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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_0505**
DATE	**05 May 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LB	Chair
Ben Atkinson	Domestic Suppliers	BAt	Voting Member
Alex Travell	Electricity Network Operators	AT	Voting Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Network Operators	AC	Voting Member
Harry Hailwood	Non-Domestic Suppliers	HH	Voting Member
Faye Brookes Lewis	Consumers	FBL	Voting Member
Martin Brailsford	Metering Equipment Managers	MB	Voting Member
Sarah Jones	Independent SME	SJ	Voting Member
Keith Foster	Independent SME	KF	Voting Member
Scott McPhillimy	Authority	SM	Observer
Nadir Hafeez	Authority	NH	Authority Representative
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Delivery Manager
Florentina Monea	Code Manager	FM	Change Analyst
Francine Peyroux-Sissoko	Code Manager	FPS	Change Analyst
Paul Witton-Dauris	Code Manager	PWD	Head of Change
Lorna Mallon	Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Harry Firth	Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP). There were apologies received from Sebastian Eyre (Independent SME).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 21 April 2026. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 R0308 - UPDATE CCSG TORS TO INCLUDE CROSS-CODE PRIORITISATION AS PER CODE REFORM

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for R0308, HL provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

HL advised Members that R0308 is proposing a change to the Cross-Code Steering Group (CCSG) Terms of Reference (ToR) to align with the need for standardisation of prioritisation across Codes as part of Ofgem's Code Reform programme.

HL took Members through the solution, which is the addition of one new clause to the CCSG ToR. The new 4.4A states that "where reasonably practicable, all codes will use the same prioritisation for the Issue/Change/Modification as set by the lead code."

HL set out the case for change, identifying no central systems costs and costs to Parties, the solution effectively resolves the problem statement, has minimal effort required for implementation and supports the REC's ability to operate consistently within the reformed code governance framework.

HL advised that two responses were received to the consultation, with both supportive of the Change Proposal. All respondents agreed with no impacted parties identified, the Change path of self-governance, the recommendation to approve, and the proposed implementation approach.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed solution;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 26 June 2026; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

5 I0265 - THEFT CALCULATOR USAGE AND SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT

As the Lead Analyst for I0265, FPS provided an overview of the Issue, reminding Members that I0265 seeks to review the usage of the Theft Assessment Calculator.

FPS took Members through the updated milestones in the Proposal Plan. They advised that solution analysis was conducted between July and November 2025, which included multiple engagements with the Theft Issues Group and a six-week information request. Three working groups followed this period as part of the solution development, which helped identify the main barriers of access and usability for the Theft Assessment Calculator. FPS added that this feedback has been used to help start developing solution requirements. They added that more time is required for solution development to continue developing these requirements and refining these against industry views. This time will also be used to identify the Service Provider(s) to help with development and conduct Party impact assessments. FPS added that there would be more time for further working group meetings if required.

Milestone	Activity	From	To	From	To
Definition		**15 Jul-25**	**30 Apr-26**	**15 Jul-25**	**31-Oct-26**
	Solution Analysis	July	November	July	November
	Solution Development	November	~~April~~	November	October

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and the extension to plan; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the extension to plan for I0265.

6 R0321 - DNOS CREATE EXPORT MPANS FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for R0321, FM provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

FM explained that while Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) currently manage the creation of Import Metering Points, Export Metering Points sit with Electricity Suppliers. This leads to significant manual workload for Energy Suppliers, particularly where development sites can require tens of thousands of export Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs) to be created via the bulk request process under the Registrable Measurement Point (RMP) Lifecycle Schedule 7.5. These bulk processes are subject to bilateral agreements and vary by DNO, resulting in inconsistency, inefficiency, and delays.

FM noted that demand for Export Metering Points is expected to increase substantially following recent government policy requiring solar panels and heat pumps in new homes in England. The current bulk Export MPAN creation process has been described as cumbersome and inconsistent, with potential negative impacts on Consumers and the UK's Net Zero objectives.

FM advised that the proposed solution is that when the developer informs DNOs of how many Import Metering Points they require, they could also inform the Energy Supplier on how many of the properties require Export Metering Points for creation at the same time. They noted another related active Issue, I0228 – ECOES API for Export MPAN creation at scale. FM advised that R0321 has been raised separately, as the proposed solution for I0228 still relies on Electricity Supplier-led requests, unlike the proposed solution for R0321. They added that if R0321 is unable to progress, bulk Export MPAN creation for large developments could later be brought back into the scope of I0228.

FM advised that R0321 is a non-urgent Self-Governance Change Proposal, with the Change Panel as the Responsible Committee. Identified impacted Parties include Electricity Consumers, DNOs and Electricity Suppliers. R0321 has been provided a priority status of medium based upon a weighted prioritisation score of 138, reflecting the impact on Consumers, and the potential gain in operational efficiency from the proposed solution.

FM presented the milestones in the Proposal Plan. They advised that no solution development or legal review is required as these were done prior to the Change Proposal being raised, as the Code Manager acted as a critical friend to the Proposer. FM noted that the Proposal Plan has been worked to align with the Proposal Plan for I0228, to avoid delaying the progression of I0228 should R0321 not be able to proceed. FM advised that the next steps were engagement at the May Change Issues Group meeting, and a Party impact assessment open between 08 May and 01 June.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**26 Mar 26**	**14 Sep 26**
	Code Manager initial assessment	March	April
	Party impact assessment	May	June
	Solution refinement	June	July
	Business Case Assessment	June	July
	Consultation	July	August
	Final Determination	August	September
Voting		**15 Sep 26**	**15 Sep 26**
	Appeal Window	16 Sep 26	30 Sep 26

FM took Members through some comments received on the published Change Report. They noted one supportive comment from a Third Party Intermediary (TPI), which emphasised benefits such as simplification, speed, reduced manual effort, lower costs, and improved Consumer service. A second comment from a DNO raised points on scope, drafting rigour, definition of "large new development sites", and the risk of confusion from parallel processes. FM confirmed that the Code Manager has responded to the DNO to provide clarification points, that the proposal does not differentiate between property types and focuses on large developments, which drive the business case, and that these concerns will be considered as the change progresses.

