RETAIL ENERGY CODE

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RELEASE PLAN

DOCUMENT VERSION	1.0
REC RELEASE DATE	08/11/2024
MAJOR/MINOR/PATCH RELEASE	MINOR
NEW REC VERSION	3.14.0

CHANGE PROPOSALS IN SCOPE	R0049 - Intellectual Property Rights and Services Data Main Body Changes
	R0069 - Amendments to Sample Access Agreement
	R0092A - DCC Service Level Agreements for the Switching Incentive Regime (Alternative)
	R0094 - Clarify Obligations on Gas Meter Exchanges that Occur Close to CoS
	R0113 - Data Specification Updates and Clarifications
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	R0203 - CSS Retry Strategy
	R0206 - Cross-code Changes to Align with BSC CP1598
	R0211 - November 2024 Housekeeping Change
	R0182- Levelisation Reconciliation Electricity Single-rate/Multi-register Split

1 SCOPE

1.1 SCOPE OF THE RELEASE

There are twelve Change Proposals (CPs) in scope of the November 2024 (3.14.0) REC Release. These are listed below, together with a summary of their impacts. Further information on each CP is available through the REC Portal. On 08 November 2024 these Code and technical changes will be delivered.

R0049 - Intellectual Property Rights and Services Data Main Body Changes

This Change Proposal has been raised by the Centralised Registration Services (CRS) Provider to address risks they have identified associated with Clause 13 of the REC Main Body, relating to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Operational realities that have emerged since the REC go-live mean that Clauses drafted prior to go-live now need to be reviewed to reflect current CRS practices.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
REC Main Body	V3.7	Changes to Clause 5.3 and 13.	AMENDED
Schedule 1 – Interpretations & Definitions	V5.2	Definition for Intellectual Property Rights amended, new definition for Interfaces added & definition for User removed.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
CRS Provider	REC Service Provider	Proposer and the primary beneficiary of any proposed changes to the REC Main Body.

R0069 - Amendments to Sample Access Agreement

Several Non-Party REC Service Users have entered into an Access Agreement with RECCo under the Code's Qualification and Maintenance Schedule, to obtain access to the CSS and become a CSS User. These Access Agreements are based on the Sample Access Agreement appended to Schedule 9 to the Code, which DCC believes should be revised to address issues they have identified.

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REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance	V3.4	Updated to address issues identified by DCC around Non-Party REC Service Users.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
CRS Provider	REC Service Provider	To be included within Paragraph 7.2 of Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance, which binds them to Clause 20 of the REC Main Body and within Paragraph 13, meaning they have contractual enforcement rights against CSS Users.
Non-Party REC Service Users	REC Service Users	Be bound to Schedule 26 - Switching Service Management Schedule as this is mandatory for other REC Service Users and be included within Paragraph 7.2 of Schedule 9 - Qualification and Maintenance, which binds them to Clause 20 of the REC Main Body.

R0092A - DCC Service Level Agreements for the Switching Incentive Regime (Alternative)

Requirements for the Central Switching Service (CSS) were identified during the Design, Build and Test Phase of the Ofgem-led Switching Programme as a basis for the procurement of Switching systems. These requirements were later baselined in the REC Service Definitions as Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

Following the successful go-live of the CSS, these SLAs merit a review, in order to ensure that they are realistic, given the physical systems design and the actual behaviours of users, compared to the assumptions that were made in the early design phase of the Switching Programme.

This Change Proposal has been raised as the vehicle to complete the review and take forward any identified changes.

On 22 July 2024, the Authority rejected R0092 and approved R0092A for implementation 8 November 2024.

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REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Central Switching Service Definition	V1.2	Updates to Paragraphs 6.1, 6.2 & 6.3	AMENDED
Switching Operator Service Definition	V1.3	Updates to Paragraphs 5.2 & 5.4	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
CRS Provider	REC Service Provider	Will be impacted by the changes to the CSS Service Definition.
Switching Operator	REC Service Provider	Will be impacted by the changes to the SO Service Definition.

R0094 - Clarify Obligations on Gas Meter Exchanges that Occur Close to CoS

This change has been raised to address an issue with the 'Switch with a Concurrent Change of MEM process. MEMs are obliged to issue ONJOBs to the CDSP as part of a meter exchange. However, this would not be issued if the MEM has received a de-Appointment flow as part of the Switch.

