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REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECMEP_24_0710**
DATE	**10 July 2024, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Steve Brand	Code Manager	SB	Committee Chair
Steve Mulinganie	Suppliers	SM	Committee Member
Sarah Hayes	Suppliers	SH	Committee Member
Paul Abreu	Network Operators	PA	Committee Member
Geoff Huckerby	MEMs	GH	Committee Member
Eric Fowler	MEMs	EF	Committee Member
Lee Walker	BSC	LW	Observer
Shaun McRaith	Ofgem	SMR	Observer
Holly Law	Code Manager	HL	Change Analyst
Lydia Bentley	Code Manager	LB	Change Analyst
Bradley Mercer	Code Manager	BM	Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Metering Expert Panel (RECMEP) meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECMEP Members were invited to provide comments on the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024. BM advised that an item of AOB had been added to the minutes since publication following a comment from PA. RECMEP Members confirmed they were comfortable with the amendment and approved the minutes as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION LOG

BM provided Members with an overview of the below actions on the Actions Log:

RECMEP_24_0612_01: Code Manager to feedback RECMEP Members suggestion to include R or T in the duplicate Meter Codes.

BM informed Members that the raising party had agreed to the suggestions put forward by RECMEP Members and the updated version of the submission had been approved by RECMEP Members ex-committee on 21 June 2024 **– Closed.**

RECMEP_24_0612_02: Code Manager to investigate the out-of-date MEM certificate dates on the REC Portal.

BM informed Members that the Performance Assurance team had advised that any party on the Portal was qualified to conduct work as a MEM regardless of the date listed for their expiry date and the expiry dates would be updated as and when audits were completed.

PA advised that he was not comfortable with this response and reiterated the importance of accurate certification for DNOs. PA advised that if the information on the table was not correct the DNOs would struggle to verify the MEMs working on their Networks.

GH echoed PAs points and stressed the importance of having accurate information available to parties on the Portal. GH advised that the certificate dates needed to be up to date on the Portal or the process of why certificates expired needed to be investigated. GH advised that his view was that the RECMEP should escalate the issue by writing to the Performance Assurance Team or the RECPAB.

SM advised that perhaps the text used within the spreadsheet should be looked at and could highlight when a party was in Audit rather than just an expiry date. SM advised that the information currently on the Portal implied that some MEMs did not have the relevant qualification to be working on networks and that it was not good governance to leave incorrect information on the Portal.

The Chair advised that he would be happy to sign a letter from the RECMEP as a committee to escalate the matter. BM agreed to investigate the best route of escalation **– Closed.**

ACTION: RECMEP_24_0710_01: Code Manager to investigate the most appropriate route for escalation on the MEM certification issue.

4. UPDATE ON R0181 – SCHEDULE 14 METERING OPERATIONS FOOTNOTE REVIEW

HL advised Members that the Code Manager had provided Members with an update on R0181 under the Change Tracker at the June 2024 meeting. HL advised that the change was seeking to make amendments to the footnotes within Schedule 14 - *Meter Operations*. HL confirmed that the Final Change Report would be published on the Portal on 11 July 2024 ahead of an ex-committee decision by RECMEP on 19 July 2024.

HL provided Members with an overview of the change highlighting that multiple changes had been made to Schedule 14 since its implementation and as a result some of the footnotes in the document had been deleted or duplicated throughout. HL advised that this made the document difficult to read.

HL confirmed that R0181 was seeking to tidy up the footnotes within the document to improve its readability. HL advised that a legal review had been conducted on the document and the lawyers had suggested the correct ordering of the footnotes.

HL advised that three responses had been received so far on the consultation, all of which had been in support of the change. HL advised that the Final Change Report and a summary of consultation responses would be shared with RECMEP Members on 11 July 2024 ahead of an ex-committee decision required by 19 July 2024. BM provided an overview of how Members were able to submit a vote on the change using the Portal.

5. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKER

5.1 R0105 - REVIEW OF ONAGE SLAS

LB advised that following extensive discussion between the, RECMEP, industry experts, Code Manager Subject Matter Experts, and Legal Counsel the Code Manager had taken the decision to consider rejection of this Change.

LB confirmed that it was highly likely that the regulatory and operational complexity of reducing the ONAGE SLA was not likely to be proportionate to the anticipated benefits. LB highlighted that the Code Manager was currently conducting a Party Impact Assessment to understand how REC Parties view this minded to position, and to take feedback from the market and the IA would close on 26 July 2024. SM thanked the Code Manager for its work on the change and advised that it was a good example of the benefits of up front engagement with industry.

6. AOB

RECMEP Members were invited to provide AOB:

6.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

BM thanked Members for submitting their Nomination Forms and advised that the election process for seats where more than one Nomination was received would be commencing on 16 July 2024.