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REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECMEP_26_0812**
DATE	**12 August 2026, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Steve Brand	Code Manager	SB	Committee Chair
Edma Hyskaj	Code Manager	EH	Secretariat
Glenn Sheern	Code Manager	GS	Head of Regulatory Specialists
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	REC Change SME
Bela Ashworth	Code Manager	BA	Change Delivery Manager
Poppy Mullins	Code Manager	PM	Change Analyst
Ian Chalfon	Code Manager	IC	Change Analyst
Jemma Johnson	RECCo	JJ	Market Design Lead
Steve Mulinganie	Non-Domestic Supplier	SM	Committee Member
Martin Brailsford	Meter Operator Agent	MB	Committee Member
Dean Berry	Meter Asset Manager	DB	Committee Member
Stephen Thun	Gas Transporter	ST	Committee Member
Mel Swift	Distribution Network Operator	MS	Alternate Member
Jonathan Hawkins	RECCo	JH	Observer
Lee Walker	Elexon	LW	Observer
Scott McPhillimy	Ofgem	SMc	Observer

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Metering Expert Panel (RECMEP) meeting. A formal apology was received by Richard Hill (RH), Rebecca Griffiths (RG) and Warren Lacey (WL). Mel Swift (MS) attended in WL's absence.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECMEP Members were invited to provide comments on the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2026. No comments were provided so the Draft Minutes were approved as final by the members.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION LOG

The Code Manager advised that there were currently three outstanding actions on the actions log. Two were agreed to **close** after the meeting:

- **RECMEP_26_0708_02:** The Code Manager (FPS) reviewed the title of I0278 and classification of a Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a metering party. Action was taken to amend the title following advice from MEP which can be found on the REC Portal, 'I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party'.
- **RECMEP_26_0610_02:** MEM (MB) updated Members on feedback relating to non-distribution network operator (DNO) engagement, confirming that there were three non-DNO bulletins which have been confirmed to be relevant although the original owner of one was yet to be identified.

This action remained **open** as further action was requested:

- **RECMEP_26_0708_01:** The Code Manager (CF) sought out further detail and examples from UK Power Networks regarding DNO rejections, recurring themes, and supporting photographic evidence where available however, did not receive a response. JJ requested further detail and CF confirmed they would ask more broadly at the next DCUSA workgroup.

RECMEP Members **NOTED** the update.

4. CODE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS CHANGE AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

RECMEP Members were informed on the 'Code Governance Arrangements Change and Transitional Arrangements'.

JH introduced the forthcoming industry code governance reforms being implemented under the Energy Act 2023 and the transition to the new Licence Code Manager (LCM) framework. It was explained that the reform aims to introduce a consistent governance model across industry

codes, replacing existing industry-led decision-making arrangements with an independent Code Manager model supported by stakeholder engagement and advisory structures.

Members were advised that decision-making responsibilities held by the Change Panel, Metering Expert Panel (MEP) and Technical Expert Panel (TEP) are expected to be superseded by the new framework and would cease when the new arrangements are implemented. A new Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) would be established to provide independent advice, challenge and scrutiny, while workgroups would become the primary mechanism for industry engagement and modification development. The Performance Assurance Board (PAB) would remain in place with its existing responsibilities largely unchanged but would no longer be responsible for approving Performance Assurance related Change Proposals. Operational Metering Forums (OMFs) are expected to continue and will support modification development and industry engagement. The existing Change Issues Group is expected to continue as the required pre-modification forum, with proposed terminology changes to better distinguish it from the REC Issues Group.

JH also explained how Category 3 document governance would operate under the new arrangements. Whilst formal decision-making responsibility would move to the Code Manager, industry engagement and consensus-building would remain important, OMFs are expected to play a key role in reviewing metering-related documents.

JH confirmed that current governance structures would remain in place until the new framework is formally implemented. REC is working on mobilisation activities to establish the SAF in advance of go-live, including recruitment of independent members and preparation for the new processes. It was noted that REC wishes to avoid a formal change freeze and is developing pragmatic arrangements to manage modifications and issues that remain in flight during the transition period. Illustrative milestone dates were shared based on an assumed implementation date of 30 November 2026, although these remain subject to Ofgem confirmation.

