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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_1020**
DATE	**20 October 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Paul Rocke	Retail Energy Code Company	PR	Chair
Andy Clasper	Gas Transporters	AC	Voting Member
Martin Brailsford	Metering Equipment Managers	MB	Voting Member
Alex Travell	Distribution Network Operators	AT	Voting Member
Alice Williams	Consumers	AW	Voting Member
Sarah Jones	Independent SME	SJ	Voting Member
Seb Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Voting Member
Bela Ashworth	Code Manager	BA	Change Delivery Manager
Poppy Mullins	Code Manager	PM	Change Lead
Lorna Mallon	Code Manager	LM	Subject Matter Expert
Harriet Truss	Code Manager	HT	Subject Matter Expert
Himanshu Barot	Code Manager	HB	Observer
Nadir Hafeez	Ofgem	NH	Authority Representative
Shafi Choudhury	Ofgem	SC	Observer
Harry Firth	Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP). There were apologies received ahead of the meeting from Lindsay Biginton (RECCo), Komal Brown (ScottishPower), Keith Foster (RECCo) and Jess Collins (Citizens Advice). It was noted that PR would be acting as Chair for this meeting and AW would act as the Alternate Consumer Representative.

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting. NH added Item 9.2 – Authority Update.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 06 October 2026. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 R0321 - DNOS CREATE EXPORT MPANS AFTER APPROVING G98/99 COMMISSIONING DOCUMENTS

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for R0321, BA provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

BA explained that the responsibility for creating Import Metering Points for new premises currently sits with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO), whereas Export Metering Points are generally created following a request from the Electricity Supplier. This could result in a significant administrative burden for Electricity Suppliers, particularly for large new developments where tens of thousands of Export Metering Points may be required. Electricity Suppliers were currently required to submit individual requests, subject to a limit of 50 per day per DNO or use the bulk Export Metering Point creation process set out in section 7.5 of the Registered Metering Point (RMP) Lifecycle Schedule. The latter was subject to bilateral agreement between the Electricity Supplier and DNO and was therefore not operated consistently across all DNOs.

BA noted that the number of Export Metering Points required for new developments was expected to increase following the Government's announcement regarding the installation of solar panels and heat pumps in new homes in England. Under the Distribution Code, installers of generation equipment were required to obtain DNO approval once the equipment had been commissioned through the Engineering Recommendation G98 and G99 processes. The proposed solution would therefore place responsibility for creating the Export Metering Point on the DNO once it had approved the relevant G98 or G99 commissioning documentation. This would remove the requirement for the Electricity Supplier to make a separate request for creation of the Export Metering Point.

BA noted that the proposed solution would amend REC Schedule 27. Although large new developments represented the principal business case for the Change Proposal, the proposed obligation would not be limited to these sites. It would apply to all relevant G98 and G99 documentation approved following implementation of R0321, including individual sites, and would apply to both Domestic and Non-Domestic premises.

BA advised that the Party impact assessment had been conducted between 08 May and 01 June 2026 and had received seven responses from five DNOs and two Electricity Suppliers. During the assessment, a DNO had identified potential impacts on the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) and Distribution Code. The Code Manager had subsequently sought further information from the respondent, but no specific impacts had been identified. The proposal had also been discussed by the Cross-Code Steering Group, where no cross-code impacts had been raised, with an agreement to monitor R0321 going forward.

A DNO had also requested the introduction of an obligation to request a logical disconnection where a Metering Point was known to no longer be required. The Code Manager had concluded that this obligation would need to sit outside the REC, and it had therefore not been included within the legal drafting for R0321.

DNOs had additionally raised concerns regarding Export Metering Points that had already been created but had not subsequently been registered by an Electricity Supplier. The matter had been referred to the REC Performance Assurance team for investigation, noting that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) applied to the relevant obligation and could be subject to assurance. The legal drafting for R0321 had also been amended following the Party impact assessment with input from two DNO respondents.

BA advised that a consultation had subsequently been issued on 21 August 2026 and had received six responses from two Electricity Suppliers and four DNOs. Overall, respondents supported the Change Proposal and its implementation, with most agreeing that responsibility for creating the Export MPAN should sit with the DNO once the relevant G98 or G99 commissioning documentation had been approved. All consultation respondents supported a big bang implementation approach and the proposed implementation date of 25 June 2027.

