies had been received from Paul Gath (Committee Member).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting; three additional items of business was raised and would be addressed at the foot of the agenda.

BM advised that currently there was no open actions on the Actions Log and as such it would not be discussed.

3 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chair invited Members to provide comments on the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2024. There were no questions or comments and RECCP Members approved the minutes as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4 R0160 – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO HYDROGEN ELECTROLYSERS

As the Lead Analyst for R0160, JH provided RECCP Members with an overview of the Final Change Report.

JH informed Members that R0160 was seeking to facilitate efficient and robust procedures between licensed Suppliers and Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) as part of the regulatory solution to prove that electricity supplied to the hydrogen producer is Low Carbon Hydrogen Standard (LCHS) compliant.

JH advised that one Consultation response had been received from a Supplier which was in support of the solution and proposed implementation date. JH informed Members that R0160 was an Authority Decision change; therefore, implementation would be subject to Authority consent.

RECCP Members were advised that the Code Manager recommended that R0160 was approved for implementation on 28 June 2024, providing Authority Approval was received prior to 18 June 2024. If Authority Approval was not received prior to 18 June 2024, it was recommended that R0160 be implemented in the next available REC release following Authority Approval.

DTF asked if the change was Urgent and whether the potential Ofgem decision could be delayed as a result of the upcoming General Election. JH confirmed that the change was Urgent; however, should there be any delays to the Authority Decision, it was believed that there would be impacts on contract authorisation but that nowider impacts were foreseen for parties.

The Chair advised Members that they would be voting on a recommendation to the Authority to Approve or Reject the FCR for R0160. RECCP Members noted the contents of the CPP and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed change solution.
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval the proposed implementation approach.

- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed implementation date of 28 June 2024, if Authority Approval is received before 18 June 2024; otherwise, the next available release following Authority Approval.

5 R0144 – CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN WITHDRAWAL

CF informed Members that the Code Manager was proposing to withdraw the Change Proposal Plan for R0144 – *Separate Import Export MEMs.* CF advised that R0144 was a Cross-Code change with the BSC (P459) being the Lead Code.

CF highlighted that The REC would need to align to the BSC timetable once available, but currently there was no timetable in place for the BSC modification. CF advised that only the first BSC workgroup had been held so far (on 23 February 2024), and there were no dates planned for further meetings.

CF advised that the Code Manager was proposing the withdrawal of this Change Proposal Plan and the submission of a new one once a timetable is available from the BSC, rather than submitting an extension when the dates are so unknown.

DW asked for clarification on whether the Change would be given a new CP number when work resumes on it. CF confirmed that it would retain R0144 as its reference.

RECCP Members noted the request and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the withdraw the Change Proposal Plan for R0144.

6 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

6.1 R0152 – REVSION TO THE COMCOP

CF advised that the workgroups were continuing to meet with good attendance across a spread of party types.

CF informed Members that the group had reviewed/amended appendices and created a new CoMCoP Supplementary Guidance Document, which will be a new Category 3 Document which would sit alongside CoMCoP. CF advised that the group were in the process of reviewing and re-writing Clauses as required as well as removing duplication.

6.2 R0153 – CATERING FOR REGISTRATION EVENTS

JH confirmed that R0153 had been withdrawn and would now be progressed as part of R0178 – *Improvements to the CSS Business Logic.*

JH advised that the new change was seeking to cover three issues of business process logic in one change to increase CSS Provider efficiencies in delivering the required improvements. JH advised that it incorporated the problem statement of R0153 into the new change and all work completed to date on R0153 will be transferred to the new change.

7 AOB

7.1 R0121 – IMPLEMENTATION

BB provided Members with an update on the implementation of R0121 - *SDEP Review Improvements - Process Types and Escalations*.

7.2 MODIFICATIONS WORKING GROUP

The Chair provided the below update from Ofgem on the latest discussion items at the Modifications Process Workgroup:

Session 2 of the Modification Process Workgroup (MPW) took place on 23 May 2024. It explored the future role of the Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) in the modification process as well as how the Code Manager and SAF could work together. There was a discussion on how SAF members could potentially be appointed. The second part of the workgroup looked at roles in the modification process, including who should be able to raise a modification proposal and alternative modifications, and if the principle of proposer ownership needs to evolve.

7.3 UPDATE ON OFGEM'S APPROACH TO ISSUING CODE MODIFICATION DECISIONS DURING THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD

GR confirmed that, having considered guidance from government, it will not be issuing decisions on code modifications during the pre-election period, prior to the General Election on 4 July 2024. GR noted that exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis where there is a specific need to issue a decision on a code modification decision. Updated expected decision dates for modifications currently with Ofgem for decision will be re-evaluated and published post General Election.