RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_0317**
DATE	**17 March 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LBi	Chair
Ben Atkinson	Domestic Suppliers	BA	Voting Member
Alex Travell	Electricity Network Operators	AT	Voting Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Transporters	AC	Voting Member
Martin Brailsford	Metering Equipment Managers	MB	Voting Member
Sebastian Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Voting Member
Sarah Jones	Independent SME	SJ	Voting Member
Keith Foster	Independent SME	KF	Voting Member
Faye Brookes-Lewis	Consumers	FBL	Voting Member
Nadir Hafeez	Authority	NH	Authority Representative
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Delivery Manager
Lydia Bentley	Code Manager	LBe	Senior Change Lead
Florentina Monea	Code Manager	FM	Change Analyst
Mica Thomas	Code Manager	MT	Change Analyst
Ann Perry	Retail Energy Code Company	AP	Observer
George Hesmondhalgh	Code Manager	GH	Observer
Harry Firth	Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting; NH added item 8.1 – Authority Update and HF added item 8.2 – R0300 Ex-Committee Decision

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 03 March 2026. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 R0262 - ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION DATA (GAS) UNDER SMART ENERGY CODE

As the Lead Analyst for R0262, LBe provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

LBe reminded Members that R0262 was raised by a Gas Network Party who realised that their only explicit obligation under the Smart Energy Code (SEC) was submitting Additional Registration Data to the DCC on a monthly basis. The Proposer suggested that the regulatory and operational impacts of assession to the SEC are disproportionate to their level of obligation within the Code and R0262 looks to explore how this sole obligation can be transferred from the SEC to the REC. This would allow Gas Network Parties to consider applying for a derogation against their licence requirement to accede to the SEC.

LBe took Members through the revised Change Plan, advising that the Code Manager required more time than expected to determine how the Additional Registration Data is sent, noting the current high level of regulation in the SEC, and whether this will need to be replicated in the REC.

		Previous		Proposed	
Milestone	**Activity**	**From**	**To**	**From**	**To**
Definition		**21 Oct 25**	**16 Mar 26**	**21 Oct 25**	**04 May 26**
	Solution Development	October	January	October	April
	Legal Review	January	February	April	April
	Impact Assessment	February	March	April	May
Change Proposal		**17 Mar 26**	**20 Apr 26**	**05 May 26**	**15 Jun 26**
	Business Case Assessment	March	March	May	May
	Consultation	March	April	May	May/June
	Solution Refinement	April	April	June	June
	Final Determination	April	April	June	June
Voting		**21 Apr 26**	**21 Apr 26**	**16 Jun 26**	**16 Jun 26**
	Authority Determination	April	-	June	-

BA asked about the corresponding SEC Change. LBe confirmed that the corresponding change is MP301 - Review of Additional Registration Data (Gas Transporters). LBe added that they are the lead analyst for both R0262 and MP301 so were comfortable to take questions on either Change.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the revised Change Plan; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the revised Change Plan.

5 R0308 - UPDATE CCSG TORS TO INCLUDE CROSS-CODE PRIORITISATION AS PER CODE REFORM

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for R0308, HL provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

HL advised that in line with the Ofgem Code Reform, there is a need for standardisation of prioritisation across codes. This change is to update the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) Terms of Reference

(ToR) to include this information. HL added that failing to update the CCSG ToR could result in unintentional ambiguity.

HL took the Members through the proposed solution for R0308. They advised that there is a proposed new clause (4.4 a) in the ToR, stating “where reasonably practicable, all codes will use the same prioritisation for the Issue/Change/Modification as set by the lead code." HL advised that the solution had been changed since the publication of the Change Report to include “where reasonably practicable” following feedback received from RECCo and CCSG Members.

HL confirmed that R0308 will be a Self-Governance non-urgent Change Proposal, with the Change Panel assigned as the Responsible Committee. R0308 has been given a low priority status to reflect the impact solely on CCSG Members.

HL presented the case for change for R0308. The Code Manager advised that the proposed solution is both viable and implementable and resolve the problem statement, has no associated central system or Party costs, has minimal effort required for implementation, and supports the REC’s ability to operate consistently within the reformed code governance framework.

HL provided Members with an overview of the milestones within the Change Proposal Plan. They advised that given the simplicity of the Change Proposal and proposed solution, that the Code Manager plan to proceed straight to consultation. HL added that the consultation will be open from 20 March 2026 to 15 April 2026, with the aim to return to Change Panel on 05 May 2026.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**03 Mar-26**	**12 Mar-26**
	Solution Development	March	March
Change Proposal		**13 Mar-26**	**04 May-26**
	Business Case Assessment	March	March
	Consultation	March	April
	Solution Refinement	April	April
	Final Determination	May	May
Voting		**05 May-26**	**05 May-26**
	Appeal Window	05 May	19 May

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change Pathway;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change timetable for R0308; and
- **AGREED** unanimously the Change Report contains sufficient information to proceed to consultation.