One respondent did not support the proposal due to concerns that Export MPANs could be created where they were ultimately not required. There was nevertheless broad support for explicitly referencing the relevant G98 and G99 commissioning documentation as the trigger for creation of the Export MPAN. One respondent suggested that broader wording covering all relevant commissioning documentation requested by the DNO could instead be used.

Following consultation, an additional risk had been included within the Change Report concerning Export MPANs being created but not subsequently registered. BA advised that the Code Manager would monitor the number of MPANs created but not registered as part of the benefits realisation assessment for R0321. Should a substantial increase in this activity be identified following implementation, this could be considered through a future Issue.

BA confirmed that no central system or Party costs had been identified and considered that there was a positive case for change. The proposed solution was considered viable and implementable, with a proportionate implementation effort. The anticipated benefits included reducing the administrative burden on Electricity Suppliers, improving the efficiency of Export MPAN creation, supporting the Government's Net Zero objectives, enabling Export data to enter Settlement at an earlier stage, improving Settlement data and the Consumer experience, and allowing DNOs to group the creation of Export Metering Points for large developments where appropriate.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed solution;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 25 June 2027; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang

5 R0343 - MSC - AMENDING STATEMENT PRODUCTION TIMESCALES

As the Lead Analyst for R0343, BA provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

BA explained that Ofgem had consulted in April 2026 on the reintroduction of the Market Stabilisation Charge (MSC) licence condition. The MSC had previously been introduced during the gas crisis as a mechanism whereby an Energy Supplier gaining a customer in a sharply falling wholesale market could be required to make a payment to the Losing Supplier. This was intended to partially mitigate the costs associated with energy that the Losing Supplier had previously purchased and to maintain an incentive for Energy Suppliers to hedge responsibly, thereby reducing the risk of costs being socialised across Consumers.

The temporary licence condition had lapsed in 2024; however, the associated governance arrangements had been retained within REC Schedule 22. Following significant increases in wholesale gas and electricity prices from the end of February 2026, Ofgem had considered it prudent to retain the ability to reinstate the MSC scheme at pace if required, and following consultation, Ofgem had decided to reintroduce the MSC licence condition.

BA advised that RECCo is implementing the supporting solution in two phases. R0343 formed part of Phase 1 and was required to facilitate data collection and the tracking of Supplier liabilities, thereby

allowing the MSC scheme to commence before the full technical solution was available. Phase 2 would subsequently introduce the calculation and financial elements of the solution.

BA explained that the existing provisions within Schedule 22 required relevant statements to be provided to Energy Suppliers within 15 Working Days of the applicable MSC cycle. During the phased implementation of the solution, this period might not provide sufficient time to reconcile the data collected while the calculation functionality was being developed.

R0343 therefore proposed amending Schedule 22, Clause 5.1 to extend the timeframe for issuing statements from 15 Working Days to 40 Working Days. Further amendments would remove references to the previous iteration of the MSC scheme and introduce a new Clause 5.1A to formally extend the timescale to 40 Working Days for the first relevant statement.

BA noted that a related derogation request had been considered and approved by the PAB at its meeting on 29 September 2026. The derogation enabled RECCo to commence data collection activities from 01 October 2026, avoiding further delay to the overall delivery of the scheme. The derogation would remain in place until 40 Working Days following the conclusion of the first MSC cycle, which was currently estimated to conclude at the end of December 2026.

BA advised that no central system or Party costs had been identified in relation to the implementation of R0343. Two principal benefits had been identified: supporting delivery of the MSC scheme and indirectly supporting positive outcomes for Consumers and the efficient operation of the retail energy market.

BA advised that consultation on the proposed solution had been undertaken between 16 September and 07 October 2026. One response had been received from an Energy Supplier. The respondent supported the Change Proposal and proposed solution and raised no concerns regarding the longer lead time for issuing the first statement following any triggering of the MSC scheme by Ofgem. The respondent also supported the proposed big bang implementation approach and implementation date of 06 November 2026. No amendments to the proposed solution had therefore been made following consultation.

RECCP Members noted the contents of the Change Report; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed solution;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation date of 06 November 2026; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang

6 I0347 - REC CHANGE TO ALIGN WITH BSC IF-045 NOTIFICATION FOR IMPORT/EXPORT MPAN METER TYPE MISALIGNMENT

As the Lead Analyst for I0347, PM provided an overview of the Issue.

