RETAIL ENERGY CODE

REC CHANGE PANEL

03 DECEMBER 2024

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	Chair
Confirmation of Agenda	Chair
Approval of Previous Minutes	Holly Law
R0208 – Adding the DIP Rules to the CCSG ToR	Gemma Dixon
R0137/A – Introducing TPI Assurance and Accreditation	Caroline Freimuller
R0173 – Improvements to TDIS	Florentina Monea
I0194 - CSS Change to Allow Prevent of Registration by Market Segment	Harriet Truss
C3-0091 – Changes to RECMEP ToR to Support Alternate R0170 Solution	Caroline Freimuller
MHHS Update	Harriet Truss
Change Proposal Tracker	All
AOB	All

R0208 – ADDING THE DIP RULES TO THE CCSG TOR

- This Change Proposal seeks to update the Cross Code Steering Group Terms of Reference, to reflect the role of the Data Integration Platform Manager introduced as part of the Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement Programme.
- The Code Manager recommends that R0208 is approved for implementation on 28 February 2025.
- RECCP Members are invited to:
  - **APPROVE** the proposed change solution.
  - **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach.
  - **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 28 February 2025.

R0137/A – INTRODUCING TPI ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION

- This Change proposes that Energy Suppliers can only use accredited Third Party Intermediaries (TPIs) who adhere to the principles in the REC TPI Code of Practice in their interactions with Non-Domestic Consumers.
- In total 21 responses were received from Citizens Advice, one trade association, 11 Energy Suppliers and eight TPIs. Seven of these responses were submitted confidentially, and one anonymously.
- The Code Manager recommends that RECCP Members recommend approval of R0137A and rejection of R0137 to the Authority.
- RECCP Members are invited to:
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** the proposed change solution for R0137A and recommend **REJECTION** of R0137 to the Authority.
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed implementation approach.
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed implementation date of 01 April 2025, subject to Authority Decision by 14 March 2025, or implementation in the next appropriate REC release after Authority Decision is received.

R0173 – IMPROVEMENTS TO TDIS

- This Change proposes that Confirmed Energy Thefts are incentivised within the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS) and introduces Energy Theft Desktop and Site Visit Investigations.
- In total six responses were received from one trading body, four Energy Suppliers and one confidential.
- The Code Manager recommends that RECCP Members recommend approval of R0173 for implementation on 01 April 2025 to the Authority.
- RECCP Members are invited to:
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed change solution.
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed implementation approach.
  - Recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed implementation date of 01 April 2025.

I0194 - CSS CHANGE TO ALLOW PREVENT OF REGISTRATION BY MARKET SEGMENT

- This change seeks to prevent an Electricity Supplier, with an approved Qualification exemption in place for Smart and/or Unmetered Supplies Market Segments, from registering Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Metering Points other than those that they are qualified in.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**01-Oct-24**	**28-Feb-25**
	Solution Development	October	January
	Impact Assessment	January	February

- RECCP Members are invited to:
  - **APPROVE** the Proposal Plan for I0194

C3-0091 – CHANGES TO RECMEP TOR TO SUPPORT ALTERNATE R0170 SOLUTION

- The Code Manager has updated the proposed legal text to support C3-0091, to amend the composition of the RECMEP to:
  - Two members nominated by REC Parties who are Gas Suppliers and/or Electricity Suppliers;
  - One member nominated by REC Parties who are Gas Transporters;
  - One member nominated by REC Parties who are Distribution Network Operators;
  - One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Operator Agents; and
  - One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Asset Managers.
- This amendment should mean there is not a scenario where there is no DNO or MOA representation on the RECMEP.
- Committee Members are invited to take the following actions:
  - **APPROVE** the proposed legal text changes.

