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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_0915**
DATE	**15 September 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LB	Chair
Komal Brown	Domestic Suppliers	KB	Voting Member
Harry Hailwood	Non-Domestic Suppliers	HH	Voting Member
Andy Clasper	Gas Transporters	AC	Voting Member
Martin Brailsford	Metering Equipment Managers	MB	Voting Member
Jess Collins	Consumers	JC	Voting Member
Sarah Jones	Independent SME	SJ	Voting Member
Keith Foster	Independent SME	KF	Voting Member
Seb Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Voting Member
Bela Ashworth	Code Manager	BA	Change Delivery Manager
Florentina Monea	Code Manager	FM	Change Lead
Lydia Bentley	Code Manager	LBe	Senior Change Lead
Harriet Truss	Code Manager	HT	Subject Matter Expert
Poppy Mullins	Code Manager	PM	Change Lead
Ian Chalfon	Code Manager	IC	Change Lead
Ann Perry	Retail Energy Code Company	AP	Observer
Nadir Hafeez	Ofgem	NH	Authority Representative
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 from Alex Travell (Distribution Network Operators).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting. NH added item 12.3 – Energy Code Reform Update.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 18 August 2026. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 R0333 - SMART METER COMMUNICATION LICENCE CODE CHANGES

As the Lead Analyst for R0333, LBe provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

LBe explained that R0333 has been raised to ensure the REC is ready for the transition from the Smart Data Communications Company (DCC) Limited to DCC2 Limited as part of the DCC2 programme. From November 2026, responsibility for the Smart Meter Communication Licence (SMCL) will progressively transfer to DCC2 Limited, with a transitional period lasting until September 2027, during which both entities will hold different licence responsibilities. As the REC currently assumes a single licence holder, targeted legal drafting changes are required to accommodate this transitional arrangement

LBe went through the proposed solution for R0333 and advised that the proposed changes focus on amendments to the REC Main Body, Schedules 1 and 6. These changes clarify how the original and successor DCC licence holders are treated within the Code and ensure that the Centralised Registration Service (CRS) performance assurance and charging arrangements continue to operate correctly when the licence transfer takes place part way through a reporting quarter. To facilitate this, new definitions have been introduced to distinguish between the original DCC licensee and the successor licensee. This drafting approach allows responsibilities, obligations and charging arrangements to be allocated appropriately during the transition period. LBe noted the collaborative approach taken to developing the legal text between the Code Manager, RECCo and DCC. LBe advised that the legal text had undergone a minor revision between Version 1 and Version 1.1 following further review. Three clauses originally proposed for removal from the REC Main Body were retained after discussions between the Code Manager, RECCo and DCC determined that their removal was unnecessary.

LBe advised that the Code Manager's recommendation is for R0333 to be implemented via an extraordinary Big Bang release on 01 October 2026. Although the Code Manager had previously considered separate implementation dates for the CRS-specific provisions and the wider REC changes, the legal drafting now allows all amendments to be introduced simultaneously from 01 October. This aligns with the start of the CRS performance charging cycle while still accommodating the licence transfer scheduled for November.

LBe advised that R0333 has no material impact on REC Parties. No central system changes, implementation costs, risks or operational issues were identified. The solution consists of a legal text update only and is intended solely to ensure continuity of DCC services through the transition. Due to its limited scope and lack of wider industry impact, the Code Manager decided not to seek industry feedback through a Party impact assessment or Change Issues Group meeting. LBe stated that R0333 delivers a clear benefit by enabling the DCC2 programme and maintaining code alignment with Ofgem's licensing changes, while imposing no costs or impacts on market participants.

LBe advised that the consultation received two responses, one from a Supplier and one from DCC. Both respondents supported the proposal. The Supplier provided unqualified support, agreeing that the solution addressed the issue identified in the problem statement. DCC also supported the drafting and specifically welcomed the decision to retain the three clauses in the REC Main Body. DCC additionally noted that a further REC change may be required in future should Ofgem alter arrangements relating to provision of the CRS service. The Code Manager agreed this was a potential future consideration but confirmed that the current drafting fully addresses the requirements of the DCC2 transition.

