Change to REC Schedule 31: Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation

Guidance for Suppliers – 19th February 2026

Background Context

RECCo and Ofgem have identified the need to clarify which meter types should be included within the Payment Method Levelisation (PML) scheme portfolio submissions. This clarification is intended to ensure that all Parties have a consistent understanding of the submission requirements.

Q&A

What change are you making?
We are clarifying that only unrelated meter points and primary related meter points are to be included in the portfolio submission count for the purposes of Payment Method Levelisation.

This will be reflected in changes to the text in Schedule 31 and the column headers of the portfolio submission templates.

Why are you making this clarification?
This clarification is intended to ensure that all Suppliers have clear and consistent guidance when preparing and submitting portfolio data, thereby supporting accurate and aligned reporting across the scheme.

We recognise that, to date, some Suppliers have included secondary-related meters within their portfolio data. While this approach is understood, it was not aligned with the original intent of the scheme. This change is therefore proposed to provide clarity and consistency on a forward-looking basis.

Do you intend to re-collect any historic portfolios as part of this process?
No. This clarification is intended to apply on a forward-looking basis only where no retrospective resubmissions would be required.

Undertaking a retrospective recalculation would require significant operational effort from Suppliers, RECCo and other relevant parties. Given that the impact on the scheme to date

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has been assessed as minimal, it is not considered proportionate to require the re-collection or recalculation of historic portfolio data.

When will the changes come into effect?
As part of the consultation process, Suppliers will be asked to confirm whether changes to their current reporting arrangements are required and, if so, the time needed to implement them. Feedback received through consultation will inform the final implementation date.

Subject to consultation responses, the current provisional target implementation date is mid-April 2026, which would impact portfolio submissions from 1st May 2026 onwards.

As a Supplier, I have been including secondary-related meters in my count and can easily amend my reporting. Should I make this change immediately?
Suppliers are not required to amend their reporting approach until the change has been formally implemented. Suppliers should continue to submit in line with their historic approach until the change takes effect.

As a Supplier, I would like to understand more about the issue and the potential impacts on my organisation.
The PML team within RECCo, together with the Code Manager, will be actively supporting the consultation process and would welcome engagement from Suppliers who wish to discuss any questions, concerns or potential impacts.

If you consider that the absence of a retrospective recalculation may give rise to specific concerns for your organisation, we would welcome the opportunity to understand your perspective. You are invited to set out your views as part of the consultation, including any relevant supporting arguments or rationale, within the consultation period.

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