RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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CHANGE REPORT

R0332 – AMEND THE REC TO PERMIT RECCO TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL CODE MANAGER ACTIVITIES

DOCUMENT VERSION	V1.1
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE	01 October 2026, subject to receiving the Authority's determination by 28 September 2026, or the next appropriate implementation date a week after receiving the Authority's determination.
IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH	Big Bang

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE	Change Panel	CHANGE PATH	Authority Determined
PRIORITY STATUS	N/A	URGENCY	Urgent
IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS	RECCo		

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OVERVIEW

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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION

On **27 July 2026,** in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, the REC Change Panel voted to:

- **APPROVE** the Proposal Plan, including the Responsible Sub-Committee, Change Path, Priority Status, Urgency and timetable.
- **APPROVE** that this Change Report contains sufficient information to proceed to Consultation, noting the Code Manager Minded-to Position below.

The Code Manager Minded-to Position is to recommend that the Change Panel:

- **APPROVE** the proposed change solution;
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation approach; and
- **APPROVE** the proposed implementation date of 01 October 2026, subject to receiving the Authority's determination by 28 September 2026, or the next appropriate implementation date a week after receiving the Authority's determination.

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BACKGROUND

1 SUMMARY

Further to Ofgem's request for expressions of interest in becoming a Code Manager for the new codes to be created as part of Code Reform phase 2, RECCo submitted a contingent expression of interest to be considered for the Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) Code Manager role. The ECC is expected to consolidate the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) and the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA).

On 1 June 2026, Ofgem confirmed that RECCo would be taken forward on a non-competitive basis but would nonetheless need to participate in Ofgem's licensing assessment process, develop a credible delivery and transition plan, and undertake preparatory activities for potential award of the ECC Code Manager licence.

The Code currently frames RECCo's objective and permissible activities by reference to the REC only. This creates a vires issue where RECCo needs to undertake activities connected with an Energy Code other than the REC, whether directly, through a subsidiary or in partnership with another organisation. R0332 seeks to amend the Code to allow RECCo to proceed with, authorise expenditure for, or implement activities required to support the ECC Code Manager licensing assessment and any subsequent transition or delivery model.

R0332 is an Urgent Change Proposal that will be progressed on an expedited timeline to align with RECCo's deadline of 01 September 2026 to provide Ofgem with their delivery plan for managing the ECC.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The REC currently frames RECCo's objective and permissible activities by reference to the REC only. This creates a vires issue where RECCo needs to undertake activities connected with an Energy Code other than the REC, whether directly, through a subsidiary or in partnership with another organisation.

3 IMPACTS

RECCO / REC CODE MANAGER
RECCo

REC DOCUMENTS / PRODUCTS
Main Body
Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions
Schedule 4 – Company Governance

MHHS
There are no identified impacts to MHHS delivery.

4 CROSS-CODE IMPACTS

There are no cross-code impacts identified with this Change Proposal. However, R0332 will expand RECCo's vires to allow them to conduct other Code Manager activities beyond the REC. The immediate context for the change is the ECC, which is expected to consolidate CUSC and DCUSA. The legal drafting limits this change to the ECC as the only permitted additional Code Manager activity and creates a forward-looking structure to allow the incorporation of other activities through future Change Proposals.

5 PROPOSAL PLAN

Milestone	Activity	From	To
Definition		**11 Jun-26**	**29 Jul-26**
	Code Manager Initial Assessment	June	June
	Legal Review	June	July
Change Proposal		**29 Jul-26**	**21 Aug-26**
	Consultation	July	August
	Final Determination	August	August
Voting		**21 Aug-26**	**28 Aug-26**
	Issue for Authority Determination	01 September	01 September

This is an Urgent Change Proposal to be issued to the Authority ahead of RECCo's submission of their ECC licensing assessment to Ofgem on 01 September. This milestone plan takes into account that R0332 will likely need an ex-Committee vote triggered on 21 August and provides Change Panel with the standard 5 Working Days to reach a quorate vote. The 01 September date listed to issue R0332 for Authority Determination takes into account the UK bank holiday on 31 August.

In supporting this Plan, RECCo's ECC delivery project team have liaised separately with Ofgem, providing early view of the legal text and timeline of R0332.

As an Urgent Change Proposal, and in order to align with the project's timelines, the Code Manager will issue the consultation for a shortened window of 10 Working Days.