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 01 October 2026; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang.

5 R0322 - ERRONEOUS SWITCH REVIEW: I0237 CLARIFICATIONS

As the Lead Analyst for R0322, FM provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

FM explained that R0322 has been developed following work undertaken by the Erroneous Switch (ES) working group under I0237. The proposal seeks to resolve a number of inconsistencies, drafting errors and terminology issues identified within Schedule 30, associated Market Messages and related Data Items. The overall objective is to improve clarity, consistency and transparency within the ES process while aligning terminology across the REC. FM noted that the Change Panel had previously approved for R0322 to proceed to consultation on 18 August, however the Code Manager had identified that further solution refinement was required after this meeting and decided to bring R0322 back to the next possible Change Panel meeting.

FM went through the proposed solution, which is split across five key areas. Firstly, amendments are being made to Schedule 30 to standardise terminology, including replacing references to “Customer” with “Consumer”, “Transfer” with “Switch” and “MPAN” to “MPxN”. A new table of ES reason codes will be added for transparency and ease of reference, although no new reason codes are being introduced. Amendments were also proposed to paragraph 5.3 concerning the handling of data collected during an ES period. Following feedback received on the legal drafting, the proposal will now retain the requirement for Suppliers to delete any data collected during the ES period, alongside taking reasonable steps to cease data collection once a potential ES has been identified, whilst complying with relevant legal obligations.

Changes are also proposed to the ES flag Data Item to clarify that the flag should only be used at the final stage of the ES process and to reduce ambiguity regarding its permitted values. The proposal is to amend the Physical length of the enumeration values from ‘1’ to ‘5’, amend the Logical length to ‘5’ as the current drafting is blank, and to update the enumeration values themselves from “t” to “true” and “f” to “false”.

The proposed solution also includes amendments to align terminology with Schedule 30 and Electricity arrangements. These include a correction of an incorrect Schedule 10 reference to Schedule 30, and amendments to Supplier terminology. Following review of the legal drafting, references to “Current” and “Original” Supplier will be updated to “Gaining” and “Losing”. Changes are also proposed to ES reason code descriptions to align them with equivalent Electricity descriptions, although the underlying values remain unchanged.

For Electricity Data Items within D0301, similar terminology corrections are proposed, together with alignment of ES reason code descriptions with Gas arrangements. Again, no underlying code values are changing. In addition, D150998 Enumeration Values descriptions have also been amended with current REC terminology to allow for consistency between Electricity and Gas Data Items.

FM also noted that the planned implementation date has been moved back from 06 November 2026 to 26 February 2027 due to the delay in issuing the consultation following the required solution refinement work. They provided a table listing all of the solution changes to Members, advising that this table has also been presented at the September Change Issues Group meeting.

FM summarised the Party impact assessment, which ran from 26 June to 17 July and received responses from two Energy Suppliers. Both respondents broadly supported the proposed amendments, recognised the associated benefits, and supported inclusion of the 24-month correction within R0322. One respondent identified a small level of potential system configuration work, estimating costs within the

£0 to £9,999 range. Overall support was received for both the solution and proposed implementation approach.

FM advised that the Code Manager had identified low implementation costs and no central system costs. Expected benefits include improvements in clarity, consistency and ultimately the Consumer Switching experience.

RECCP Members noted the proposed solution, the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027 and Big Bang approach; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the amended Proposal Plan and for the Change to proceed to Consultation.

6 I0324 - USE OF REL DATA TO SUPPORT KEY REGULATIONS

As the Lead Analyst for I0324, PM provided an overview of the Issue.

PM explained that I0324 seeks to provide the Code Manager, RECCo and government departments in Great Britain with access to Retail Energy Location (REL) Address data to support REC governance activities and government reporting requirements. Currently, none of these Parties has access to this data, which limits their ability to undertake key REC processes and regulatory reporting functions.