This change proposes to obligate MEMs to issue ONJOBs for any completed meter exchanges, even after receiving a de-Appointment flow. This will ensure accurate Meter Technical Details are available to the gaining Supplier and MEM.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 14 – Metering Operations	V6.1	Updates to sections 6.4, 7.5, 8.5 & 9.5.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Meter Equipment Managers	REC Party	Will be obligated to issue ONJOBs for any completed meter exchanges, even after receiving a de-Appointment flow.

Gas Suppliers	REC Party	Will be impacted as they are responsible for sending Market Messages in one of the two pathways by which the CDSP may be updated.
Central Data Service Provider	REC Service Provider	Any change which results in additional ONJOB Market Messages being sent may increase Market Message volumes.

R0113 - Data Specification Updates and Clarifications

It has been identified that gaps or misaligned references were transferred into the REC Data Specification at REC go-live. This Change Proposal seeks to fill these gaps and provide clarification for Parties. This will enable Parties to self-serve and reduce the risk of ambiguities in the current Data Specification resulting in incorrectly defined Market Messages.

This change will update relevant legal text in the REC Data Specification to provide clarification and alignment from previous legacy documents to Parties. This will ensure existing Parties have a consistent understanding and new entrants are able to set up their systems appropriately.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: REC Data Catalogue	V3.12.0	Updated to provide clarification and alignment (full list of changes in the Final Change Report).	AMENDED
Energy Market Data Specification Standards Definition	V2.4	Updated to apply correct Datatype Format Rule Definition for the high resolution datetime Datatype Formal Rule Name and pages re-numbered.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
All REC Parties	REC Party	Need to understand any changes to the Data Specification that may impact their business, so they can plan any required changes to systems and processes.

R0115 - Frequency and Content of CSS Reports on Switching via the DCC Portal

This change has been raised by Ofgem to make updates to CSS reports provided by the Switching Operator; for these be provided on a weekly basis and be designed in such a way that only genuine Switches between Suppliers are reported. At present the latter is not possible as all switches at MPID level are reported with no indication of switching flows.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Switching Operator Service Definition	V1.3	Legal text in section 7.3 details the two new reports which will be provided to Ofgem and their frequency of weekly.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Switching Operator	REC Service Provider	Will need to provide Ofgem with the two new weekly reports as detailed in section 7.3 of the Switching Operator Service Definition.

R0119 - Annulment Definition

The REC Code Manager has identified Parties using annulments when they should use other processes. The lack of a clear definition of what an annulment is could be a contributing factor to this. This Change Proposal provides an amendment to paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 of Schedule 23 – Registration Services to clarify when the annulment process should be used, and the requirements for Suppliers.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 23 - Registration Services	V1.1	Amendment to paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2	AMENDED
Schedule 1 - Interpretations and Definitions	V5.2	Definition for Annulled amended.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Will benefit from clarity on when they should be using the annulment process or other processes.

R0150 - On-Site Aggregation as a Method to Facilitate Third Party Access (BSC P455)

Following a modification proposal to the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) to allow on-site aggregation as a method for third party access on private networks, the Code Manager is required to amend the REC to place a requirement on the Meter Equipment Managers (MEMs) appointed by the boundary points Electricity Supplier, to rectify any faults found with the submeters used in the on-site aggregation methodology.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 14 - Metering Operations Schedule	V6.1	Places a requirement in Section 20 – Proving Tests (Electricity only), for MOAs to rectify faults found in sub-meters used in the On-Site Aggregation methodology and submit the On-Site Aggregation form.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Meter Operator Agent	REC Party	Need to understand which meters they are expected to maintain.

R0203 - CSS Retry Strategy

This Change Proposal will amend the legal text in section 2.4 of the Switching Data Management Schedule to reflect the retry strategy which is currently in the Central Switching Service (CSS) system, as there is currently a mismatch.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			
Schedule 24 - Switching Data Management	V1.2	Updated to reflect the current retry strategy.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
CSS Provider	REC Service Provider	Provides an updated strategy that ensures the DCC will have a system in place to ensure that any future changes to the retry strategy would not happen without a Change Proposal being raised in the first instance.

