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REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECMEP_26_0211**
DATE	**11 February 2026, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Steve Brand	Code Manager	SB	Committee Chair
Martin Brailsford	Electricity MEM Representative	MB	Committee Member
Dean Berry	Gas MEM Representative	DB	Committee Member
Steve Mulinganie	Supplier Representative	SM	Committee Member
Richard Hill	Supplier Representative	RH	Committee Member
Warren Lacey	Electricity Network Operator Representative	WL	Committee Member
Stephen Thun	Gas Network Operator Representative	ST	Committee Member
Rebecca Griffiths	Retail Energy Code Company	RG	Metering Service Delivery Manager
Jemma Johnson	Retail Energy Code Company	JJ	Market Design Specialist
Scott McPhilimy	Ofgem Representative	SMc	Observer
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Delivery and Release Manager
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	Senior Change Analyst
Glenn Sheern	Code Manager	GS	Head of Regulatory Specialists
Paul Rocke	Code Manager	PR	Secretariat
Edma Hyskaj	Code Manager	EH	Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Metering Expert Panel (RECMEP) meeting, specifically introducing new Gas Network Operator representative Steve Thun, new Ofgem representative Scott McPhilimy, and new Secretariat Edma Hyskaj.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECMEP Members were invited to provide comments on the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2026. The Draft Minutes were approved by the Members.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION LOG

The Code Manager updated Members that there were currently two outstanding actions on the actions log; following consideration, both actions were agreed to have been closed.

> **RECMEP_25_0813_02** - RECMEP Members are to review the Service Termination Issue Reporting Guidance (STIRG) document and provide clear instructions for formatting corrections. REC Change Team will assist with implementation ahead of 27 February 2026 release.

This action was discussed further under agenda item 5.

> **RECMEP_26_0114_01** – GS to confirm to MEP Members the version number for the STIRG update expected for implementation on 27 February 2026.

It was expected that the version number for the updated STIRG would be V4.3 presuming no additional changes are made ahead of the release date.

RECMEP **NOTED** the updates.

4. R0270 – CLARIFICATION OF SIP QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (FINAL VOTE)

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on R0270 - Clarification of SIP Qualification Requirements (Final Vote). Members were asked to determine whether the solution for R0270 should be implemented, under the self-governance path and in line with the Code Manager recommendation.

CF presented final legal text which would allow Electricity Meter Operatives (EMOs) to Qualify as Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) by amending REC Schedules 1, 14, and 15.

CF summarised that the consultation for R0270 had returned one supportive response from an Energy Supplier. No costs had been identified, while benefits included removing barriers to entry and restoring original policy intent.

CF noted that it was expected a Change Proposal would also be raised within the Distribution Connection Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) to align its definition of SIP. DCUSA intended this change to be implemented in either a February 2026 Housekeeping change or as part of the June 2026 release, but confirmed they had no concerns with a temporary period of misalignment if REC implemented in February 2026 and DCUSA in June 2026.

WL raised a concern about whether it was appropriate for REC to implement before DCUSA, or if REC should wait for the DCUSA change. CF reiterated that DCUSA were happy for REC to

implement before DCUSA and that they had been aware of this Change Proposal since September 2025 but had not yet raised anything. CF also confirmed this had happened with previous Change Proposals, with DCP451 being implemented in June 2025 which was tied to R0248 which was not implemented until November 2025. RG added there was a need to for this Change Proposal to be implemented urgently, to reflect the original policy intent regarding SIPs. WL confirmed he was happy to proceed as there was precedent.

RECMEP Members **NOTED** the update and:

- unanimously **APPROVED** the proposed solution.
- unanimously **APPROVED** the proposed implementation date of 27 February 2026.
- unanimously **APPROVED** the proposed implementation approach of big bang.

5. REVIEW OF SERVICE TERMINATION ISSUE REPORTING GUIDANCE (STIRG)

HL provided RECMEP Members with an update regarding the review of the STIRG document, which was due to be updated via a Category 3 Change on 27 February 2026.