PM went through the proposed solution, which is to amend both the Electricity Data Access Matrix (DAM) and the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) Service Definition to permit access to REL address data, subject to the permissions already available under each party's existing Ordnance Survey (OS) licence. In alignment with the ongoing Code Reform programme, the legal drafting refers to RECCo rather than the Code Manager.

PM advised that this has been categorised as a non-urgent Self-Governance Issue, with the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) as the Responsible Committee. Identified impacted parties include the DAM Service Provider, government departments in Great Britain, and the Code Manager/RECCo.

PM advised that the Code Manager, in line with the Proposer, believes I0324 should be assigned a Standard Prioritisation Category. The proposal was assessed by both the Proposer and Code Manager as having a medium alignment to Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, being of medium importance because it delivers useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard Changes, and of low complexity as the solution proposes legal text-only amendments.

PM presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan, noting that the Code Manager plans to issue I0324 for consultation on 18 September, subject to Change Panel approval, before closing on 09 October. I0324 will then go to TEP for a final vote on 28 October, with a proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**05 May-26**	**17 Sep-26**
	Solution Analysis	May	June
	Solution Development	June	August
	Legal Review	August	August
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	August	August
Change Proposal		**18 Sep-26**	**27 Oct-26**
	Consultation	September	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**28 Oct-26**	**12 Nov-26**
	Appeal Window	29 October	12 November

PM took Members through the proposed legal text changes in the EES Service Definition and DAM, which will allow RECCo and government departments to access REL address data for non-switching purposes. As part of the solution, new and amended Data Item Conditions in the DAM are also proposed. Existing condition DC05 would be extended to government departments, enabling access to REL Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) data, which is currently the only REL data item they have identified a need to access. Meanwhile, a new DC06 condition will provide RECCo with access to the full range of REL address data items, again restricted to uses permitted by its OS licence.

PM advised that no Consumer impacts or central system changes have been identified, and no implementation costs have been reported by Parties. The primary benefits are expected to be improved support for REC governance functions, enhanced government reporting capabilities, and greater transparency regarding which parties are authorised to access REL address data.

RECCP Members noted the proposed solution, the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027 and Big Bang approach; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Technical Expert Panel as the Responsible Sub-Committee; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Proposal Plan and for the Change to proceed to Consultation.

7 R0339 – REC CHANGE TO ALIGN WITH BSC CP CLARIFY SUPPLIER OBLIGATIONS FOR IF-002 MESSAGES WHERE A SWITCH IS CANCELLED

As the Lead Analyst for R0339, BA provided an overview of the Change Proposal.

BA explained that R0339 seeks to align the REC with BSCP1646 by clarifying Energy Supplier obligations when an IF-002 Notification of Site Information Message is received after a registration Switch Request has been Cancelled. BA explained that the proposal arose from ambiguity within both BSCP709 and the equivalent obligations contained in REC Schedule 14. This ambiguity has led to inconsistent interpretation across Energy Suppliers, with some Energy Suppliers generating large volumes of unnecessary error messages.

BA advised that a comment had been received on the published Change Report from Centrica ahead of the Change Panel meeting. Centrica advised that they did not support the proposed solution or implementation date, mirroring feedback it had also submitted to the associated BSCP1646 consultation. Discussions were held between the Code Manager and BSC following the submission of this comment, and it was agreed that R0339 should continue to be progressed because it is intended solely to clarify

existing Energy Supplier obligations. However, it was agreed that the proposed implementation date should move from 06 November 2026 to 26 February 2027, creating a slight timing difference between the associated REC and BSC changes. AP noted that the published Change Report still contained a reference to the previous November 2026 implementation date, which BA confirmed would be corrected ahead of the consultation being issued.

BA went through the proposed solution, which amends REC Schedule 14, specifically paragraphs 22.6.1 and 22.9.1, to expressly state that where an IF-002 message is received in relation to a Switch Request that has subsequently been Cancelled, the Gaining Supplier must take no action. The revised drafting clarifies that Energy Suppliers should not return an error message and should instead disregard the IF-002 message.