6 R0310 - ADDITION OF VALUE 11 TO DATA ITEM J0418

As the Lead Analyst for R0310, FM provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

FM explained that Data Item J0418 is being used for D0268 to update the Meter Technical Details (MTDs) when there is a change in equipment, configuration or upon change of agent. The current valid set for Data Item J0418 is currently missing value 11. FM advised that the inexistence of this value does not allow the appointed agent to automatically process or upload the flows received to their systems due to validation errors.

FM confirmed that R0310 will be a Self-Governance, non-urgent Change Proposal, with the Technical Expert Panel assigned as the Responsible Committee. R0310 has been given a medium priority status, with impacts identified on Data Collectors, Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs) and Virtual Lead Parties.

FM provided Members with an overview of the milestones within the Change Proposal Plan. FM advised that due to the simplicity of the proposed solution and low scope of the Change, the Code Manager plan t proceed straight to consultation. They added that the Consultation would be open from 20 March 2026 to 14 April 2026, with the aim for the final vote to be taken at the Technical Expert Panel meeting on 29 April 2026.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**10 Mar-26**	**28 Apr-26**
	Business Case Assessment	March	March
	Consultation	March	April
	Solution Refinement	April	April
	Final Determination	April	April
Voting		**29 Apr-26**	**29 Apr-26**
	Appeal Window	30 April	15 May

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report and the proposed solution; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change Pathway; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change timetable for R0310.

7 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

HL provided Members with an update on the Change Tracker.

HL advised that three new submissions had been rejected by the Code Manager:

- **CRS SEC Review -** Issue raised by RECCo to look at a comprehensive review following the closure of the on-going project between RECCo and DCC. This has been rejected for now at the request of RECCo, with a view to potentially re-raise it in the future when there is greater clarity of what this review might entail
- **Cut Out glossary Inconsistency** - Issue raised by OVO regarding the DELTA 657 cut out appearing twice in the Cut Out Glossary. This has been rejected by the Code Manager as the Cut Out Glossary is not a Category 1 or 2 document (nor a Category 3 document) so this cannot be managed through the Change Process, but will take this to the Metering Expert Panel for further discussion.
- **B07 update required in STIRG Document** - Issue raised by OVO as the B07 section has not been updated to reflect the new C21 code that replaces a particular B07. This has been rejected by the Code Manager as the STIRG is a Category 3 document so it cannot be taken through the full Change Process, but this will be taken to the Metering Expert Panel for further discussion ahead of raising a potential Category 3 Change Proposal as the Responsible Owner of the document.

HL provided an overview of further updates:

- **I0265 - Theft Calculator Usage and Suitability Assessment** - A third Working Group session will take place on 25 March 2026 and will be a specific session for Industrial and Commercial (I&C) cases.
- **R0286 - Clarification on Detailed Impact Assessment Activities -** The consultation has now closed. The Code Manager is reviewing responses and will proceed appropriately.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 AUTHORITY UPDATE

NH provided Members with the following updates from the Authority:

On 6 March 2026, Ofgem published the Implementation of energy code reform: second decision. This decision sets out its approach to implementing the industry code governance reforms as set out in the Energy Act 2023. This document summarises respondents' views on the implementation of energy code reform: second consultation and sets out its decisions. It also consults on the proposed code text for the future code modification process and the Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF), which reflects the policy positions in this document. The response deadline was 17 April 2026.

Ofgem had also published an updated version of its guidance on code manager selection. This incorporates its decisions on the detailed approach for the implementation and assurance stage of the code manager selection process.

Ofgem had also issued a call for expressions of interest to join the code consolidation workgroup (CCW) for phase 2 alongside this decision document, which are planned to begin later this summer. Ofgem was seeking participation from any person who is interested in helping develop the modifications required to create a consolidated electricity commercial code or a consolidated gas network code. If you would like to express interest in participating in the CCW, email industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk by 17 April 2026.

NH provided an overview of imminent publications due from Ofgem:

Energy code reform: Government and Ofgem response to the consultation on code manager licence conditions and code modification appeals to the CMA – a joint-DESNZ-Ofgem publication that sets the regulatory foundations of the reform, including the new code manager licence conditions. Planned date: end of March 2026.

Energy code reform phase 1: transitional measures and consequential changes – establishing the transitional measures required to ensure a smooth move to the new model and day-one readiness, seeking stakeholder views on the required code changes. Planned date: end of March 2026.

Consultation on the second preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS). In April Ofgem will consult on its second Strategic Direction Statement (SDS), setting a clear and ambitious direction for industry on how codes must evolve to deliver strategic priorities for consumers and support the transition to net zero in the years ahead. Planned date: end of April 2026.

8.2 I0297 AND R0300 EX-COMMITTEE DECISIONS

HF advised Members that the Code Manager had published ex-committee requests for the proposed Replans of I0297 - Meter Manufacturers Make and Type not Populated in SMRS and R0300 – Amendments to D0312 to align with BSC CP1622 on 17 March 2026. They asked all Members to review the papers and provide a vote in the collaboration space by 17:00 on 24 March 2026.

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