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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_0120**
DATE	**20 January 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LBi	Chair
Ben Atkinson	Domestic Suppliers	BAt	Voting Member
Harry Hailwood	Non-Domestic Suppliers	HH	Voting Member
Alex Travell	Electricity Network Operators	AT	Voting Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Network Operators	AC	Voting Member
Martin Brailsford	Metering Equipment Managers	MB	Voting Member
Sebastian Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Voting Member
Paul Gath	Independent SME	PG	Voting Member
Keith Foster	Independent SME	KF	Voting Member
Faye Brookes-Lewis	Consumers	FBL	Voting Member
Cristina Ullastre	Authority	CU	Observer
Scott McPhillimy	Authority	SM	Observer
April Harbour	Code Manager	AH	REC Technical Services
Molly Fraser	Code Manager	MF	REC Technical Services
Bela Ashworth	Code Manager	BAs	Change Analyst
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	Senior Change Lead
Francine Peyroux-Sissoko	Code Manager	FPS	Change Analyst
James Hardy	Code Manager	JH	Senior Change Lead
Lydia Bentley	Code Manager	LBe	Senior Change Lead
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Delivery Manager
Glenn Sheern	Code Manager	GS	Subject Matter Expert
Paul Witton-Dauris	Code Manager	PWD	Head of Change
Edma Hyskaj	Code Manager	EH	Secretariat
Paul Rocke	Code Manager	PR	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting; no further items of business were raised.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 16 December 2025. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 I0187 – SCHEDULE 8 REVIEW AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

As the Lead Analyst for I0187, JH provided an overview of the Issue, reminding Members that I0187 was raised to review Schedule 8 – *Unbilled Energy Code of Practice*.

JH provided a progress update, explaining that the Code Manager had completed industry engagement through the Theft Issues Group (TIG), and that Legal Advisors would now be engaged to review proposed amendments to Schedule 8 once the legal drafting had been completed. Following the legal review, I0187 would be issued for Party Impact Assessment, and the Code Manager proposed an extended assessment period due to the extent of the proposed amendments.

JH provided Members with an overview of the updated milestones within the Change Report Proposal Plan.

Milestone	Activity	From	To	From	To
Definition		26 Sept 2024	30 Jan 2026	26 Sept 2024	30 Jun 2026
	Solution Analysis	**Complete**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Engagement with TIG	~~August 2025~~	~~January 2026~~	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Solution Development	~~March 2025~~	~~January 2026~~	March 2025	February 2026
	Legal Review	~~September 2025~~	~~September 2025~~	March 2026	March 2026
	Party Impact Assessment			April 2026	May 2026
	Solution Refinement			June 2026	June 2026

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Update to Plan for I0187.

5 I0278 – ESTABLISHING THE SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER (SIP) AS A STANDALONE REC METERING PARTY

As the Lead Analyst for I0278, FPS provided an overview of the Issue, reminding Members that I0278 sought to establish the SIP as standalone REC Party category, to enable simplified access for certified SIPs and resolve risks and issues that the existing framework poses.

FPS provided a progress update, explaining that through Solution Analysis it was identified that further solution development was needed with industry stakeholders prior to legal text drafting, due to the complexity of changes required and to ensure all possible impacts with other industry Parties are taken into consideration. Consequently, it was proposed that the Change Plan should be amended to incorporate a period of engagement with trade associations and a dedicated time for working groups. FPS provided Members with an overview of the updated milestones within the Proposal Plan.

Milestone	Activity	From	To	From	To
Definition		01 Oct 2025	31 Jan 2026	01 Oct 2025	21 July 2026
	Solution Analysis	Complete	Complete	**Complete**	**Complete**
	Engagement with trade associations	N/A	N/A	January 2026	April 2026
	Solution Development	~~October 2025~~	~~January 2026~~	October 2025	May 2026
	Legal Drafting	~~October 2025~~	~~January 2026~~	October 2025	May 2026
	Working Group	N/A	N/A	March 2026	June 2026
	Solution Refinement	N/A	N/A	June 2026	June 2026
	Updates to Responsible Committee	~~January 2026~~	~~January 2026~~	July 2026	July 2026

FPS also proposed that the Responsible Committee should be amended from the Metering Expert Panel (MEP) to the REC Change Panel, due to the anticipated breadth of impact across multiple REC Schedules.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Update to Plan for I0278; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the change of Responsible Committee to the Change Panel.

