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# REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
# MEETING MINUTES

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| **MEETING** | **RECMEP_24_0911** |
| **DATE** | **11 September 2024, 10:00** |
| **LOCATION** | **By teleconference** |

| Attendee | Representing | Initials | Role |
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| Steve Brand | Code Manager | SB | Committee Chair |
| Steve Mulinganie | Suppliers | SM | Committee Member |
| Paul Abreu | Network Operators | PA | Committee Member |
| Tracey Saunders | Network Operators | TS | Committee Member |
| Geoff Huckerby | MEMs | GH | Committee Member |
| Rebecca Griffiths | Retail Energy Code Company | RG | Subject Matter Expert |
| Glenn Sheern | Code Manager | GH | Subject Matter Expert |
| Daniel Rogers (Part Meeting) | Code Manager | DR | Subject Matter Expert |
| Lydia Bentley | Code Manager | LB | Change Analyst |
| Harriet Truss | Code Manager | HT | Change Analyst |
| April Harbour | Code Manager | AH | Change Analyst |
| Lee Walker | BSC | LW | Observer |
| Shaun McRaith | Ofgem | SMR | Observer |
| Shelley Rouse | Code Manager | SR | Observer |
| Carl Dennis | Code Manager | CD | Observer |
| Holly Graves | Code Manager | HG | Observer |
| 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 14 August 2024. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved 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_0710_01: Code Manager to seek a resolution for the MEM Certificate expiry date issue.**

DR provided Members with an overview of the current process around the certificate expiry dates and the changes which were being considered by the Code Manager and RECCo. DR confirmed that currently when a certificate was issued the expiry date was based on when the previous audit was completed. DR advised that the Scheme Auditor has a target to complete the renewal audit a month either side of when the audit was due. DR advised that this process was defined within Schedule 15.

DR advised that the expiry dates had been displayed on the REC Party Register, however had been removed by the Code Manager to avoid confusion as it gave the impression that some parties were no longer qualified.

DR advised that following feedback from the RECMEP at the previous meeting the Code Manager was considering how the expiry date could be added back to the register. DR suggested that the target audit date could be added as well as a status column showing whether a party was qualified.

SM advised that the date of the next audit would not be of interest to the majority of parties highlighting that the key information would be whether the party was qualified or not. GH agreed with SM advising that it was binary and that a party was either qualified or they were not. PA agreed with the status approach highlighting that it was important for Distribution Network Operators (DNO) to know whether a Meter Equipment Manager (MEM) was qualified to work on their network.

DR took the steer from the RECMEP and agreed to investigate adding a status column to the party register. DR advised that the Code Manager would also consider a change to the cover page of the register to add context to the data.

TS advised that it would be helpful to understand when the register had last been reviewed and updated. DR advised that the register was updated weekly and that the last update date was available on the register and agreed to investigate adding a last reviewed date. DR advised that updates would be provided to RECMEP on the progression of the solution at the next meeting.

## 4. METER PRODUCT UPDATE

AH provided Members with an overview of the request to remove two existing converter products from the Meter Product Data. AH confirmed that the request had passed Code Manager validation. SM advised that he had reviewed the proposal and had not identified any issues.

RECMEP Members noted the request and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the removal of the two existing converter products.

AH advised that a request had been made at the previous meeting to investigate the appetite to standardise Meter nameplates and use the move to Hydrogen as an opportunity to implement. AH advised that an item was on the Gas Operational Metering Forum (G-OMF) for discussion.

## 5. R0105 – REVIEW OF ONAGE SLAS

As the Lead Analyst for R0105, LB provided Members with an overview of the Final Recommendation Change Report.

LB informed Members that Schedule 14 – Metering Operations set a Service Level Agreement (SLA) of 2WDs for Metering Equipment Managers (MEMs) to respond to the ONAGE Market Message. LB advised that the Market Message was sent from the Supplier to request de-appointment. LB advised that the change was seeking to reduce the SLA to 1WD in light of Faster Switching.

LB provided Members with an overview of the work that the Code Manager had completed assessing the impacts of the change and advised that it was believed that the reduction would have a negative impact on smaller MEM parties. LB advised that the Code Manager did not believe that there was a case for change and this view was supported by RECEMEP Members in their role as a critical friend and the three respondents to the Consultation.

LB confirmed that the Code Manager recommendation was to reject the proposed change solution. SM thanked the Code Manager for the assessment of the solution and advised that in his view the correct recommendation had been made considering the evidence.

The Chair advised Members that they would be voting to accept or reject the proposed solution for R0105. RECMEP Members noted the Final Recommendation Change Report and:

- Unanimously **REJECTED** the proposed solution for R0105 – *Review of ONAGE SLA*.

## 6. UPDATES TO GUIDANCE ON ELECTRICITY METERING POINTS

HT provided Members with an overview of the updates to the Guidance on Electricity Metering Points Category 3 document. HT highlighted that two separate sets of changes, one to make the document ready for Market Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) go-live and a second set of housekeeping updates to the document.

HT confirmed that subject to approval the changes the housekeeping updates would be made as soon as possible and the MHHS updates would go live at MHHS Milestone 8.

There were no comments from Members. The Chair informed Members that they would be voting to accept or reject the proposed updates. RECMEP Members noted the updates and:

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed housekeeping updates to the 'Guidance on Electricity Metering Points' document for implementation through a Category 3 Change Proposal at the earliest opportunity.
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed new Category 3 document the 'Guidance on Electricity Metering Points – MHHS' for implementation via a Category 3 Change Proposal at MHHS Programme Milestone M8 'Code changes delivered'.

## 7. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKER

### 7.1 R0152 - REVISION TO THE CONSOLIDATED METERING CODE OF PRACTICE (COMCOP)

HT informed Members that the workgroups had concluded, and the legal text of the solution was expected shortly. HT advised that once approved, the Code Manager would be moving onto Service Provider Impact Assessment with the Metering Scheme Auditor (Wilcock) and Party Impact Assessment. HT advised that the Code Manager was expecting to run the Party Impact Assessment for longer than the standard 3 weeks due to the volume of changes.

### 7.2 I0184 - GAS METER TYPE CODE - THERMAL MASS MEASUREMENT

HT advised that this Issue was looking to add a new enumeration to the Gas Meter Type Code Data Item. This enumeration will capture Metering Assets of the "Thermal Mass Measurement" type. The Code Manager is currently consulting with various experts and the proposer on the role of these meters within the industry currently in order to determine the need for a designated Meter Type Code enumeration.

### I0198 - GAS MEMS MOVE TOWARDS A SINGLE INTERFACE FOR KEY MARKET MESSAGES

This Issue has been raised to explore the possibility of reducing the permissible communication methods for MAMs from three to one. Currently, MAMs may communicate certain Market Messages via the DTN, the IX, and email. This Issue is exploring how this might be reduced to IX communication only, in order to simplify the messaging process and allow for better insight into MAM messaging operations.

This Issue is currently in initial discussion phase, and the Code Manager is exploring solution options and the viability of such a reduction in messaging options.

## 8. AOB

RECMEP Members were invited to provide AOB, there was no AOB, and the meeting was closed.