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REC CHANGE ISSUES GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCHIG_26_0305**
DATE	**05 March 2026, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Presenter	Representing	Initials	Role
Paul Witton-Dauris	REC Code Manager	PWD	Chair
Bela Ashworth	REC Code Manager	BA	Lead Analyst
Harriet Truss	REC Code Manager	HT	Lead Analyst
Jonny Moore	Retail Energy Code Company	JM	Operations Consultant
Lorna Mallon	REC Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Matt White	Retail Energy Code Company	MW	CCS Product Owner
Harry Firth	REC Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

Full attendee list available upon request.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Change Issues Group (CHIG) meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting. No items were raised by attendees. The Chair confirmed that there were no Theft Issues Group items on the meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chair invited attendees to provide comments on the draft minutes from the meeting which took place on 05 February 2026. HF advised that no comments had been made prior to the meeting. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4. I0273 – SHARING OF SSC AND TPR INFORMATION FOR MHHS SMART AND ADVANCED METERS AND I0303 – POTENTIAL CONSUMER DETRIMENT FOR SMART ECONOMY 7

BA provided attendees with an update on the Issues. BA explained these Issues were raised due to changes introduced as part of MHHS to the Standard Settlement Configuration (SSC) and Profile Class where maintenance of either is currently not mandatory for Smart and Advanced Meters. I0273 and I0303 explore potential requirements for continued use of both SSC and Time Pattern Regime (TPR) as well as the linked Consumer impacts.

BA advised that the joint information request currently out for I0273 and I0303 closes for responses on 06 March.

5. R0316 – CLARIFICATION TO DATA ITEMS WITHIN THE PAYMENT METHOD LEVELISATION SUPPLIER DATA REPORTING SPECIFICATION

BA provided attendees with an overview of the Change Proposal. BA advised that R0316 will be Authority-Determined, raised by RECCo on behalf of Ofgem, following engagement with the Payment Method Levelisation (PML) team. R0316 arose from ambiguity in REC Schedule 31 regarding certain data item definitions used in PML reporting. This ambiguity has led to inconsistent Supplier data submissions, where some Suppliers are reporting based on Primary Metering Points, others reporting based on total Metering Points and some including Secondary Related Metering Points. These inconsistencies risk uneven allocation of scheme debts and credits and are not aligned with the original intent of the PML scheme.

BA took attendees through the proposed solution. Schedule 31, Appendix 1 will be amended to correctly label the data items and clarify which meter types to be included in PML reporting. For the purposes of Appendix 1 only, Eligible Meter Points will be introduced. For gas, this will be domestic Supply Meter Points, and for electricity, this will be an Unrelated Metering Point or Primary Related Metering Point for (in each case) a Domestic Premises. This includes any domestic Metering Points that are related under a single Consumer account but not related as per REC Schedule 28. Unrelated Metering Point will also be added as a defined term to Schedule 1. BA advised that this would ensure all Suppliers have clear and consistent guidance, improving operational efficiency, and removing ambiguity in the PML scheme. BA also referred to the Guidance for Suppliers document available on the R0316 Portal page, which was provided by Ofgem and RECCo.

BA advised that the REC Code Manager had issued a consultation for R0316 this week, and it will close for responses on 25 March. BA added that the plan is for R0316 to return to Change Panel on 07 April for final vote, be issued to Ofgem for determination on 08 April, and the implementation date is scheduled for 17 April, allowing for the amended submission templates to be available to REC Parties ahead of the PML submission deadline of 01 May.

6. I0318 – INTRODUCTION OF CONSUMER CONSENT SOLUTION

HT provided attendees with an overview of the Issue. HT advised that I0318 has been raised to increase visibility of the Consumer Consent Solution (CCS) and the required associated changes to a wider group of REC stakeholders. HT advised that CCS is a new secure digital solution empowering Consumers to control who can access their energy data, enabling them to easily grant, manage, review and revoke consent. HT advised that RECCo, the delivery body, are currently developing CCS in line with Ofgem's published design principles.

HT advised that they would be the lead analyst for I0318 and shared names of some of the key contacts in the CCS project and introduced MW who was on the call.