6 PRIORITISATION CATEGORISATION AND URGENCY

The Code Manager is proposing this Change Proposal be given an Urgency Status of Urgent because it is linked to an imminent issue that if not urgently addressed may cause RECCo to be in breach of their legal requirements under the REC. The licensing assessment phase will run up to September 2026, with a deadline of 01 September for RECCo to submit their plan for the ECC code manager process. R0332 is required to address the vires issue in order for RECCo to proceed within the licensing assessment process, or any other activity necessary to support Ofgem's timeline. Delays in implementing R0332 will create a material risk that RECCo cannot lawfully nor practically participate in the licensing assessment process.

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SOLUTION

7 PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution under R0332 is to introduce the concept of 'Additional Code Manager Activity Objectives', which apply to the 'Additional Code Manager Activities'. These objectives are separate to the existing REC Objectives. Other references to REC Objectives (for example, in clause 7.3, 7.7 and 10.3 of the REC Main Body, or in Schedule 5 – Change Management) continue to refer only to the REC Objectives, and are not applicable to other Code Manager activities beyond the REC.

The REC Main Body will be amended to introduce the concept of 'Additional Code Manager Activities' and 'Additional Code Manager Activity Objectives' into clause 5.4, 5.26 and 5.27 – the latter clauses will be introduced to define 'Additional Code Manager Activities' and broaden RECCo's current vires to allow RECCo, to the extent considered appropriate by the REC Board, to apply to be appointed as Code Manager licensee for the ECC, participate in activities relevant pursuant to that appointment, and accept, hold and comply with a Code Manager licence for the ECC. These activities can be carried out through a subsidiary, partnership or other arrangement.

Clauses 9.35 and 9.36 will also be introduced to the Main Body to clarify that Additional Code Manager Activity can only be funded from contingency or other budget provision approved in accordance with the REC, without diverting funding from identified REC workstreams unless that funding is no longer required for the originally identified purpose within that year. The proposed changes will require costs, liabilities, recoveries and reimbursements connected with Additional Code Manager Activity to be separately identifiable and applied for the benefit of REC Parties where appropriate.

REC Schedule 1 – Interpretations and Definitions will be amended to introduce the new defined terms of 'Additional Code Manager Activities', 'Additional Code Manager Activity Objectives', 'Electricity Commercial Code' and RECCo Objectives. RECCo Objectives means the REC Objectives and the Additional Code Manager Activity Objectives, thus retaining REC Objectives as a separate defined term meaning the objectives set out as such in Condition 11B of the Electricity Supply Licences and Condition 11 of the Gas Supply Licences.

Finally, R0332 proposes an amendment to the definition of 'Objective' within Schedule 4 – Company Governance to mean the same as RECCo objective.

The Code Manager believes these amendments will support an efficient route for RECCo to participate in the ECC licensed Code Manager process, as well as provide sufficient protection for REC Consumers and Parties by ensuring Code Manager activity is Board-approved, transparently controlled, separately identifiable for cost purposes and does not dilute funded REC delivery.

8 DRAFT LEGAL TEXT

The legal text changes to deliver the proposed solution to R0332 can be found here:

- R0332 – Draft Main Body
- R0332 – Draft Schedule 1
- R0332 – Draft Schedule 4

RECCo has also provided an FAQs document which includes questions on funding, governance and Additional Code Manager Activities, for RECCo's activities pursuant to the ECC Code Manager licence. This will be issued to industry alongside the consultation.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

9 SUMMARY OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY

9.1 SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Service Provider impact assessment was required as part of this change.

9.2 REC PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

No Party impact assessment was required as part of this REC change.

10 RISKS, ASSUMPTIONS, ISSUES AND DEPENDENCIES

No risks, issues, or assumptions have been identified as part of this change.

NO.	DEPENDENCY	NOTES	STATUS
D01.R0332	Ofgem to review and approve RECCo's ECC licensing assessment form.	The Code Manager intends to issue the Change Report (Final Recommendation) for Authority Determination by 01 September. This aligns with RECCo's 01 September deadline to submit their ECC licensing assessment form. Thereby, Ofgem will simultaneously review R0332 for approval and RECCo's ECC submission.	Open

11 BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT

11.1 COSTS

No costs have been identified as part of implementing this change. However, R0332 will introduce cost recovery provisions for RECCo's activities pursuant to the ECC Code Manager licence, as described in section 7 above. For further information, RECCo will provide an FAQs document which will be issued to industry alongside the consultation.

