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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_24_1203**
DATE	**3 December 2024, 13:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LB	Committee Chair
Ben Atkinson	Domestic Suppliers	BA	Committee Member
Dan Tarasco-Fittock	Non-Domestic Suppliers	DTF	Committee Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Networks	AC	Committee Member
Dave Brown	MEMs	DB	Alternate Member
Paul Gath	Independent SME	PG	Committee Member
Sebastian Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Committee Member
Lynne Fallon	Independent SME	LF	Committee Member
Cristina Ullastre	Ofgem	CU	Committee Member
Nadia Hall	Ofgem	NH	Subject Matter Expert
Lorna Mallon	Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Paul Witton-Dauris	Code Manager	PWD	Head of Change
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Analyst
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	Change Analyst
Caroline Milner	Code Manager	CM	Technical Analyst
Sophia Master	Code Manager	SM	Observer
Rebecca Sawyer	Code Manager	RS	Alternate Secretary

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP). HL advised that apologies had been received from Bradley Mercer (Secretary) and Dave Wright (Committee Member), David Brown attended as his alternate.

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting; no additional items of business were raised. HL advised that there were currently no open actions on the Actions Log.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 November 2024. The approved minutes will be published as 'final' and made available via the Portal no later than 04 December 2024.

4 R0208 – ADDING THE DIP RULES TO THE CCSG TOR

CF provided Members with an overview of the Final Recommendation Change Report for R0208.

CF informed Members that the change proposal sought to update the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) Terms of Reference (ToR), to reflect the role of the Data Integration Platform (DIP) Manager introduced as part of the Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme. CF noted that the consultation was circulated in October 2024 and the responses acknowledged a positive case for change and were in agreement with the proposed implementation date of the 28 February 2025. CT confirmed that there have been no costs or impacts associated with the 'big bang' approach to implement the change.

RECCP Members were informed that the Code Managers recommendation was to approve R0208 for implementation on 28 February 2025.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed change solution.
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach.
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 28 February 2025.

5 R0137/A – INTRODUCING TPI ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION

CF provided RECCP Members with an overview of the Authority Determined Final Recommendation Change Report for R0137/A.

CF informed the Members that the Code Manager presented the Change in October 2024 before opening the consultation with a minded to position to recommend approval of R0137A and reject R0137.

The solution for R0137 had multiple accreditation routes via Industry Recognised Accreditation Bodies and the solution for R0137A had only one route to accreditation via the REC Services

Accreditation Scheme. The consultation ran for three weeks throughout October and November, with a total of 21 responses received from Citizens Advice, a trade association, 11 energy suppliers and eight Third-Party Intermediaries (TPIs). Seven of the responses were submitted confidentiality and one anonymously. The Panel has access to review these responses.

CF noted that no respondents preferred R0137 over R0137A, however responses were split between a preference for R0137A or recommending that both solutions were rejected. Other respondents supported R0137A with a caveat that no decision should be made until the results of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) Consultation are known and felt that the implementation date of April 2025 was too soon. The Code Manager does not expect a decision from Ofgem before the DESNZ consultation results are published and therefore a dependency has been added that the Authority Determination is needed by 14 March for a 01 April implementation, otherwise the change will move to the next appropriate REC release. Many respondents agreed with the Code Manager assessment but indicated that direct regulation would have a stronger cost benefits case.

Comments received on the legal text were broadly in favour of the reduced Performance Assurance requirements and minor changes have been made to the Charging Methodology and Statement to clarify that the costs for the REC Services Accreditation Scheme will be borne by TPIs. TPIs have provided feedback that that they are not satisfied that the costs associated with the scheme were estimated rather than actual, CF explained that no final costs will be available until RECCo has completed procurement activity.

CF noted that RECCo will undertake a thorough review of the Code of Practice and feed in all comments received at Party Impact Assessment and consultation. RECCo also confirmed that it will publicise a date where if a TPI has requested to join the REC Services Accreditation Scheme their application will be published, to prevent a last-minute rush of applications towards the end of the six-month window.