HT took attendees through the overall solution architecture of the project, including the interactions with Authorised Third Parties (ATPs) and Energy Data Providers (EDPs), between which data will be shared once consent has been obtained through CCS. HT advised that the ATP would be looking to provide tailored services to individual Consumers using the data they have obtained consent for. HT advised that work is ongoing for an Identity and Verification (ID&V) service to verify consumers. HT advised that the existing REC Enquiry Services will be utilised to match and validate addresses, users will be supported by a service desk, and the REC Digital Services on the Portal will be the main frontend for industry, streamlining accreditation and onboarding.

An attendee noted that RECCo plan to use Companies House for validating businesses using CCS and asked about how sole traders will be dealt with, as they will not be registered on Companies House. MW responded that the first iteration of CCS, the Minimal Marketable Product (MMP), is scheduled for release in March 2027, and that only Domestic Consumers will be within the MMP scope. They added that microbusinesses, including sole traders, will be added into CCS in a later iteration after MMP. They noted that sole traders' energy data would be classified as personal under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), so it is important area for RECCo to address.

HT took attendees through the background and progression of CCS. They noted that Ofgem had been working on the development of CCS between 2022-2024, leading to appointing RECCo as the delivery body in April 2025, and confirming that governance arrangements will be held under the REC. Ofgem led industry engagement on CCS throughout 2025 via the CCS monthly Working Groups, before handing over responsibility of these groups to RECCo in December. HT advised that RECCo have continued to engage consistently with industry, not only by way of the Working Groups, but also through the first in-person engagement day held on 04 March 2026. HT advised that a design consultation is also currently open to responses until 25 March 2026.

HT took attendees through the timeline for I0318. They advised that a RECCo consultation on legal drafting will be issued for six weeks in Q3 2026, with this being the primary opportunity for stakeholders to input into the legal text. I0318 will then progress as a Change Proposal following refinements resulting from the legal drafting consultation. They advised attendees to expect a new REC Schedule for CCS Arrangements, a new Service Definition, a new API Technical Specification, and a set of guidelines called the Customer Experience Guidelines.

Updates are likely to also be required to Schedules 1, 9, 10, 29 and existing Performance Assurance documents.

An attendee asked about the impact of the Tariff Interoperability project on CCS, noting the planned integration between the two projects. MW responded that CCS would go live in March 2027 irrespective of the progress of Tariff Interoperability. They noted the current proposals for Tariff Interoperability to use CCS as its consent mechanism for managing private data that requires consent.

An attendee asked when the technical specification will be available. HT responded that this will be available as part of the legal drafting consultation later this year. The attendee raised concerns that this does not provide Suppliers a lot of time to be ready for the CCS launch in March 2027. MW responded that uptake is not compulsory from March 2027, but any parties wishing to access Smart Data Repository data will have to register for CCS. MW added that RECCo are looking for parties who are keen to be early adopters of CCS, looking to build consumer services that will require access to personal energy data. Any interested parties should register here.

HT advised that they would bring regular updates on I0318 to Change Issues Group meetings. This will include signposting to engagement opportunities, such as the ongoing Working Groups and upcoming CCS webinars.

7. CODE MANAGER ISSUE TRACKER UPDATE

BA provided attendees with an update of several Issues currently being progressed by the Code Manager. The full list of updates is available to view on the meeting slides on the REC Portal.

JM provided an update on I0297 - Meter Manufacturers Make and Type not Populated in SMRS. The REC Code Manager have reviewed the responses to the recent impact assessment, and it appears Parties have identified the requirement for the item to be populated. The plan is to take this Issue to the MHHS Working Group this month, and then an update will be brought to a future Change Issues Group meeting after that.

An attendee asked for an update on I0290 - Legacy Data Item API Service, noting that the information request had closed at the beginning of February. LM responded that the REC Code Manager will be meeting with ElectraLink next week and will be able to provide an update after that. They added that the current expectations are that legal text changes may not be required and the Change could be ready by late spring, but this will only be confirmed following the discussions with ElectraLink.

8. AOB

The Chair invited attendees to provide AOB.

The Chair noted that some attendees had not received the pre-meeting email communication from the REC Code Manager when the meeting agenda and papers were available on the REC Portal. They encouraged attendees to contact committees@recmanager.co.uk to join the Change Issues Group distribution list.

There were no other items raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.