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# REC METERING EXPERT PANEL
# MEETING MINUTES

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| **MEETING** | **RECMEP_25_1008** |
| **DATE** | **08 October 2025, 10:00** |
| **LOCATION** | **By teleconference** |

| Attendee | Representing | Initials | Role |
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| Glenn Sheern | Code Manager | GS | Committee Alternate Chair |
| Martin Brailsford | Meter Equipment Managers (Electricity) Representative | MB | Committee Member |
| Steve Mulinganie | Energy Suppliers Representative | SM | Committee Member |
| Dean Berry | Meter Equipment Managers (Gas) Representative | DB | Committee Member |
| Mel Swift | Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) Representative | MS | Committee Member Alternate |
| Maitri Perera | Code Manager | MP | Senior Technical Services Consultant |
| April Harbour | Code Manager | AH | Senior Technical Services Consultant |
| James Hardy | Code Manager | JH | Senior Change Analyst |
| Bela Ashworth | Code Manager | BA | Change Analyst |
| Francine Peyroux-Sissoko | Code Manager | FPS | Change Analyst |
| Carl Dennis | Code Manager | CD | Operational Account Manager |
| Brogan McNess | Code Manager | BMc | Secretariat |
| Lee Walker | Elexon | LW | Observer |
| Shaun McRaith | Ofgem | SMc | Observer |

## 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 10 October 2025. The Draft Minutes were approved by the Members.

## 3. REVIEW OF ACTION LOG

The Code Manager updated Members that there are currently two outstanding actions on the actions log at this time.

BM advised that the **RECMEP_25_0813_02** (*The MEP Members to review the STIRG document and provide clear instructions for formatting corrections. The REC Change Team to assist with implementation ahead of February 2026 release*) would be kept open until February 2026 to allow Members to review the STIRG document and request changes before the release.

RECMEP Members **NOTED** the update.

## 4. METER PRODUCT CHANGE

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on one Meter Product Change.

MP introduced MPD 2025/027, model code G4UNBV, confirming that no issues or comments had been raised during initial review. The product is ready for implementation, subject to approval.

AH noted that due to the absence of a core committee, formal approval could not be granted during the meeting. However, given the lack of urgency and the straightforward nature of the change, she proposed progressing the item via ex-committee approval to avoid unnecessary delay.

RECMEP Members **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to review and make a decision on approval of the change in the ex-committee.

## 5. METER CONFIGURATION TABLE

RECMEP Members were provided with an update regarding the Meter Configuration Tables.

AH outlined a query raised by ESG regarding the exclusion of Temperature Programme Reduction (TPR) values ranging from 1000 to 14151 from the Meter Configuration Tables. These values, associated with teleswitch functionality, were omitted due to the absence of corresponding clock interval data, which prevented them from being merged during table creation.

SM and MB expressed concerns about reopening frozen data sets, citing potential disruption to Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) programme commitments and regulatory expectations. The panel agreed that the issue, while operationally relevant, did not present material consumer impact and could be managed through existing workarounds.

AH confirmed that guidance would be updated, including a dedicated wiki page and formal communications to industry parties. SM recommended ensuring clear messaging to avoid confusion and reinforce the diminishing nature of the RTS-related issue.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## 6. I0278 - ESTABLISHING THE SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER (SIP) AS A STANDALONE REC METERING PARTY

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on I0278.

FS introduced the issue, explaining that SIPs were originally introduced via CPs R0021 and R0101 in June 2023. Currently, SIPs are required to hold MEMS accreditation, which has proven insufficient to meet market demand and ensure safety standards. The proposed solution includes creating a direct access pathway, streamlined accreditation, and clearer governance for SIPs.

FS confirmed that the issue has undergone initial assessment and will be presented to the Change Panel on 21 October 2025 to approve MAP as the responsible committee. RECMEP Members will be engaged further following that decision.