6 R0253 – THEFT - DNO/NETWORKS NOT PROVIDING PHOTOS

As the Lead Analyst for R0253, LBe provided an overview of the Change, reminding Members that R0253 sought to introduce an obligation on a Network Party attending sites with Confirmed or Suspected Energy Theft to record photographic or sketched evidence, and for that to be made available to the Energy Supplier upon request.

LBe told Change Panel that feedback had been received from Network Parties through both the Theft Issues Group (TIG) and the Party Impact Assessment. Network Parties had indicated that a mandatory requirement for a sketch in lieu of photographs would not be supported, as it would result in operational difficulties, introduce costs, and could result in safety risks. Supplier Parties were generally supportive of the solution; however, benefits were considered mostly intangible and difficult to quantify.

As a result of feedback, the Code Manager proposed an amendment to the Legal Text, such that a sketch in lieu of a photograph would be provided on an “all reasonable endeavours” basis.

Furthermore, TIG Members proposed that the Code Manager may look to explore changing the underlying Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS) evidentiary requirements that call for photographic evidence to accept operative testimony instead. This Issue would be considered further in future.

SE queried whether the benefit/costs analysis carried out had been sufficiently robust. LBe explained that the Code Manager had followed up with each Supplier to seek further detail regarding benefit quantification, but no further level of detail could be provided.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously for R0253 to proceed to Consultation.

7 R0266 – REC DATA SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATIONS

As the Lead Analyst for R0266, CF provided an overview of the Change, reminding Members that R0266 sought to improve the clarity of elements of the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) that are ambiguous due to information from the pre-REC Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) Annex C and gas RGMA Annex B being omitted in the transition to REC.

CF explained that potential cross-code impacts of R0266 had been explored thoroughly at meetings of the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG); no impacts had been identified on the Uniform Network Code (UNC), and Market Messages with Scenario Variants owned by both REC and the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) were progressing within this Change. It had been identified that there were some Market Messages which were solely owned by the BSC, and that no BSC change had yet been raised. Unless an equivalent BSC change was ready for implementation alongside R0266, BSC would be required to host Annex C on its website.

The Code Manager had engaged with stakeholders through the Change Issues Group (CHIG), Metering Expert Panel (MEP) and Technical Expert Panel (TEP), as well as an extended period of Party Impact Assessment, during which one response was received from a Network Party in support of the solution and identifying minimal costs.

CF set out the case for change, identifying no central systems costs and minimal costs to parties, whilst explaining the expected benefits including increased clarity and consistency for the completion of Market Messages, increasing industry cohesion.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously for R0266 to proceed to Consultation.

8 R0298 – ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE REPORT CATALOGUE (2025-26)

As the Lead Analyst for R0298, JH provided an overview of the Change, reminding Members that R0298 sought to update the Performance Assurance Report Catalogue (PARC) in line with changes identified as required during an annual review carried out by the Performance Assurance Board (PAB). Changes would include changing the frequency of certain reports, the inclusion of new reports, and some housekeeping changes.

JH proposed that this Change met the criteria to proceed under the Self-Governance pathway, and that the PAB should be assigned as Responsible Committee. JH identified that the R0298 had been assigned a priority status of low based on the prioritisation matrix framework.

JH set out the proposed milestones of the Change Plan, including expected stages for business case assessment and Consultation, with an expected final decision due in February 2026.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the change pathway as self-governance;
- **AGREED** unanimously that the PAB should be assigned as the Responsible Committee;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Proposal Plan; and
- **AGREED** unanimously for R0298 to proceed to Consultation.

9 R0190 - RELATED METER POINT (RMP) STATUS RULES

As the Lead Analyst for R0190, CF provided an overview of the Change, reminding Members that R0190 sought to allow Secondary Metering Points with a Status of Created to be linked to Primary Metering Points with a Status of Operational, for Marketwide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) migrated Metering Points only.

CF provided a reminder that extensive stakeholder engagement had taken place during the previous year, including through Information Request, Service Provider Impact Assessment, and Party Impact Assessment. No central system impacts were identified, and responses were supportive of the solution and the perceived benefits case that R0190 may result in operational efficiencies for MHHS Metering Points.

