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# REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
# MEETING MINUTES

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| **MEETING** | **RECMEP_26_0311** |
| **DATE** | **11 March 2026, 10:00** |
| **LOCATION** | **By teleconference** |

| Attendee | Representing | Initials | Role |
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| Steve Brand | Code Manager | SB | Committee Chair |
| Dean Berry | Gas MEM Representative | DB | Committee Member |
| Steve Mulinganie | Supplier Representative | SM | Committee Member |
| Richard Hill | Supplier Representative | RH | Committee Member |
| Warren Lacey | Electricity Network Operator Representative | WL | Committee Member |
| Stephen Thun | Gas Network Operator Representative | ST | Committee Member |
| Rebecca Griffiths | Retail Energy Code Company | RG | Metering Services Delivery Manager |
| Jemma Johnson | Retail Energy Code Company | JJ | Market Design Specialist |
| Scott McPhilimy | Ofgem Representative | SMc | Observer |
| Caroline Freimuller | Code Manager | CF | Senior Change Lead |
| James Hardy | Code Manager | JH | Senior Change Lead |
| Glenn Sheern | Code Manager | GS | Head of Regulatory Specialists |
| Paul Rocke | Code Manager | PR | Head of Communications |
| Edma Hyskaj | Code Manager | EH | Secretariat |

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the March REC Metering Expert Panel (RECMEP) meeting. Apologies for attendance had been received from Martin Brailsford (Electricity MEM Representative).

## 2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECMEP Members were invited to provide comments on the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2026. The Draft Minutes were approved by the Members.

## 3. REVIEW OF ACTION LOG

The Code Manager updated Members that there were currently two outstanding actions on the actions log; following consideration, one action was agreed to have been closed, the other action remains open.

> **RECMEP_26_0211_01** – Code Manager (EH) to circulate the clean version of the STIRG for final comments on formatting ahead of implementation, with comments to be returned via the MEP Collaboration Space before 23 February 2026.
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> RECMEP **AGREED** to close.
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> **RECMEP_26_0211_02** – RECCo (RG) and Code Manager (GS) to prepare a draft of the safety bulletin submission, review and publication process, and share with RECMEP Members for comments ahead of publication.
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> The action remains open until the following meeting.

RECMEP **NOTED** the updates.

## 4. I0197 - INTRODUCING A PROCESS TO PROVIDE UPDATES DURING FAULT RESOLUTIONS

JH provided RECMEP Members with an update on the Change Plan for I0197 – "Introducing a Process to Provide Updates During Fault Resolutions". JH noted that this issue had been raised by the REC Code Manager Performance Assurance team and sought to improve existing processes and resolve known issues during the metering fault resolution process. It also included a focus on providing frequent updates to all the stakeholders and consumers concerned with the process.

Aims to progress with the issue in early January/February 2026 were delayed due to setbacks concerning the complexity of further analysis, as well as the legal review of the drafting by the REC legal advisors.

Progression had been made with the legal drafting which meant that a final review and Party Impact Assessment (PIA) could be progressed. The updated plan proposes extending the PIA window to allow sufficient time for industry review, from April to June 2026 with flexibility to extend if required.

ST sought assurance on engagement with Xoserve in its role as Central Data Service Provider (CDSP). JH confirmed engagement with Xoserve and other relevant parties had been ongoing.

JH requested approval for the updated Change Plan for I0197 including extending PIA timescales. The Chair noted that - in his absence - Martin Brailsford (Electricity MEM Representative) had noted his support to the Chair.

RECMEP unanimously **AGREED** to the proposed update to the Change Plan.

## 5. R0268 – CONSEQUENTIAL CROSS-CODE CHANGE FOR BSC P441 – COMPLEX SITE CLASSES CREATION

CF provided RECMEP Members with an update on R0268 – "Consequential Cross-Code Change for BSC P441 – Complex Site Classes Creation". CF noted this was a cross-code change, with the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) assigned as the lead code with the associated modification P441, which was looking to introduce Complex Site classes. R0268 would update the REC to reflect these new Complex Site classes by (a) introducing requirements into Schedule 14 – "Metering Operations"; and (b) updating the Complex Site Class Supplementary Information Form.

