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REC TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL (TEP)
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECTEP_24_0424**
DATE	**24 April 2024, 14:00**
LOCATION	**Microsoft Teams**

Attendees	Representing	Initials	Role
Mark Agnew	Domestic Suppliers	MA	Committee Member
Bryan Heap	Electricity Networks	BH	Committee Member
Jonathan Matthews	Non-Domestic Suppliers	JM	Committee Member
Tom Stuart	Gas Networks	TS	Committee Member
Neil Brinkley	Code Manager	NB	Committee Chairperson
Jack Taylor	Code Manager	JT	Committee Secretary
Caroline Freimuller	Code Manager	CF	Code Manager (RPS)
Elise Handy	Code Manager	EH	Code Manager (RPS)
Harriet Truss	Code Manager	HT	Code Manager (RPS)

1 ADMINISTRATION

The Chair welcomed attendees to the April 2024 Retail Energy Code (REC) Technical Expert Panel (TEP).

Review of Minutes

The Chair presented the draft minutes from the March 2024 TEP to the group. No comments or amendments were received during the meeting.

The group approved the minutes as final, with the Chair noting a final version will be circulated alongside the Headline Report.

Review of Actions

RECTEP_24_0228_01 - Chair to follow up with Xoserve to see how they are progressing with UK Link data load into the Data Specification.

- Members were informed by the chair that Xoserve have been engaged and will be providing an update on the UK Link data in due course. If there are any developments, they will be communicated at the May TEP.

For further information on the actions raised at TEP meetings, please refer to the Actions Log.

2 FUTURE CHANGES FOR TEP REVIEW

The Code Manager (CM) provided an overview of the Change Proposal (CP) Register to the group and noted minor updates on the following changes.

- **R0093[1] – Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes During MHHS Migration Period:** The TEP were advised that the appeal for R0093 – Uplift to CSS Maximum Demand Volumes During MHHS Migration Period that was received by Ofgem on 8 February 2024 was rejected. As such, the change was implemented on 28 March via extraordinary release. The CM directed committee members to the R0093 appeal page on the Ofgem website if they wished to gain further information.
- A discussion then took place among TEP members and the CM around the material basis for challenging R0093 and whether there were any learnings to be gained from the appeal. Both the CM and TEP committee members agreed that the basis for the appeal was not related to the change process itself, henceforth there was limited scope for lessons to be learnt from this appeal.

There were no further questions or comments from the TEP or the CM in relation to this change.

3 MHHS TECHNICAL CODE FREEZE UPDATE

PAPER REFERENCE: RECTEP_24_0424_03

The CM reviewed the MHHS Technical Code Freeze which has been in place from 6 December 2023. It was outlined that the overarching purpose of the change freeze was to protect the implementation of the MHHS programme. As such the CM reviewed 6 impacted CPs, R0037[2], R0079[3], R0095[4], R0122[5], R0161[6], R0162[7]. It was also noted that there will be a core system freeze which will include the Electricity Enquiries Service (EES), Central Switching Service (CSS), Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS) and Secure Data Exchange Service (SDES). The CM signposted that the system freeze will come into effect in November 2024.

A question was raised by a TEP member relating to R0095[4] and the current remit of REC obligations, and the wording of its technical solution. It was stated that currently the process for MPRS reinstating a disconnected MPAN exists in the REC and that there is a significant distinction between de-registered and disconnected MPANs. Committee members agreed that more clarity was needed in the wording of the change. The CM agreed to take this away to seek clarification.

4 FOR DECISION – R0121: SDEP REVIEW IMPROVEMENTS (1) – PROCESS TYPES

PAPER REFERENCE: RECTEP_24_0327_04

The CM provided an overview of the FCR for R0121[8] - SDEP Review Improvements (1) – Process.

The change will involve new processes being incorporated into SDEP including an allocation process. The change involves updating legal text to contain information about which process types should be used in which scenarios. As a point of interest, the CM updated the TEP that at the time of the Preliminary Change Report there was an error in the legal text relating to the process type reference ids. That error has since been corrected to reflect the true process type references – specifically: PT0012 and PT0033.

The CM informed the TEP that comments were received during the consultation around supporting training resources to facilitate the change, but there were no material alterations to the change itself. Further to this, there was agreement from responding parties that August is a sensible time frame for the change to be implemented.