11.2 BENEFITS

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS	BENEFITS DESCRIPTION
CLEAR LEGAL DRAFTING AROUND THE SCOPE OF RECCO'S ROLE	The REC currently restricts RECCo's objective and activities to delivering the REC only. This prevents RECCo from participating in other Code Manager activities, including in the licensing assessment process, preparing the required plan, or progressing any associated governance or corporate model for another Energy Code other than the REC. R0332 proposes amendments to the Code to expand RECCo's vires to allow them to undertake such activities, with clear governance and separation of REC and non-REC activities. Without a clear REC basis for these activities, REC Parties may be exposed to uncertainty about the scope of RECCo's role and the use of contingency or other budgetary provision. The implementation of R0332 should also improve stakeholder confidence around cost allocation/reimbursement and provide transparency in RECCo's activities.
PROTECTS REC CONSUMERS AND PARTIES BY SAFEGUARDING COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS	All REC Parties have a vested interest in the proposed amendments because it affects RECCo's permitted activities, governance controls and potential use of budgetary provision. The implementation of R0332 will provide certainty to Consumers and REC Parties around RECCo's expenditure and working-capital controls so that additional Code Manager activity can only be funded from contingency or other budget provision approved in accordance with the REC. R0332 will ensure that costs are separately identifiable between REC and additional Code Manager activities, and that budgetary provisions are clearly defined to avoid adverse impact on REC delivery.

11.3 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

There are no central systems costs, no expected costs to Parties and two intangible benefits associated with this Change Proposal. As such, the Code Manager believes that there is a positive case for change.

12 CASE FOR CHANGE

AUTHORITY DETERMINATION

The Code Manager believes that R0332 better facilitates the following REC Objectives:

OBJECTIVE	IMPACT TYPE	DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
To ensure the REC operates and evolves in a manner that facilitates the achievement of its mission statement[1]	Positive	The implementation of R0332 will positively impact this objective as it will provide clear legal drafting around the REC's operational activities, clearly delineating them from the activities that the RECCo Board may undertake in pursuant of the ECC Code Manager licence. By providing further transparency around the Code's governance structure and cost allocation, R0332 will ensure the REC continues to operate in a manner that facilitates the efficient and effective running of the retail energy market.
To ensure customers interests and data is protected in the operation of the REC	Neutral	The implementation of R0332 will not have direct impact on Consumers but will ensure that Consumer interests under the REC continue to be protected by providing certainty around cost allocation for additional code manager activities. Additionally, clear drafting around RECCo's remit will also provide transparency over RECCo's activities, providing Consumers and industry participants confidence that this change should not detrimentally impact Consumers.
To drive continuous improvements and efficiencies in the operation of the REC and the central systems and communication infrastructures it governs	Positive	The implementation of R0332 will positively impact this objective as it ensures clear separation between the operations of the REC and RECCo's responsibilities to achieving REC objectives, and RECCo's activities pursuant to the ECC licence. R0332 should not directly impact the efficiencies of the REC's operations, but rather provide assurance that RECCo has the remit to conduct activities for another Energy Code other than the REC.

[1] REC Mission Statement

13 APPENDIX

CHANGE PROPOSAL	Link
LEGAL DRAFTING	R0332 – Draft Main Body R0332 – Draft Schedule 1 R0332 – Draft Schedule 4
ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS	Ofgem – Determination of the basis of selection of code manager candidates Ofgem - Determination pursuant to regulation 3(8) of the code manager selection regulations 2024 of the basis of selection of code manager for the consolidated Electricity Commercial Code RECCo – Participation in Ofgem's Electricity Commercial Code (ECC) Code Manager Licensing Assessment Phase RECCo – R0332 FAQs

14 GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement	means the agreement of that name maintained pursuant to the Electricity Distribution Licences.
Energy Codes	means a multilateral code or agreement maintained pursuant to one or more of the Energy Licences.
REC Objectives	means the objectives set out as such in Condition 11B of the Electricity Supply Licences and Condition 11 of the Gas Supply Licences, which are: a) to ensure the REC operates and evolves in a manner that facilitates the achievement of its mission statement; b) to ensure customers interests and data is protected in the operation of the REC; and, c) to drive continuous improvements and efficiencies in the operation of the REC and the central systems and communication infrastructures it governs.