AT noted that their organisation does a lot of work in new connections and suggested that a lot of the proposed changes could be optional, as most of the affected changes fall between developer and DNO, which is not in the REC's remit. They clarified whether there are no required system changes. FM confirmed there are not. AT asked about the proposed implementation approach. FM responded that a big bang implementation approach is planned, but the implementation date is yet to be confirmed. They added that the Code Manager plan to do a Party Impact Assessment first.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and the Change background; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change pathway and responsible committee; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change timetable for R0321.

7 R0290 – LEGACY DATA ITEM API SERVICE

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for R0290, FM provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

FM explained that the consultation for R0290 opened on 29 April, closing for responses on 21 May, with the vote on Final Recommendation scheduled for the Change Panel meeting on 02 June. Due to the tight timescales associated with this Change Proposal, the Code Manager was unable to present the Change Report (For Consultation) to Change Panel prior to opening the consultation, so this is an opportunity for Members to review the solution and Code Manager recommendation ahead of the final vote.

FM explained that R0290 looks to introduce a new Application Programming Interface (API) provided by ElectraLink, which REC Parties and TPIs would be able to sign up as a user of at no charge. The API would provide the last held value for some Data Items for Market Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Metering Points, including Profile Class, Standard Settlement Configuration (SSC), Time Pattern Regime (TPR), Measurement Class and Meter Timeswitch Code. The API is a temporary solution and is proposed as being in place from 26 June 2026 until MHHS Milestone M16 (currently 02 July 2027).

FM advised that as part of the solution, there will be a new Schedule (Legacy Data Item API Schedule), new defined terms within Schedule 1 and an addition to the Access Agreement within Schedule 9. Costs for the solution have been estimated between £512,000-577,000, between ElectraLink, and the Code Manager.

FM advised that the Code Manager's minded to position is to recommend the Change Panel to reject this Change Proposal. This is because the problem does not impact as many MHHS Metering Points as originally thought, as the Data Items are optional rather than removed, meaning it accounts for around 4% of MHHS Metering Points, rather than 100%. FM added that the proposed solution is temporary and expensive, the Code Manager has been unable to accurately establish how many Parties and TPIs would register to become a Legacy Data Item API User and part of the use case (Reverse Migration) would become redundant at MHHS Milestone M14 (currently 28 October 2026). Any Party who wishes to receive this data can contract separately with ElectraLink to receive it.

8 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

HL provided Members with an update on the Change Tracker.

HL advised that four new submissions had been reviewed by the Code Manager since the last Change Panel meeting:

- **Domestic Premises Indicator is not clean** - This submission has been rejected as it was not proposing any changes to the REC, but instead raising potential issues with the quality of data of the Domestic Premises Indicator and the assurance around it. This has been forwarded to RECCo for further investigation.
- **Change of MPID owner due to assets acquisition** - This submission has been rejected as it was raised in error – the Proposer meant to raise a Change Disclosure Form to REC Performance Assurance (RPA). The Operational Account Management Team and RPA are now working with this Party to support the MPID transfer.
- I0324 - Use of Retail Energy Location (REL) Data to Support Key Regulations and I0325 - Post-MHHS Full Transition Complete (M15) REC updates have both been accepted in by the Code Manager.

HL provided an overview of further updates:

- **I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Metering Party** - A first Working Group session will take place on 11 May 2026 to work on the solutions needed to establish a strong governance framework for standalone SIPs.
- **I0281 - Extending R0067 Functionality to ERDA** - The Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA) was triggered on 20 March 2026, closing on 27 April 2026. The Code Manager will be reviewing the DIA responses with the Data Communications Company (DCC) on 05 May and will provide an Update to Plan to the Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- **I0296 - Registration ID Required for MHHS Appointments** - The Code Manager has developed a process to provide Energy Suppliers the Registration ID for Metering Points that have not been through a Central Switching Service (CSS) Registration Managed Switch. This solution will be live on 05 May 2026.
- **R0300 - Amendments to D0312 to align with BSC CP1622** - On 29 April 2026, the TEP approved this Change Proposal for implementation on 26 June 2026.
- **R0310 - Addition of value 11 to data item J0418** - On 29 April 2026, the TEP approved this Change Proposal for implementation on 26 June 2026.
- **R0311 - CoMCoP 2-year Audit Cycles** - The consultation has now closed. The Code Manager is reviewing responses and will proceed appropriately before it goes to the Metering Expert Panel (MEP) for final vote on 13 May 2026.
- **I0312 - Review of Export meter work arrangements** - The first I0312 Working Group session will be held on 06 May. Pre-meeting papers have been published on the REC Portal.
- **R0317 - Number of Displayed Register Digits Data Item linkage** - The consultation has now closed. The Code Manager is reviewing responses and will proceed appropriately.
- **R0319 - Clarification of in-year amendments to the CRS budget** - The consultation has now closed and consolidated consultation responses have been published. The Code Manager is currently preparing the Change Report (Final Recommendation).

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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