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MARKET-WIDE HALF HOURLY SETTLEMENT UPDATE

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MHHS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – CR-055

- Programme Change Request CR-055 approved by Ofgem on 29 November 2024
- ‘Go-live’ (M8/M10) moved back from 7 March
- CR-055 impact assessed 13 August, but date recommended for approval is 24 September
    - No material change for changes and release identified
    - But further extension of delay to CP benefits

Milestone reference	Milestone title	CR-055 date
M7	Ofgem decisions on M6 baselined code modification proposals (M7)	11/12/2024
M8	**Code changes delivered (M8)**	**24/09/2025**
M10	**Central systems ready for migrating MPANs (M10)**	**24/09/2025**
M13	Load Shaping Service switched on (M13)	24/09/2025
M12	Start of 1 year migration for Smart/Non-smart (M12)	22/10/2025
M11	Start of 1 year migration for UMS/Advanced (M11)	22/10/2025
M14	All suppliers must be able to accept MPANs under the new TOM (one way gate) (M14)	28/10/2026
M15	Full transition complete (M15)	07/05/2027

MHHS CODE DRAFTING UPDATE

- **MHHS Milestone M7 reached**
- Code changes approved by the Authority on 26 November 2024
  - REC - Ofgem decision notification on R0209
  - BSC - Ofgem decision notification on P478
  - DCUSA Ofgem decision notification on DCP445
- MHHS Programme website updated to provide approved legal text
- REC Wiki page for REC M8 Release in development for publishing asap

Thank you to Change Panel members for your support and your role in helping us reach this point

MHHS CODE DRAFTING NEXT STEPS

- Incremental Design changes not baselined (M6) in time for the above changes need to be correctly reflected and updated in the relevant Codes
    - Additional Code changes in Q2 2025 after Systems Integration Testing Cycle 3 has completed but before M8
    - Process to be reported to the Cross-Code Advisory Group
    - Code changes to be approved before and for implementation at M8

- Preparation for Urgent change to support issues around go-live
    - Approach being developed for coordination and governance across programme, code bodies and service providers
    - REC Responsible Committee approach required

REC M8 CHANGES PROPOSED APPROACH

- Types of change:
  - Design-led – critical/must-have
  - Critical for go-live, not in design artefacts
  - Other drafting issues/queries raised to Code Manager

- Proposed approach for REC changes
  - All to be considered
  - Raise a REC Code Issue now to progress and manage scope under one umbrella
  - Level of impact/importance to be determined under Issue
  - Decision on progression and implementation of each scope item to be informed by process and criticality status
  - Feed into, and define scope for, Change Proposal required in Q2

CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

CP	Title	Lead	Update
R0155	Change of Occupier: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales	James Hardy	The consultation for R0155 closed on 26 November 2024. and the Code Manager has received 20 responses. The Code Manager will now review these ahead of publishing the Change Report (Final Recommendation) on 10 December 2024. The consolidated responses document is c.140 pages. Therefore, to assist Panel Members, these have been shared without the Code Manager comments ahead of this meeting. The document will be shared with Panel Members again with the Code Manager comments included as soon as possible, but no later than alongside the Change Report on 10 December 2024.
I0168	Strengthen & Clarify CRS Provider Requirements	James Hardy	Issue I0168, that is in response to the July 2023 P1 Switching Incident, will become R0168 on Thursday 05 December 2024. The Change Report (for consultation) will be published on the same day for decision via a REC Change Panel ex-committee decision. The Change Report was unable to be published prior to the 03 December Change Panel meeting due to an ongoing review of the legal text. An ex-committee decision will allow the Code Manager to proceed with consultation before Christmas and allow a timetable that would target a February 2025 implementation, rather than a delay until June 2025. The Code Manager believes this is the appropriate course of action considering the level of Consumer detriment regarding Major Switching Incidents and promised in the previous Proposal Plan to proceed with this Issue/Change as quickly as possible.

DECISIONS

Responsible Committee	Date	Decisions
Authority	26/11/2024	R0209 – Approved by the Authority on 26 November 2024 and will be implemented on the date that is the same as MHHS Milestone M8. Following Ofgem's decision to approve the Programme change request CR-055, that date is now targeting September 2025.
Technical Expert Panel	27/11/2024	R0193 – Approved by TEP for implementation on 27 June 2025
Performance Assurance Board	26/11/2024	R0210 – Approved by PAB for implementation on 28 February 2025

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