CD raised concerns regarding SIPs undertaking metering works without proper appointment by suppliers, citing a recent example. CD stressed the need for clearer code provisions to define SIP responsibilities and limitations.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## 7. INDUSTRY ISSUES AND CHANGE TRACKER

RECMEP Members were provided with an overview of the REC issues and changes including an update on two items within the change tracker that impacted the Panel.

JH confirmed that a draft guidance document had been created for 'I0240 – Data Alignment of Meter Information Through MHHS Migration', outlining five migration scenarios and providing instructions for REC parties handling MPANs during incomplete or failed metering jobs. Feedback from stakeholders has been incorporated, and a final version is expected to be published ahead of the November MHHS release.

RECMEP **NOTED** both the overview and the update.

## 8. METERING HUB UPDATE

RECMEP Members were provided with an update on the Metering Hub including the plans of a six monthly review of outdated bulletins.

Members were asked to encourage parties to complete the REC annual survey, which supports service improvement. The survey was launched on 1 October 2025 and is available via the REC website.

GS informed Members that the engagement levels remain consistent with previous months, though slightly below the peak seen earlier in the year. Members were reminded of the importance of maintaining active participation.

Following last month's discussion, GS reviewed the feasibility of issuing a separate bulletin for safety and technical updates. Due to low volume, it was agreed that updates would continue to be published via the standard REC bulletin.

Members were reminded that all REC Metering Parties are responsible for regularly checking the Metering Hub for new safety and technical updates, rather than relying solely on bulletin notifications.

GS proposed that RECMEP formally adopt a standing agenda item for safety and technical bulletins and continue to monitor engagement.

MB confirmed that AMO members fully support the safety bulletin initiative and actively disseminate updates to their members. MB also noted that AMO forums include agenda items for safety briefings and that members have been made aware of the annual survey.

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## 9. AOB

Measurement Quantity ID Data Item Issue
RECMEP Members were provided with an update on Measurement Quantity ID Data Item Issue.

AH explained that following the MHHS go-live and updates to the Energy Market Data Specification, the Measurement Quantity ID data item 'DI52' was linked to the existing DTN item J0103. However, only four enumerations were included in the Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC), which has created a constraint for parties attempting to send valid MTD flows containing other enumerations.

AH confirmed this has resulted in gatekeeper validation failures, particularly for parties using flow builder tools that rely on the DTC's valid set. ALH proposed a short-term resolution to include an additional enumeration "UN" (unassigned) to allow flows to pass validation until a formal change can be progressed. However, as the data item is BSC-owned, a formal change proposal cannot be approved until early 2026.

SM queried whether the issue was software-specific, and AH confirmed it was not—it affects all parties using validation based on the DTC.

AH committed to drafting a summary of the issue for SM to present at the MHHS meeting, to gather broader industry feedback ahead of the REC Issues Group (RIG) on Friday 10 October.

MB raised concerns about long-term data quality and the risk of misuse if generic values are introduced. AH acknowledged the point and confirmed

RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

Domestic Cutouts for Sale
RECMEP Members were provided with information regarding concerns about domestic cutouts and fuses being sold through retail outlets.

MS explained that while such equipment may have legitimate use in private networks, its availability to the general public poses significant safety risks. Reviews on retail websites indicated that domestic consumers were purchasing these items, raising concerns about unqualified individuals attempting service termination works.

ENA has initiated actions to escalate the issue to relevant enforcement bodies, including Trading Standards, and is engaging with manufacturers to review their supply chains. MS noted that some manufacturers are considering halting supply to intermediaries who resell to general retail outlets.

CD and MB supported the concern, highlighting the broader context of increasing energy-related crime and unsafe installations.

SM recommended raising the issue with Ofgem, noting its relevance to ongoing fraud awareness campaigns. MS agreed to take this forward with ENA colleagues and welcomed support from the Code Manager to reinforce messaging from REC.

The RECMEP **NOTED** the update.

## Next meeting date: 12 November 2025