During a period of Consultation, two responses were received from Network Parties, both in support of solution and proposed implementation date, and raising no amendments to the suggested Legal Text.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed solution for R0190;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 27 February 2026; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve to proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

10 R0287/A - CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS TO ANNULMENT DEFINITION IN SCHEDULE 23 – ALIGNMENT WITH SLC OBLIGATIONS

As the Lead Analyst for R0287, BAs provided an overview of the R0287 and its Alternate R0287A. BAs reminded Members that R0287 had been raised to improve the alignment between the REC definition of Annulment in Schedule 23 – *Registration Services*, with the obligations set out in Standard Licence Condition (SLC) 14.2(d), 14.4(c) and 14.10. R0287A had been raised as an Alternate; it sought to broaden the definition of Annulment in the REC to allow a Losing Supplier to prevent a Switch from progressing if the Consumer notifies them that they have changed their mind.

BAs provided a summary of the stakeholder engagement undertaken by the Code Manager during the assessment of R0287/A, including its tabling at the Change Issues Group (CHIG) on 04 December 2025, where attendees broadly supported the solution of R0287 and raised some concerns regarding the scope of R0287A, noting that the solution introduced scenarios not permitted by SLCs.

BAs provided a summary of the costs and benefits identified by the Code Manager, noting that no central system costs had been identified for either R0287 or R0287A. With respect to costs relative to the Consumer, BAs noted that no costs were identified for the implementation of R0287; however, some stakeholders did identify potential costs associated with R0287A, including with respect to introducing risks of Consumers breaching valid contracts, the increase of Consumer confusion regarding billing and switching, and the risk of encouraging poor Supplier sales practices.

BAs noted that stakeholders had identified that R0287 would improve clarity on the Annulment process through alignment with the SLCs; this benefit would not be realised by R0287A. Furthermore, R0287 would support ensuring a positive switching process for Consumers by clarifying legal text and process requirements. On the other hand, whereas R0287A could have a positive impact on the effectiveness on the switching progress, it could also create risk of Consumer confusion as a result of SLC misalignment.

BAs presented the case for change, by reviewing the expected impacts of both R0287 and R0287A against the REC Objectives. Specifically:

- **To ensure the REC operates and evolves in a manner that facilitates the objectives of its mission statement.** It was considered that R0287 would **positively impact** this Objective, through eliminating ambiguity around the Annulment process. It was considered that R0287A would **negatively impact** this Objective by introducing further ambiguity by virtue of misalignment with SLCs.
- **To ensure customers' interests and data is protected in the operation of the REC.** It was considered that R0287 would **positively impact** this Objective, by clarifying the Annulment Request process, and thus improving Consumer trust in the industry, removing the risks of the process being misused and leading to Consumer detriment. It was considered that R0287A would have a **neutral impact** on this Objective; whilst the solution may provide a more positive Switching experience by allowing Consumers to instruct the Losing Supplier to prevent a Switch, this change would not align with the SLC Annulment process.
- **To drive continuous improvements and efficiencies in the operation of the REC and the central systems and communication infrastructures it governs**. It was considered that R0287 would have a **positive impact** on this Objective through clearer legal drafting and reduced ambiguity. It was considered that R0287A would **negatively impact** this Objective through conflict with SLCs and increased ambiguity.

BAs summarised the responses received during the Consultation window. Seven non-confidential responses were received, including seven from Suppliers and one from a Consumer advocate group.

Four Suppliers and one Consumer advocate group fully supported the implementation of R0287. One Supplier supported the implementation of R0287 but proposed an amendment to the legal text to not exactly replicate the SLC wording, to avoid the risk of misalignment in the event of future SLC changes. Two Suppliers supported the implementation of R0287A.

All but one respondent agreed with the Code Manager recommendation that R0287/A should follow the Authority Determination Change Path. One respondent considered that R0287 would meet Self-Governance criteria, as it did not incur costs and would deliver alignment within existing SLCs. All respondents agreed with the proposed implementation approach (Big Bang) and proposed implementation date (27 February 2026).

A summary of all responses received to the Consultation, and the Code Manager's responses to the matters raised, has been included in the published Change Report.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed solution for R0287;
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend rejection of the proposed solution for R0287A;
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend an implementation date of 27 February 2026 (subject to Authority approval being received by 20 February 2026, otherwise the next scheduled release following Authority determination); and
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

11 METERING EXPERT PANEL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

HL presented a proposed Category 3 Change (C3-0151) to amend the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the MEP to simplify the voting arrangements for decisions relating to the progression of Change Proposal

Plans, other than those regarding a final decision. The REC Change Panel was the Responsible Committee for this Category 3 document. If approved, the updated document would be effective from 30 January 2026.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the paper; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed change.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.