At previous meetings of RECMEP, Members had identified areas where formatting of the document could be improved. HL had incorporated such amendments into a clean version of the STIRG in preparation for its release and invited any final comments from Members.

During the review, HL had identified that a link to a "Customer Facing Issues Guide" returned a broken page on the Energy UK website and proposed that the link would be removed in the absence of a working link. Members considered that the resource was not frequently referenced.

WL flagged an error regarding the diagram of equipment responsibility and offered a corrected version. JJ confirmed the fix does not change responsibilities, only corrects the drawing. WL shared a corrected version of the diagram, which Members unanimously agreed should be incorporated into to the updated version of the document.

In order to gather any final proposed formatting amendments prior to implementation, the Code Manager agreed to circulate the updated STIRG document via the MEP Collaboration Space on the REC Portal, with Member comments to be submitted no later than 23 February 2026

Finally, it was noted that a full review of the material content of the STIRG should be considered in the near future, in order to ensure that the document remained accurate.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

ACTION: RECMEP_26_0211_01 – Code Manager to circulate the clean version of the STIRG for final comments on formatting ahead of implementation, with comments to be returned via the MEP Collaboration Space before 23 February 2026.

6. MONTHLY CHANGE TRACKER

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the six items on the change tracker that impacted the MEP.

- I0197 - Introducing a Process to Provide Updates During Fault Resolutions — legal drafting had been completed and submitted for legal review; with timelines for Party Impact Assessment (PIA) to follow.
- R0216 – REC Changes to tie in with DCP419 — the Authority had rejected the change, aligned with the Code Manager/MEP recommendation.
- I0252 – Increasing frequency of Annual portfolio reconciliation exercise to support Data Cleanse — a Service Provider Impact Assessment (SPIA) and PIA would be carried out on the week commencing 09 February 2026; the change would return to RECMEP in April 2026 before consultation.
- I0282 – Return of Legacy Meters — RECMEP had been confirmed as the Responsible Committee, and early engagement with trade associations was underway.
- I0284 – Updates to Schedule 14 Measurement Transformers Commissioning Timescales — the PIA had opened and would close on 06 March 2026.
- I0306 – Rec Change to Align with DCP467 Asset Condition Reporting — the PIA had opened and would close on 27 February 2026.

In response to feedback from WL on stock answers in consolidated responses, HL noted she would review responses to ensure consultation questions are answered directly and would review the cited example offline.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

7. QUARTERLY ISSUES UPDATE

RECMEP Members were provided with an overview of the REC quarterly issues and changes pipeline status. The pipeline status presented proposals at different stages.

RECMEP **NOTED** the overview.

8. METERING HUB AND BULLETINS

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the Metering Hub and Bulletins, including updates on the ongoing review of legacy technical and safety bulletins.

SB informed members that the Energy Networks Association (ENA) had reviewed the current DNO bulletins in the metering hub and identified four DNO bulletins that could be moved to the archive folder. MB was confirming the status of three further MEM bulletins.

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RG noted that a process issue had been identified delaying the receipt of bulletins from one DNO. RG and GS agreed to clearly document the bulletin submission process and share with RECMEP Members ahead of publication.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

ACTION: RECMEP_26_0211_02 – RECCo (RG) and Code Manager (GS) to prepare a draft of the safety bulletin submission, review and publication process, and share with RECMEP Members for comments ahead of publication.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Data Error Resolution Management Process

RG informed Members about the new central data error resolution log and process and advised of a webinar on the topic scheduled for 25 February 2026. The recording would be shared, and the REC Weekly Bulletin would provide notification to Members once published.

REC Digital Service Provider

PR requested two RECMEP Member volunteers for the user groups supporting the creation of the new REC Portal. WL and SM volunteered to support the process providing insights from contrasting digital perspectives.

Forthcoming Operational Metering Forums

RECMEP Members were informed of planned presentations, like the Market-wide Half-Hour Settlement (MHHS) update, at upcoming meetings of the Electricity and Gas Operational Metering Forums and encouraged attendance.

Next meeting date: 11 March 2026

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