BA advised that this has been categorised as a non-urgent Self-Governance Change Proposal, with the Metering Expert Panel (MEP) as the Responsible Committee. Identified impacted parties include Energy Suppliers for both Electricity and Gas.

The Code Manager, who are the Proposer for this Change Proposal, believes R0339 should be assigned a Standard Prioritisation Category. The proposal was assessed by the Code Manager as having a weak alignment to Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, being of low importance because it delivers limited benefits compared to other Standard Changes, and of medium complexity as R0339 was raised with a fully formed solution, but there are cross-code dependencies.

BA presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan, noting that the Code Manager plans to issue R0339 for consultation on 16 September, subject to Change Panel approval, before closing on 07 October. R0339 will then go to MEP for a final vote on 11 November, with a proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Change Proposal		**16 Sep-26**	**19 Oct-26**
	Solution Development	August	August
	Legal Review	August	September
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	August	September
	Consultation	September	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**11 Nov-26**	**11 Nov-26**
	Appeal Window	12 November	26 November

BA advised that no central system changes or implementation costs have been identified for either industry Parties or Service Providers. Identified benefits are improved clarity for Energy Suppliers regarding the handling of IF-002 messages linked to Cancelled Switches and consistent interpretation of obligations across both the REC and BSC.

RECCP Members noted the Change background, the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027 and big bang approach; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Metering Expert Panel as the Responsible Sub-Committee;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change pathway;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change timetable for R0339; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change Report contains sufficient information to proceed to consultation.

8 I0343 - MSC - AMENDING STATEMENT PRODUCTION TIMESCALES

As the Lead Analyst for I0343, BA provided an overview of the Issue.

BA explained that I0343 proposes amendments to the Market Stabilisation Charge (MSC) arrangements in REC Schedule 22 – Market Stabilisation Charge to provide RECCo with additional time to produce the first MSC statement issued to Energy Suppliers when the scheme is activated. The issue was raised following Ofgem's consultation on the possible reintroduction of the MSC scheme. As RECCo develops the supporting processes, delivery is being undertaken in two phases, with initial work focused on data collection and Energy Suppliers' liability assessment, followed later by development of the calculation functionality. Under the current REC requirements, RECCo must issue the first MSC statement within 15 Working Days of the relevant MSC cycle. RECCo has advised that this timeframe is no longer sufficient to allow the necessary reconciliation of collected data before statements are produced.

BA advised that the proposed solution is to amend Schedule 22, clause 5.1, and introduce a new clause 5.1A, extending the timeframe for issuing the first MSC statement from 15 Working days to 40 Working days. I0343 also proposes removing references to specific commencement dates associated with previous iterations of the MSC scheme, making the drafting future-proof so that it can be applied automatically should Ofgem reactivate the scheme in the future.

BA advised that the published Change Report had been previously issued as an ex-committee decision to approve issuing I0343 for consultation. However, the ex-committee did not receive enough votes to hit quoracy, formal approval was not obtained.

BA advised that this has been categorised as an Urgent Self-Governance Issue, with the Change Panel as the Responsible Committee. I0343 was identified as an Urgent Issue, as originally implementation was targeted for an October 2026 extraordinary release. Because of the delay in progressing I0343, RECCo has raised a derogation request to enable the start of its data collection activities from 01 October 2026 while I0343 continue to progress through the REC Change process. Subject to approval, a new implementation date of 06 November 2026 has been targeted. Identified impacted Parties include Energy Suppliers and RECCo/Code Manager.

BA presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan. I0343 will then go to Change Panel for a final vote on 20 October, with a proposed implementation date of 06 November.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**14 Aug-26**	**15 Sep-26**
	Solution Development	August	August
	Legal Review	August	August
Change Proposal		**16 Sep-26**	**19 Oct-26**
	Consultation	September	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**20 Oct-26**	**20 Oct-26**
	Appeal Window	21 October	04 November

BA advised that no central system changes or implementation costs have been identified. The Code Manager has identified two key benefits. Firstly, the change would provide RECCo with sufficient

flexibility to reconcile market data accurately before calculating and issuing MSC statements, supporting effective delivery of the scheme should it be recommenced by Ofgem. Secondly, the MSC scheme itself is intended to mitigate Energy Supplier losses during periods of falling wholesale prices, which could reduce the risk of Energy Supplier failure and thereby provide indirect benefits to Consumers and the wider retail energy market.

