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REC CHANGE PANEL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECCP_26_1103**
DATE	**03 November 2026**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LB	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
Keith Foster	Independent SME	KF	Voting Member
Sarah Jones	Independent SME	SJ	Voting Member
Seb Eyre	Independent SME	SE	Voting Member
Bela Ashworth	Code Manager	BA	Change Delivery Manager
Florentina Monea	Code Manager	FM	Change Lead
Ann Perry	Retail Energy Code Company	AP	Observer
Nadir Hafeez	Ofgem	NH	Authority Representative
Harry Firth	Code Manager	HF	Secretariat

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1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting of the REC Change Panel (RECCP). There were apologies received ahead of the meeting from Komal Brown (ScottishPower) and Harry Hailwood (Brook Green Supply).

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair invited any additional items of business for consideration during the meeting. BA added Item 6.1 – REC Change Panel 17 November 2026 and NH added Item 6.2 – Authority Update.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECCP Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 20 October 2026. The approved minutes would be published as 'final' and made available via the REC Portal.

4 R0322 – ERRONEOUS SWITCH REVIEW: I0237 CLARIFICATION

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 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 summarised industry engagement for R0322. Firstly, 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.

A consultation was issued from 18 September to 09 October and received four responses from Energy Suppliers. Respondents strongly supported the Change Proposal and the legal text, the clarifications on timescales, data retention, Data Items and Market Messages, the case for change, Self-Governance route, with the Change Panel as the Responsible Committee, and the proposed implementation date of 26 February 2027. Some respondents asked whether the proposal introduces new obligations. The Code Manager responded that R0322 only clarifies existing arrangements and corrects typographical errors and terminology. It places no new obligations or requirements on Energy Suppliers in relation to the Erroneous Switch process.

For the case for change, FM confirmed that no central system or Party costs had been identified and benefits included increased clarity and consistency within the REC, and an improved Consumer Switching experience.

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 26 February 2027; and
- **AGREED** unanimously to approve the proposed implementation approach of Big Bang

5 CHANGE PROPOSAL TRACKER

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

FM advised that no new submissions had been received by the Code Manager since the last Change Panel meeting.

FM provided an overview of further updates:

- I0200 - Review of the REC's Address Management Service: The fifth working group will take place on 17 November 2026. The group will discuss clarifications around the D0381 process and new connections, including clarifying crossed meters and address updates..
- I0265 - Theft Calculator Usage and Suitability Assessment: The objectives of the original statement of this Issue – seeking to review the usage of the Theft Assessment Calculator and assess its sustainability – have now been completed. A closure report has now been published, and this Issue has been classed as resolved. A final working group will be hosted on 18 November to inform Parties of the solution requirements developed and the next steps planned for the Theft Assessment Calculator.
- I0278 - Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party: The fifth closed working group session took place on 06 October 2026 where members focused on the following themes: report, documentation, safety, interference, tampers, and damage. The next closed working group session will take place on 09 November 2026 covering audit and training for standalone SIPs.
- R0313 - Erroneous Switch Review: Amendments to Clause 4.5: REC Change Panel voted to approve the Extension to Plan for R0313 via an ex-committee decision. The Code Manager is currently developing the proposed solution, with focus on Consumer protection measures.
- R0323 - Tariff Interoperability Phase 1a – Supplier Performance Assurance Requirements: On 27 October 2026, the Performance Assurance Board voted, in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, to approve this change. The appeal window is now open until 23:59, 11 November 2026. Subject to no appeals, this Change Proposal will be implemented on 18 February 2027.
- R0324 - Use of REL Data to Support Key Regulations: On 28 October 2026, the Technical Expert Panel voted, in line with the Code Manager's recommendation, to approve this change. The appeal window is now open until 23:59, 12 November 2026. Subject to no appeals, this Change Proposal will be implemented on 26 February 2027.
- R0342 - Enabling Dual MSA & MSS (SVA MOA) appointments for WC connection types: On 07 October 2026, the Code Manager issued a Consultation. Seven responses were received. The responses received provided a split between support and pushback received. Due to extensive

amendments to the legal drafting, the BSC are required to issue a second consultation. Due to this, R0342 will be re-issued for Consultation.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 REC CHANGE PANEL 17 NOVEMBER MEETING

BA advised RECCP members that the next Change Panel meeting will take place on 17 November. The meeting will include a bulk Update to Proposal Plans, currently covering five REC Issues that require extensions beyond the December Code Manager Licence award date. Updated plans will also reflect new decision checkpoints involving the Stakeholder Advisory Forum and RECCo, supported by a cover paper explaining the revised approach. BA added that the 17 November meeting is expected to have a particularly full agenda. Panel members were therefore asked to confirm their attendance well in advance to help ensure the meeting is quorate.