R0206 - Cross-code Changes to Align with BSC CP1598

This Change Proposal has been raised to align with BSC CP1598, which states that six Scenario Variants of Market Messages specified within the early drafting of P375 were not progressed to the final solution of P375 and REC CP R0008. As these Scenario Variants are not captured in the Data Specification, the relevant Market Participants won't be able to use the Data Transfer Network (DTN) to exchange the relevant data, which would result in them having to use a less secure mechanism to send and receive data. This means the original intent of Elexon Modification P375 has yet to be achieved as not all Market Message changes have been implemented.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Data Specification: REC Data Catalogue	V3.12.0	The missing scenario variants will be added to the Data Specification.	AMENDED

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Will be able to use the Data Transfer Network (DTN) to exchange the relevant data.

Meter Operator Agent	REC Party	Will be able to use the Data Transfer Network (DTN) to exchange the relevant data.

R0211 - November 2024 Housekeeping Change

The Code Manager has identified a number of typographical and formatting errors, as well as opportunities to provide clarity, improve consistency and accuracy across the REC Services and products. These changes have been assessed as meeting the criteria to be progressed via a Housekeeping Change Proposal.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT			
Smart Meter Installer - Domestic Customer Survey	V1.0	Adding the demographic questions to the front page.	AMENDED
Smart Meter Installer - Micro-Business Customer Survey	V1.0	Adding the demographic questions to the front page.	AMENDED
Supply Point Switching API Technical Specification	V1.0	Adding additional information on error messages	AMENDED

R0182- Levelisation Reconciliation Electricity Single-rate/Multi-register Split

This Change Proposal will introduce the necessary governance and charging amendments to existing Payment Method Levelisation (PML) Reconciliation arrangements (introduced in R0147) to allow for multi-register reconciliation. The amendments will allow for an ongoing reconciliation that accounts for split in both single-rate and multi-register Metering Assets.

Additionally, it will also allow for a one-off retrospective recalculation for the period dating from the proposed effective implementation date of 01 January 2025 back to the implementation of the original reconciliation mechanism on 01 April 2024.

This Change Proposal has now been referred to the Authority for their determination, subject to Authority Decision by 01 November 2024, it will be implemented on 08 November 24. If a decision is received after this date, it will be implemented no later than 31 December 2024.

REC PRODUCTS IMPACTED:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 1 PRODUCT			

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
Schedule 31 - Payment Method Levelisation Reconciliation	V1.1	Sets out the requirement to submit data split by single-rate and multi-register.	AMENDED
Schedule 1 - Interpretations & Definitions	V5.2	New defined term added for PML Retrospective Recalculation	Amended

REC STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED:

STAKEHOLDER	STAKEHOLDER TYPE	DETAILS
Domestic Energy Suppliers	REC Party	Will be required to submit ongoing data split by single-rate and multi-register to engage with the new requirement.

2 OTHER IMPACTED REC PRODUCTS

REC BASELINE STATEMENT:

ARTIFACT	CURRENT VERSION	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
CATEGORY 3 PRODUCT			
REC Baseline Statement	V1.52	Amended to reflect the new version numbers of REC products in scope of this release	AMENDED

3 IMPACTED REC SYSTEMS

REC PORTAL

No changes are required to the REC Portal to support the changes in scope of the release.

ENERGY MARKET ARCHITECTURE REPOSITORY (EMAR)

No impacts to EMAR have been identified for the changes that are in scope of the release.

4 RELEASE PLAN

REC PRE-RELEASE AND RELEASE ENGAGEMENT PLAN

EVENT / MILESTONE	DATE	COMMUNICATION METHOD
Legal Text Pre-Release	09/10/24	EMAR
Release Webinar	31/10/24	Webinar
Release Go Live communication	08/11/24	Weekly Bulletin
Release Go Live communication on REC Portal	08/11/24	Release Management Page

5 TEST PLAN

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

There will be testing of the technical changes to support the implementation of R0115. There are no user testing requirements.

6 TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

SERVICE PROVIDER ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Code Manager will conduct technical assurance of testing activities carried out for R0115.

PARTY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

There are no Party Assurance requirements in scope of this release.

7 GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING

The Code Manager will report to RECCo on progress against the Release Plan as necessary.