RECCP Members noted the Issue background, the proposed implementation date of 06 November 2026 and big bang approach; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue pathway;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue timetable for I0343; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Change Report contains sufficient information to proceed to consultation.

9 I0335 - INTRODUCTION OF DEFINED ELECTRICITY METERING WORK CATEGORIES FOR METERING ACCREDITATION

As the Lead Analyst for I0335, PM provided an overview of the Issue.

PM explained that I0335 proposes the introduction of defined electricity metering work categories within the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP). The change aims to align electricity metering accreditation arrangements more closely with the existing approach used for gas metering. PM explained that while CoMCoP currently includes clearly defined work categories for gas metering accreditation, equivalent categories do not exist for electricity metering. This inconsistency limits the ability to align electricity metering accreditation with the specific operational activities undertaken by metering personnel and organisations. It also restricts the application of targeted, risk-based assurance activities and reduces transparency around the capabilities and scope of work undertaken by accredited parties.

PM advised that this has been categorised as a non-urgent Self-Governance Issue, with the MEP as the Responsible Committee. Identified impacted parties include Electricity Consumers, the Metering Scheme Auditor Service Provider, Approved Meter Installers (AMIs), Meter Operator Agents (MOAs) and Electricity Metering Operatives (EMOs). PM also noted an impact on Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) but noted that the assignment of this work category will progress separately under I0278, which seeks to establish SIPs as a standalone REC party.

PM advised that the Code Manager, in line with the Proposer, believes I0335 should be assigned a Standard Prioritisation Category. The proposal was assessed by both the Proposer and Code Manager as having a medium alignment to Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, being of medium importance because it delivers useful but broadly comparable benefits to other Standard Changes, and of low complexity as the solution proposes legal text-only amendments.

PM presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan, noting that it only covers a definition phase running through to the end of January 2027. PM advised that the proposed next steps are to issue an Information Request on 24 September 2026, setting out the draft work categories and seeking industry feedback. I0335 will also be discussed at the Change Issues Group meeting on 01 October 2026. Feedback received from industry stakeholders will then be used to refine the work categories and determine how they should be applied across all relevant CoMCoP activities before a detailed solution is developed.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**20 July-26**	**31 Jan-27**
	Code Manager Impact Assessment	August	August
	Solution Development	August	October
	Legal Drafting	August	January
	Information Request	September	October
	Solution Refinement	October	January

RECCP Members noted the Issue background; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Metering Expert Panel as the Responsible Sub-Committee;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue pathway; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue timetable for I0335.

10 I0340 - AMENDMENTS TO THE PARC RELATING TO ADDRESS MANAGEMENT

As the Lead Analyst for I0340, IC provided an overview of the Issue.

IC explained that I0340 seeks to remove or amend a number of Address Management Service (AMS) reports within the Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue (PARC) that have been identified by RECCo and DCC as no longer being fit for purpose. As part of the Central Switching Service (CSS) Improvements Plan, RECCo and DCC reviewed the existing reporting requirements and found that several AMS reports are produced solely for internal DCC use and do not provide meaningful value for performance management or assurance purposes. The information contained within these reports is available through alternative sources, yet the PARC currently requires DCC to generate and store them on a monthly basis. This creates an unnecessary operational burden without delivering corresponding benefits.

IC went through the proposed solution, which is to remove six reports from the PARC, namely the Unmatched ME Extract, Matched Extract, Address Quality Postcode Report, Unchanged Postcodes Report, REL Change Report, and REL Source Initial Registration Report. In addition, two reports, the REL Initial Registration Report and the REL Change RMP Report, would remain available but their reporting frequency would be changed from mandatory monthly production to an ad hoc, on-demand basis.