6.2 AUTHORITY UPDATE

NH provided RECCP members with the following update from the Authority:

Recent REC code decisions

"On 28 October, we approved R0332 - Amend the REC to permit RECCo to undertake additional code manager activities for implementation on 4 November 2026."

Ofgem publishing Moratorium

We will be observing our publishing moratorium over the Christmas/New Year period. The moratorium starts on Monday 14 December 2026 and ends on Monday 4 January 2027. Therefore, we will recommence publishing on Tuesday 5 January. The moratorium will affect all publishing on ofgem.gov.uk. New publications and updates will only be permitted during the moratorium if there is a legal or statutory requirement to publish. Please note that although we will not be publishing code decisions during this period, we will still be working on codes and code modifications."

Energy Code Reform

"We usually provide updates on recent and upcoming publications, but we think it useful to give a brief overview of the current status of the energy code reform programme.

(I) On phase 1, we're on track with the key milestones, still aiming to appoint the REC code manager in December 2026, and the BSC code manager in February / March 2027. Upcoming publication of our BSC EA23 notice and statutory consultation will be a key step in delivery of this, and we continue to engage with RECCo and DESNZ to ensure all is in place for RECCo to become the first code manager in December.

(II) On phase 2, we are working up our policy approach following our summer workgroups aiming for consultations in 2027. As part of our updates today, we will note the publication last month of our Phase 2 Minded-to-grant decisions.

(III) On phase 3, we aim to start work in early 2027 and have already begun limited engagement to identify potential areas of focus."

Phase 2 Minded–to-grant code manager licence decision

"On Tuesday 27 October we published our minded-to-grant decisions for codes in Phase 2 code reform, the Electricity Commercial Code and the Gas Network Code.

This publication is a major milestone in the energy code reform pathway and will allow us to begin the important work with code managers to fully assess them for licensing as code manager. We have chosen the code managers on the basis of a thorough licencing assessment where candidates were required to demonstrate that they were able to meet our conflict of interest, capability and expertise and strategy criteria, thus meeting the standard licence conditions required to the Code Manager role.

In coming months, we will work with RECCo and Xoserve to both continue our progress towards code manager selection for the phase 2 codes, and to gather information from code manager candidates and code manager parties for our coming policy proposals on the phase 2 pathway. The notices are now published on our website and representations on the proposed licence grant may be made within four weeks of the publication date. “

BSC Notice and statutory consultation

“We are preparing to publish on 6 November a statutory consultation on proposed modifications to the BSC and affected licences required to implement the new governance framework for the BSC.

The proposals cover changes to code governance arrangements, the code modification process, stakeholder advisory forums, code manager responsibilities, transitional arrangements, and related electricity and gas licence changes.

Alongside the consultation, we will publish a statutory notice in accordance with schedule 12 to the Energy Act 2023, setting out the proposed modifications to the BSC and affected licences.

Publication of this statutory consultation marks a significant milestone in the wider BSC reform programme. It brings Ofgem closer to completing the steps needed to appoint Elexon as the BSC code manager in early 2027.”

Gas Act 1986 / Electricity Act 1989 Decision

“We expect to publish our statutory decision on proposed special conditions and amendments to the code manager licences for the BSC and REC in early December.

The decision will confirm our final position, considering responses received to the statutory consultation.

This is a key step needed in order for us to be ready to grant the code manager licences for phase 1, for the REC and the BSC.”

REC Decision & Phase 1 REC licence grant

“We expect to publish our statutory decision on the amendments to the REC in early December, following our statutory consultation on modifications to the Retail Energy Code and affected licences.

The decision will confirm our final position, considering responses received to the statutory consultation. Alongside the decision, we will publish the amended REC code text, licences and a code manager licence grant decision notice.

This is a key step needed in order for Ofgem to be ready to grant the code manager licence for the REC and put the new framework in place.”

SDS-2 conversion following REC designation

“As set out in our SDS-2 decision, we expect to publish a conversion letter following the designation of the REC.

As a result, SDS-2 will become a hybrid document, operating as the formal SDS for the REC while remaining a preliminary SDS for codes that have not yet been designated.

Therefore, following designation, the REC Code Manager should refer to SDS-2 when fulfilling obligations relating to the Strategic Direction Statement, including the code manager licence obligation to prepare

and publish a plan that details how it will facilitate delivery of the requirements of the SDS, and an annual budget relating to their activities."

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

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