PM explained that I0347 addresses inconsistencies identified following MHHS migration, where DNOs found and removed Import/Export MPAN associations with mismatched metering characteristics, including cases where one MPAN was configured as Smart and the associated MPAN as Advanced. The BSC had raised CP1652 to introduce a new IF-045 scenario variant to help resolve these misalignments. The BSC solution relies on a corresponding REC requirement for the relevant Party to agree with the Electricity Supplier how the Import/Export MPAN Meter-type mismatch should be resolved.

The proposed solution would therefore be to amend Schedule 14 to introduce this obligation following receipt of an IF-045. The end-to-end solution remained under development with the BSC, with associated amendments to BSCP709 suggested to align the process with existing IF-045 scenario variants.

PM advised that this had been categorised as a non-urgent Self-Governance Change Proposal, with the Change Panel as the Responsible Committee. Impacted Parties include Electricity Consumers, and Meter Operator Agents (MOAs).

PM advised that the Code Manager, in line with the Proposer, believed I0347 should be assigned a Standard Prioritisation Category. The proposal was assessed by both the Proposer and Code Manager as being of weak alignment with the Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) compared to other Change Proposals, medium importance as it delivered useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard changes, and of medium complexity as the REC solution was legal text only, but did have REC Party impacts. There was also a cross-code dependency on the BSC and REC implementing respective solutions at the same time.

PM presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan, noting that solution development was expected to conclude by the end of October 2026, with a Party impact assessment commencing on 29 October 2026 for 15 Working Days. The issue was expected to progress to a Change Proposal in November and will be considered by the Stakeholder Advisory Forum in January 2027. An industry consultation was planned for February 2027, with final votes expected in March and April 2027.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**10 Sept-26**	**09 Nov-26**
	Solution Analysis	September	October
	Solution Development	October	October
	Legal Review	October	October
	Impact Assessment	October	November
Change Proposal		**10 Nov-26**	**18 Apr-27**
	RECCo Minded to Position	December	December
	Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) Consultation on Minded to Position	January	January
	Industry Consultation	February	February
	Final Determination by RECCo and Stakeholder Advisory Forum	March	April
Voting		**19 Apr 27**	**19 Apr 27**
	Appeal Window	29 April 27	04 May 2027

RECCP Members noted the Issue background; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue pathway;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue timetable; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve Change Panel as the Responsible Sub-Committee.

7 I0331 - REGULATORY ALLIANCE CREATION REJECTIONS

On behalf of the Lead Analyst for I0331, PM provided an overview of the Issue.

PM explained that I0331 was raised following an incident in which Network Parties either failed to submit Regulatory Alliances to the Central Switching Service (CSS) Provider on time or did not address CSS rejection messages promptly. This resulted in more than 200 Consumers experiencing delays in Switching to their chosen Energy Supplier. The Issue seeks to review the process, particularly the

absence of SLAs requiring Network Parties to submit Regulatory Alliances and resolve CSS rejections within defined timescales.

PM advised that the Change Panel had previously approved the Proposal Plan on 18 August to the end of the definition phase. A Party impact assessment was subsequently undertaken between 04 and 25 September 2026, receiving five responses from two DNOs, two Energy Suppliers and the Gas Retail Data Agent (GRDA). Following the Party impact assessment, the Code Manager concluded that further solution refinement was required before I0331 could progress. The legal drafting would therefore be amended to provide greater clarity on cross-code considerations, the role and responsibilities of DNOs and the definition of 'Working Day' in the proposed legal text.

PM presented the proposed extension to plan, noting that the extension would incorporate the Change Proposal and voting phases, taking account of the mobilisation of the Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) and awarding and commencement of RECCo as the Licenced Code Manager. PM noted that I0331 could potentially be brought to an earlier RECCo meeting for final determination than the March 2027 date suggested in the updated plan.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**09 Jul 26**	**31 Oct 26**
	Code Manager Assessment	July	August
	Solution Development	July	October
	Legal Review	July	August
Change Proposal		**01 Nov 26**	**04 Apr 27**
	Solution Refinement	October	October
	RECCo Minded to Position	December	December
	Stakeholder Advisory Forum Consultation on Minded to Position	January	January
	Industry Consultation	February	February
	Final Determination by RECCo and Stakeholder Advisory Forum	March	March
Voting		**05 Apr 27**	**05 Apr 27**
	Appeal Window	06 April 27	21 April 2027

SJ asked whether the Code Manager intended to engage with Xoserve regarding concerns raised through the Party impact assessment to ensure these were addressed before the solution progressed. PM confirmed that engagement had already taken place and that further engagement would occur ahead of consultation.