CF advised that the following documents had been updated after the consultation:

- the Charging Methodology and Statement
- the definition of TPI in Schedule 1
- PARC – removal of TPI name
- The new TPI Schedule

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval of R0137A.
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend rejection of R0137
- **AGREED** unanimously to recommend approval the proposed implementation approach.
- **AGREED** unanimously to 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.

6 R0173 – IMPROVEMENTS TO TDIS

FM provided RECCP Members with an overview of the Authority Determined Final Recommendation Change Report for R0173.

The Change proposed that Confirmed Energy Thefts are incentivised within the Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (TDIS) and introduces Energy Theft Desktop and Site Visit Investigations. Energy Theft Desktop Investigations will only result in an incentive payment where it relates to an Energy Theft Tip Off Service (ETTOS) lead. FM informed the Members that six responses were received, some respondents commented on the Design of the Scheme and perceived lack of availability on cross code investigation, which are out of scope for the Change.

RECCP Members were informed that the Code Managers recommendation was to approve R0173 for implementation on 01 April 2024.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed change solution.
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach.
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 01 April 2024.

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

HT provided the RECCP Members with the Proposal Plan for I0194. The Change is proposed to prevent an Electricity Supplier, with an approved Qualification exemption in place for Smart and/or Unmetered Supplies Market Segments, from registering MHHS Metering Points other than those that they are qualified in. HT noted that the exemption is currently being processed in the Smart Energy Code, and a parallel Change needs to be applied to the REC also.

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

HT noted that the change was proposed in Central Switching Service (CSS) to restrict switching, and this proposal will help to resolve a technical issue. HT added that because the change will impact Electricity, CSS providers and Electricity Retail Data, Services (ERDS) the development work has already commenced. There will be reporting and monitoring that will be provided, as part of the Business Case, which will also review impacts on the REC Performance Assurance Framework.

HT advised that the Code Manager recommend that the REC Technical Expert Panel (RECTEP) would be the Responsible Committee for the Change and if the solution evolves from a technical solution, the responsibility will move to the REC Performance Assurance Board (RECPAB).

The Code Manager is currently working on solution development with Service providers with the definition phase expected to close in early 2025. HT confirmed that Elexon stakeholders will be fully engaged throughout the process.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Proposal Plan for I0194.

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

CF provided the RECCP Members with the proposed legal text which has been updated 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 (GT);
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Distribution Network Operators (DNO);
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Operator Agents (MOA); and
- One member nominated by REC Parties who are Meter Asset Managers (MAM).

The legal text Changes will ensure that there is not a scenario where there is no DNO or MOA representation on the RECMEP. CF noted that the proposed change aligns the MEP more closely with the Change Panel membership. The new section 5.9 with the membership recommendations will remain the same but more clearly references how the DNO and MOA representatives will be appointed. CF confirmed that an updated document will be submitted following approval of the Change and informed RECCP that the changes would be issued for a 10 Working Day consultation following approval.

RECCP Members noted the proposed changes and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed changes to the REC Metering Expert Panel Terms of Reference.

9 MHHS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – CR-055

HT provided RECCP Members with an overview of the MHHS Implementation plan for CR-055 (Slides 8-12). Members noted the presentation and did not raise any comments.

10 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

10.1 R0155 – CHANGE OF OCCUPIER: EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS AND TIMESCALES

JH informed Members that the consultation for R0155 closed on 26 November 2024, and the Code Manager has received 20 responses. JH advised that the Code Manager would review these ahead of publishing the Change Report (Final Recommendation) on 10 December 2024.

JH advised that the consolidated responses document was around 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.

10.2 I0168 – STRENGTHEN & CLARIFY CRS PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

JH advised that Issue I0168, that is in response to the July 2023 P1 Switching Incident, would 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.

JH advised that the Change Report was unable to be published prior to the 03 December 2024 Change Panel meeting due to an ongoing review of the legal text. An ex-committee decision would 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.

11 AOB

There was no further business and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next meeting date: 17 December 2024