CF presented the recommended case for change, noting key benefits identified with respect to Net Zero, local energy scheme enablement, alignment across industry codes (BSC, DCUSA and REC), and alignment with REC Objectives. No costs had been identified under the REC, and any costs for parties under the BSC and DCUSA had been captured in their respective change reports.

CF provided a summary of responses following a Consultation carried out in October – November 2025. Five responses had been received to the Consultation, with four responses supportive of the solution. One respondent had raised an issue with respect to the BSC solution, with their comments being passed back to the BSC for review. CF noted the BSC had since amended and reconsulted on their solution. Respondents generally agreed with the assessment of the costs and benefits, with one respondent questioning the extent to which P441 would provide the proposed benefits.

WL noted that one respondent had raised concerns regarding a proposed six-month lead time for implementation and queried whether the concerns had been addressed. CF confirmed that the BSC had considered the feedback in its role as lead code and had retained the recommendation of the proposed implementation period due to the prolonged delay and extensive consultation feedback.

CF noted that the BSC vote would be taking place after the MEP determination, on 12 March 2026. RECMEP Members were asked to vote to recommend to the Authority whether R0268 should be implemented. The Chair noted that - in his absence - Martin Brailsford (Electricity MEM Representative) had noted his support for all decisions to the Chair.

In line with the recommendation from the Code Manager, RECMEP Members unanimously:

- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that the proposed solution should be implemented;

- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority the proposed implementation date of **26 June 2026** (if Authority decision is received by 25 May 2026) or **06 November 2026** (if Authority decision received by 05 October 2026).
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

## 6. MONTHLY CHANGE TRACKER

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the four items on the change tracker that impacted the MEP.

- I0252 – Increasing frequency of Annual portfolio reconciliation exercise to support Data Cleanse – PIA closed on 06 March 2026. The Code Manager expects to present at April 2026 MEP before proceeding to consultation.
- I0284 – Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales – PIA closed on 06 March 2026. The Code Manager expects to present at April 2026 MEP before proceeding to consultation.
- I0306 – REC Change to Align with DCP467 Asset Condition Reporting – PIA closed on 27 February 2026. DCUSA to use the REC Impact Assessment (IA) responses to inform their Information Request (IR).
- R0307 – Release and Licensing of the CoMCoP Logo for Accredited Parties – consultation is open until 27 March 2026. RG confirmed aims for a June 2026 release with logos expected to be available from September 2026.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## 7. METERING HUB AND BULLETINS

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the Metering Hub and Bulletins, including updates on the ongoing review of legacy technical and safety bulletins.

ST confirmed that Gas Transporters are aware of the Metering Hub, though CoMCoP obligations currently apply only to electricity parties. RG relayed news that feedback from AMO forums had been positive regarding the hub and bulletin approach. A review of non-DNO bulletins remains outstanding pending further input from AMO representatives.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 - Category 3 update to Sharing Meter Asset Data guidance document

RECMEP Members were informed about proposed changes to the Category 3 document "Sharing Meter Asset Data" which would be posted on the collaboration space for review, ahead of a decision at the next MEP meeting on 08 April 2026.

8.2 - Gas Price Volatility - Communications with Ofgem

DB asked RECMEP Members to provide thoughts about gas price volatility following global issues and political uncertainty. SM confirmed Ofgem had been in frequent contact with the industry to assess the situation and keep parties informed. PR suggested that a broader discussion would be more appropriate at the Gas Operational Metering Forum.

8.3 - Forthcoming Operational Metering Forums

RECMEP Members were informed of planned presentations at upcoming meetings of the Gas and Electricity Operational Metering Forums, including a presentation on the intended changes to IGEM/UP1B (gas tightness testing).

RECMEP **NOTED** the updates.

## Next meeting date: 08 April 2026