IC advised that this has been categorised as a non-urgent Self-Governance Issue, with the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) as the Responsible Committee. Identified impacted parties include the CSS Service Provider (DCC) and CSS Users.

IC advised that the Code Manager, in line with the Proposer, believes I0340 should be assigned a Standard Prioritisation Category. The proposal was assessed by both the Proposer and Code Manager as having a medium alignment to Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, being of medium importance and of low complexity.

IC presented the proposed milestones in the Proposal Plan, noting that I0340 will be presented for information at the September PAB meeting, before a consultation is issued in October. A final vote is targeted at PAB on 24 November, with a proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027.

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**15 Sep-26**	**29 Sep-26**
	Solution Analysis	September	September
	Solution Development	September	September
	Legal Review	September	September
Change Proposal		**30 Sep-26**	**23 Nov-26**
	Consultation	October	October
	Solution Refinement	October	October
	Final Determination	October	October
Voting		**24 Nov-26**	**24 Nov-26**
	Appeal Window	25 November	09 December

RECCP Members noted the Issue background; and

- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Performance Assurance Board as the Responsible Sub-Committee;
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue pathway; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Issue timetable for I0340.

11 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

BA provided Members with an update on the Change Tracker.

BA advised that four new submissions have been accepted in by the Code Manager since the last Change Panel meeting:

- I0344 - Explore use of CHECK as a Meter Type option on J0483 / DI-059
- R0345 - Housekeeping November 2026
- I0346 - Gas Enquiry Service Evolution, required REC changes
- I0347 - REC change to align with BSC IF-045 notification for Import/Export MPAN meter type misalignment

BA provided an overview of further updates:

- I0196 - Review of Metering Asset data transferred from MAMs to the CDSP: On 09 September 2026, The Metering Expert Panel approved the extension to plan for I0196. This REC Issue is now placed on hold. Work taking in place in parallel at the Uniform Network Code (UNC) in UNC0925R may materially impact I0196. Within the scope of the UNC Modification, Review of Gas Metering Arrangements (RGMA) Data quality is also being explored, but with a focus on Shippers, who are parties to the UNC, but not to the REC. As most Energy Suppliers function as their own Shipper, there is a material overlap between the constituency of REC Supplier Parties and UNC Shipper Parties. The Code Manager proposes that the Issue be placed on hold pending the outcome of the work being conducted in the UNC.
- I0200 - Review of the REC's Address Management Service: The third working group session was held on 03 September 2026. Post-meeting papers have now been published and available on the

working group's Portal page. The next session will be held on 05 October 2026 and continue the review of proposed standardisation and stop words list.

- I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party: The fifth working group session had to be postponed to 06 October 2026 due to attendance numbers. During that session members will continue to consider the solutions needed to establish a strong governance framework for standalone SIPs.
- I0312 - Review of Export meter works arrangements: The fourth working group session will be held on Thursday 17 September 2026. During the session, members will review proving tests and impacts on SIPs/crowded meter room MOAs, as well as the approach to the Party impact assessment.
- I0325 - Post-MHHS Full Transition Complete (M15) REC updates: A solution is being developed which includes reviewing the legal drafting of Category 1, 2 and 3 products, identifying amendments required to the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES), to the Data Specification's Market Message and to Data Item Catalogues. A detailed impact assessment (DIA) was issued to the EES Provider in September and will close on 06 October. This Issue will also be taken to the Change Issues Group (CHIG) in October.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 I0318 – INTRODUCTION OF CONSUMER CONSENT SOLUTION

As the Lead Analyst for I0318, HT provided an update on the Issue.

HT advised that I0318 supports the delivery of the Consumer Consent Service (CCS) project. The Issue was originally raised to provide visibility of the project through the REC Change process and to ensure a governance route was available should any elements of the solution need to progress through standard REC change procedures.

The CCS project is developing a centralised, standardised and trusted mechanism for capturing, managing and validating consumer permissions for the sharing of energy data. HT noted that the CCS project has moved away from using the term "consent" and now refers to "permission" within the solution and legal drafting to better reflect the wider data protection framework and avoid confusion with regulatory consent requirements.