During the discussion, MB highlighted industry concerns regarding the future role of the OMFs and the potential loss of the detailed technical scrutiny currently provided by the MEP. It was noted that while broader industry engagement is valuable, there was concern that operational forums may be too broad to provide the same level of focused technical challenge. MB emphasised the importance of maintaining strong technical oversight, particularly for category 3 documents such as the Service Termination Issue Reporting (STIR) Guidance and reiterated Association of Meter Operators (AMO's) willingness to support REC by providing appropriate forums for engagement with specialist metering experts. He suggested that frequent OMF meetings, potentially monthly, would be necessary if they are to fulfil an expanded governance role.

JH acknowledged these concerns and agreed that maintaining appropriate technical expertise and challenge is a key consideration in designing the new arrangements. He explained that the SAF would include both core members and specialist pool members who could be brought in for discussions requiring specific expertise. JH also confirmed the frequency of OMF meetings is being reviewed, and that this would not necessarily remain fixed, if there were a high number of metering impacting Modifications the frequency of the meetings would go up as well.

SM expressed stronger concerns regarding the removal of existing panel-based checks and balances. SM questioned whether the SAF would be able to provide sufficient challenge to the Code Manager and suggested that the new arrangements risk concentrating decision-making authority with the Code Manager while reducing industry influence. SM continued to highlight that Ofgem would likely have greater control over the industry through the SDS without the opposition required to cross-check changes. As a result of this, SM explained that the Code Manager would be pressed to prioritise what Ofgem wants through the SDS. At the same time, he stated the SAF would likely lack the granularity necessary to capture and address key issues. He noted that prior issues identified the need for the workgroups and forums such as MEP which is why they were established and that the SAF would render their importance obsolete. SM emphasised the importance of ensuring that SAF membership includes individuals capable of providing robust challenge and that the appointment process delivers genuine independence rather than passive endorsement of decisions.

JH stressed that REC's intention is to create a SAF capable of providing meaningful scrutiny and challenge. It was confirmed that REC is actively considering how SAF independent members will be selected, noting that the industry will still be able to vote the members representing specific Parties, and how the forum can be structured to ensure the right breadth and depth of expertise. He noted that REC does not intend to create a forum of passive participants and recognises the importance of constructive challenge within the new framework.

DB echoed the concerns expressed by other members and noted that successful implementation would depend heavily on how the transition is managed. He highlighted the considerable effort invested by industry in developing existing governance arrangements and encouraged REC and stakeholders to work collaboratively to ensure the new framework delivers an effective and improved outcome for industry participants.

RECMEP Members **NOTED** the update.

5. R0284 – UPDATES TO SCHEDULE 14 MEASUREMENT TRANSFORMERS COMMISSIONING TIMESCALES

RECMEP Members were provided with an update regarding 'R0284 – Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales'.

CF provided an update on R0284, which proposes amendments to the Schedule 14 measurement transformer commissioning timescales. Members were reminded that the change seeks to reduce existing commissioning timescales to ensure completion before the Reduced Final (RF) run reduces from 14 months to 4 months under the Marketwide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme, thereby reducing the risk that commissioning-related errors cannot be corrected after the RF run.

An overview of the consultation responses were provided. Seven responses were received from four Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), one supplier, one Metering Equipment Manager (MEM) and one Meter Asset Provider (MAP). Of these, three were supportive, three were supportive with reservations, and one was non-supportive. CF explained that the non-supportive

response related to concerns regarding commissioning success rates; however, it was clarified that improving commissioning success rates was not the objective of the proposal. It was noted that while the shortened timescales could marginally reduce compliance performance for some parties, the proposal was intended to improve data accuracy following the MHHS milestone. The Code Manager has confirmed to this Party they could raise a separate Issue or Change Proposal to look at the improving commissioning success rates, noting it would likely need to be cross-code with the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC).

CF summarised the costs and benefits of the change stating that there would be no central system costs. Party costs ranged from £0-50,000 dependent on whether there would need to be updates to internal documentation and training for operative and system reports to ensure they are achieving their new Service Level Agreements (SLAs). The benefits noted were an increased settlement accuracy post MHHS milestone M16. Members were advised that all respondents agreed with the cost and benefit assessment.

CF also advised that cross-code impacts had subsequently been identified within the BSC, requiring aligned amendments to BSCP515 and BSCP705 where Schedule 14 timescales are replicated. A BSC change was raised by the REC as CP1640 - Aligning BSC with REC R0284 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales. REC had been designated lead code for the associated cross-code changes. The BSC consultation had received two supportive responses and no additional issues requiring consideration.