Committee members were then asked if they had any questions. A query was raised relating to the list of new processes, and whether any of them were being re-named. The concern being that there would otherwise be multiple processes that cover the same topic which may cause

confusion among parties. The processes referenced were PT0045, PT0012. The CM responded that clarity would be sought from the Service Provider (SP).

There were no further comments and questions from TEP members and the CM relating to this change.

The Chair asked members if they had enough information to proceed. All TEP members confirmed that they did.

Voting Member	Representing	Role	Vote
Tom Stuart	Gas Networks	Committee Member	APPROVE
Bryan Heap	Electricity Networks	Committee Member	APPROVE
Jonathan Matthews	Non-Domestic Suppliers	Committee Member	APPROVE
Mark Agnew	Domestic Suppliers	Committee Member	APPROVE

OUTCOME: R0121 APPROVED for BIG BANG implementation on 23 August 2024.

There were no questions or comments raised by committee members.

5 FOR DECISION – R0048: DCC SERVICE ORGANISATION CONTROL 2 (SOC) ASSESSMENTS

PAPER REFERENCE: RECTEP_24_0424_05

The CM provided an overview of the PCR for R0048[9] - DCC Service Organisation Control 2 (SOC).

It was highlighted that the CP has been running alongside a derogation which in turn exempts the Data Communications Company (DCC), in its role of CSS Provider, from paragraph 11.3 of the CSS Service Definition. Furthermore, the CM presented that from a cost point of view there are no implementation or on-going costs associated with the CP, and that there is in fact potential for savings to be realised. However, the risks to the assurance of the CSS outweigh these potential savings. Thus, the CM brought into question how robust the case for change is. It is the recommendation of the CM to reject this change at the point of final decision.

Committee members were then asked if they had any questions which prompted a discussion around the risk regarding consumers personal data. It was the opinion of the majority of the TEP panel that the risk inherited by consumers as a result of this change would more than likely outweigh any cost savings. There were also questions raised about resource allocation to this change if the recommendation is to ultimately reject the change. The CM suggested that the change should still follow the outlined process and proceed to consultation so that industry participants can formalise responses and raise concerns as they arise. Further to this, a

member also posed a question as to whether the DCC had been engaged over the course of this change. To which the CM retorted that there had been engagement with DCC throughout the change process. The CM noted that they would raise the issue with DCC, and question whether the DCC wishes to continue with the CP.

There were no further comments and questions from TEP members and the CM relating to this change.

The Chair asked members if they had enough information to proceed. All TEP members confirmed that they did.

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Mark Agnew	Domestic Suppliers	Committee Member	APPROVE

OUTCOME: R0048 APPROVED to progress to CONSULTATION.

There were no questions or comments raised by committee members.

6 FOR DECISION – R0158: AMENDMENT TO THE 'SUPPLIER REGISTRATION REPORT (MAP)' REPORT METHODOLOGY

PAPER REFERENCE: RECTEP_24_0424_06

The CM provided an overview of the FCR for R0158[10] - Amendment to the 'Supplier Registration Report (MAP)' Report Methodology. It was noted that the change received one response during the consultation phase which was supportive.

There were no further comments and questions from TEP members and the CM relating to this change.

The Chair asked members if they had enough information to proceed. All TEP members confirmed that they did.

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Tom Stuart	Gas Networks	Committee Member	APPROVE
Bryan Heap	Electricity Networks	Committee Member	APPROVE
Jonathan Matthews	Non-Domestic Suppliers	Committee Member	APPROVE
Mark Agnew	Domestic Suppliers	Committee Member	APPROVE

OUTCOME: R0158 APPROVED for BIG BANG implementation on 28 June 2024.

There were no questions or comments raised by committee members.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

TEP Committee Members were asked if they had any items of AOB, to which no items were raised.

The Code Manager were also asked if they had any items of AOB, to which no items were raised.

8 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair thanked attendees for their contributions and brought the meeting to a close.

NEXT MEETING	29 May 2024

[1] R0093
[2] R0037
[3] R0079
[4] R0095
[5] R0122
[6] R0161
[7] R0162
[8] R0121
[9] R0048
[10] R0158