The CCS project is targeting delivery of a Minimum Marketable Product (MMP) by the end of Quarter 1 2027, with I0318 acting as the governance vehicle for introducing the necessary REC changes.

HT advised that that the CCS MMP design has now been baselined and the associated legal drafting has been developed. A six-week consultation on the proposed governance arrangements and legal drafting was launched last week and will remain open until 19 October 2026.

The proposed REC solution is extensive and includes the creation of a new REC schedule for CCS arrangements, a new service definition, API technical specifications, Consumer Experience Guidelines, new market messages and data items specific to the CCS service, together with amendments to Schedules 1, 9, 10, and the EES Service Definition. Associated amendments are also proposed to the DAM to facilitate the use of REL data within the solution.

HT explained that the proposal plan approved in April 2026 is now due to be updated. While the definition phase had originally been scheduled to conclude at the end of September, the timing of the consultation means that analysis of stakeholder feedback and any resulting refinements will continue beyond that date. Consequently, the CCS project team intends to revise the programme milestones and issue an updated plan.

The current expectation remains that the Proposal will transition from an Issue to a formal Change Proposal during November 2026, once the consultation outcomes have been reviewed and the solution has been finalised. However, HT noted that further planning work is required to consider dependencies associated with wider Code Reform activity and the transition to the new licence-backed Code Manager model, both of which may influence delivery timelines.

Members were advised that a revised project plan and milestone schedule would be circulated for approval via an ex-committee vote before the end of September, ensuring that the governance documentation remains aligned with the latest project timetable.

12.2 2026 RECCO ANNUAL COMMITTEE SURVEY

The Chair advised that RECCo's annual stakeholder satisfaction survey is now open for responses, which RECCo uses to gather feedback on the effectiveness of its committees and wider REC services. A QR code and link to the specific REC Change Panel survey were provided to enable immediate access, with the link also to be included in the meeting documentation after the meeting. Members who act as Contract Managers for their organisations were advised that they would receive a further invitation when the wider stakeholder satisfaction survey is launched.

The Chair emphasised the importance of completing the survey, noting that the feedback plays a key role in identifying opportunities for improvement and ensuring REC services continue to meet stakeholder expectations. It was also highlighted that, as Code Reform progresses, stakeholder feedback is expected to become increasingly important in assessing the performance and delivery of REC services. Members were encouraged to complete the survey at the earliest opportunity to support RECCo's ongoing improvement activities and future service development.

12.3 ENERGY CODE REFORM UPDATE

NH provided the following updates on Ofgem's Energy Code Reform Programme:

Second Preliminary Strategic Direction Statement

"I can announce that we have today published our Second Preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) today on the Ofgem website. This will become the first SDS that future Code Managers will be obliged to consider in delivery plans, upon publication of the conversion letter(s) later this year. This should now be the SDS used when undertaking the harmonised approach to Code Modification Prioritisation. This means that Code Administrators and Panels will be required to show consideration of SDS-2 in their Prioritisation decisions."

REC EA23 Decision & REC code text consultation.

"On 4 September we published our statutory consultation on proposed modifications to the Retail Energy Code (REC) and affected energy licences. The consultation forms part of the implementation of Energy Code Reform and seeks views on the code and licence changes required to implement the new governance framework.

GA86/EA89 licence statutory consultation & Stat Con Notice

"On 2 September we published the Energy Code Reform phase 1: Code Manager licence modifications. We are consulting on proposed modifications to certain standard conditions of the Code Manager licences for the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and Retail Energy Code (REC), and the introduction of special conditions."

Phase 1 Decision

“On 1 September we published our decision on the phase 1 consultation on transitional measures and code changes. The decision sets out our intention to take forward proposals on the policy areas previously consulted on, namely proposed changes to the BSC and REC, Code Manager licence terms, and bespoke and transitional licence arrangements for Code Managers of the BSC and REC.”

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