Following consultation, late feedback was submitted which resulted in an amended solution presented to Members. The feedback highlighted that the proposed drafting would not accommodate all commissioning scenarios, particularly where Metering Assets are pre-commissioned before energisation. MS advised that several DNOs shared this concern and supported a simpler approach that would accommodate all operational scenarios.

Members agreed that introducing a single requirement for the DNO to send the D0383 at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 20 working days following energisation, would provide greater clarity and avoid unintended compliance issues. Members confirmed they were content to approve the revised solution without requiring a further circulation of the updated change report.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update and in line with the recommendation from the Code Manager unanimously:

- **APPROVED** the proposed solution.
- **APPROVED** the proposed implementation date of 25 June 2027.
- **APPROVED** the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

6. R0328 – REMOVAL OF D0383 & D0384 REQUIREMENTS FROM SHARING MTDS PROCESS

RECMEP Members were provided with an update 'R0328 – Removal of D0383 & D0384 requirements from Sharing MTDs Process'.

CF presented the update on R0328 which proposes the removal of incorrect obligations introduced to the MHHS Schedule 14 and Schedule 34 legal text requiring Meter Operator Agent (MOAs) to send D0383 and D0384 flows to multiple Parties that were not required to receive

them. It was explained that these obligations were not part of the legacy arrangements and were introduced in error during MHHS drafting and cannot be fulfilled in practice as the required Scenario Variants do not exist within the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS).

The issue was previously identified before MHHS go-live and added to the DIN log for post-implementation correction. CF advised that the proposal was a legal text correction only and was intended to remove obligations that Parties should not currently be undertaking. The Change Issues Group had reviewed the proposal, and no comments had been received. Due to the minor correction, no Party impact assessment (PIA) was proposed, with the change proceeding directly to consultation to enable implementation as soon as possible.

Members noted there were no anticipated central system or Party costs associated with the proposal, while the change would provide clarity to Parties and remove confusion regarding flow obligations. CF highlighted that REC had already received service desk queries from Parties seeking guidance on these obligations, so implementation of the Change Proposal was expected as soon as possible.

RECMEP **NOTED** both the proposed solution and the proposed implementation date of 06 November 2026 and Big Bang approach and **AGREED** the Change Report contained sufficient information to proceed to consultation.

7. QUARTERLY ISSUES UPDATE

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the Quarterly Issues assigned to the Metering Expert Panel.

BA highlighted that 101 issues had been raised with 31 issues either implemented or awaiting implementation. There were 45 active live issues which included 6 currently on hold. 8 issues had been resolved and 17 had either been rejected or withdrawn.

MEP had been appointed the responsible subcommittee for 5 issues:

- I0196 – Review of Metering Asset data transferred from MAMs to the CDSP
- I0197 – Introducing a Process to Provide Updates During Fault Resolutions
- I0273 – Sharing of SSC and TPR Information for MHHS Smart and Advanced Meters
- I0275 – MHHS Related Metering Points across Market Segments
- I0312 – Review of export meter work arrangements

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

8. MONTHLY CHANGE TRACKER UPDATE

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on one item on the change tracker that impacted the Metering Expert Panel.

- R0207 – Import/Export MOA Charging Clarification – On 07 August 2026, Ofgem approved the Change Proposal. It will be implemented on 06 November 2026.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

9. METERING HUB UPDATE

RECMEP Members were asked for updates on Metering specific bulletins that impacted MEP. No bulletins were identified.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

10. AOB

6.1. Forthcoming Operational Metering Forum

RECMEP Members were informed of planned presentations at the upcoming Gas Operational Metering Forum in September 2026.

6.2. STIR Guidance Document

RECMEP Members discussed an upcoming working group established between the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and the AMOs to review the STIR Guidance document in further detail. The first meeting is scheduled to be held on 04 September 2026. CF highlighted that there were discussions with SSEN concerning this and emphasised any changes would need to be brought to MEP by November 2026 due to the new governance arrangements due to be implemented. Otherwise, the changes will be reviewed under the new arrangements.

6.3. End Dating of Legacy Communication Method Types

RECMEP Members were informed that a BSC consultation had been issued for End Dating of Legacy Communication Method Types. The end date of the consultation had been extended to 21 August 2026 to enable more responses. MB notified LW that communication had been sent out to AMO Members to trigger more feedback.

Next meeting date: 09 September 2026