RECCP Members reviewed the extension to plan for I0331; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the extension to plan for I0331.

8 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

BA provided RECCP Members with an update on the Change Tracker.

BA advised that one new submission had been accepted by the Code Manager since the last Change Panel meeting:

- I0349 - MSC Scheme Non-Domestic Exclusions - Process Clarification was accepted in on 15 October 2026.

BA provided an overview of further updates:

- I0200 - Review of the REC's Address Management Service: The fifth working group meeting will be held on 17 November 2026. This session will continue to review the DCC stop words list and discuss clarifications to the D0381 process.
- I0265 - Theft Calculator Usage and Suitability Assessment: The Code Manager has met the objectives of the problem statement of this Issue and will therefore bring it to a close. A final working group will be hosted on 18 November 2026 to inform Parties of the solution requirements developed and the next steps planned for the Theft Calculator.
- R0268 - P441 Consequential BSC Change - Complex Site Classes: On 14 October 2026, the Metering Expert Panel voted, in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, to recommend to the Authority to approve the amended implementation date for this Change Proposal. Subject to the Authority's approval, this Change Proposal will be implemented on the same date as P441, with a minimum of 5 Working Days between Authority decision and implementation.
- R0328 - Removal of D0383 & D0384 requirements from Sharing MTDs process: On 14 October 2026, the Metering Expert Panel voted, in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, to approve this Change Proposal. The appeal window is now open until 23:59, 30 October 2026. Subject to no appeal being raised, this Change Proposal will be implemented on 06 November 2026.
- R0339 - REC Change to align with BSC CP Clarify Supplier obligations for IF-002 messages where a Switch is cancelled: The Change Report (Final Recommendation) has been published and is open for comments until 23:59, 29 October 2026. This Change Proposal will then be considered by the Metering Expert Panel for final vote at their meeting on 11 November 2026.
- R0340 - Amendments to the PARC relating to Address Management: The consultation has been published and is open for responses until 23:59, 30 October 2026. This Change Proposal will then be considered by the Performance Assurance Board for final vote at their meeting on 24 November 2026.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 REC CHANGE PANEL 01 DECEMBER MEETING

BA provided an update on the remaining Change Panel timetable ahead of the proposed transition to RECCo as Licenced Code Manager and establishment of the SAF.

Beyond the previously advised end date of the Change Panel, an additional meeting was expected to take place on 01 December 2026, with papers due on 24 November 2026. This would be the final Change Panel meeting ahead of the proposed Licence Code Manager transition and would consider any outstanding final Change Reports requiring decisions, together with final updates to proposal plans.

BA advised that the Code Manager also intends to bring forward a bulk Update to Plan paper covering several Proposal Plans previously approved by the Change Panel. This would take into account the mobilisation of the SAF and the granting of the Licence Code Manager licence to RECCo. The paper is expected to be considered at either the 17 November or 01 December 2026 Change Panel meeting.

The Chair also advised that work was under way on stakeholder communications concerning the establishment of SAF and closure of the existing forums. Communications were expected to be issued

over the following weeks to ensure stakeholders understood the forthcoming changes and their potential impacts.

9.2 AUTHORITY UPDATE

NH advised that Ofgem will be observing its usual publishing moratorium over the festive period, from 14 December 2026 to 05 January 2027.

NH advised that Ofgem published its second Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) on 15 September 2026, which will be the first SDS that future Code Managers will be obliged to consider as part of their Code delivery plans, and should now be used for the harmonised prioritisation approach.

NH advised that Ofgem planned to publish its “minded-to-grant” decision for the Electricity Commercial Code and Gas Network Code, covered by Phase 2 of Energy Code Reform, in late October or early November 2026. Under Code Manager Selection Regulation 24, this decision was required before the Code Manager Licences could be formally awarded. The notices would be published on the Ofgem website, and representations on the proposed licence grants could be submitted within four weeks of publication.

There was no further business raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.