

Changes to DCUSA Owned Data Flows

Overview

The Retail Energy Code (REC) Data Specification brings together market messages and data items governed under the following energy industry codes:

- The Retail Energy Code
- The Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)
- The Distribution, Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA)
- The Smart Energy Code (SEC); and
- The Uniform Network Code (UNC)

The market messages and data items within the REC Data Specification can only be updated by the governing code, i.e. the “owner”. This document sets out the process for making Data Specification changes for DCUSA.

Identifying the owner

Within the REC Data Specification, each Data Item and Market Message has an assigned owner displayed. For example, in the following screenshot DCUSA is the owner.

Data Item

Data Item Reference	Item Description	Legacy Reference	Data Item Owner	Logical Length	Decimal Length	Physical Length	Data Type	Data Type Format
DI51572	Indicates whether the Distributor intends to move the Supplier electricity meter during a service alteration	J2311	Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement	1	0	1	Boolean	Indicator (T/F)

Raising a DCUSA owned data specification change

To request a change to an existing DCUSA owned data flow or to request the development of a new DCUSA data flow. DCUSA Parties should follow the existing DCUSA Change Proposal (CP) process. More information on how to raise a CP can be found [here](#).

The DCUSA Secretariat will inform the REC Code Manager of such CPs, so that the REC Data Specification can be updated and to carry out a check to ensure that there are no other consequential impacts on REC, or REC owned data items. Once the change has been approved through the DCUSA CP process,, the data flow specification will be incorporated into the relevant REC Data Specification pre-release and subsequently made live on the Release Date.

Communication of Releases and Pre-Releases

The REC Code Manager will issue communications to industry when a pre-release to the Data Specification is available and when the release has gone live. The DCUSA secretariat will ensure that this communication is also issued to all DCUSA Contract Managers.

Data specification change principles

The market messages and data items within the REC Data Specification can only be updated by the data item owner. In applying these updates, the Code Managers/ Administrators shall adhere to the following principles so far as reasonably possible:

Principle 1: No Ad-hoc releases: Data Specification changes will be applied in the three standard industry releases (February, June, November).

Principle 2: Minimum Lead Time (approval): there will be a minimum of four months between approval of a data specification change and its implementation.

Principle 3: Minimum Lead Time (pre-release): there will be a minimum of three months between the publication of the data specification pre-release information and implementation.

Principle 4: Communication of changes: the Code Manager/Administrator that owns the items being updated will be responsible for issuing communications to industry on data specification changes, as part of its own change and release processes.

Principle 5: Communication of Releases and Pre-Releases: the REC Code Manager will issue communications to industry when a pre-release to the Data Specification is available and when the release has gone live, as will the Code under which the change was approved.

Principle 6: Code Managers will endeavour to co-ordinate communications: the Code Manager/Administrator that owns the items being updated and the REC Code Manager will co-ordinate to ensure consistent communications.

Open data specification changes

A list of all open data specification changes across all relevant industry codes is available on the Energy Market Architecture Repository (EMAR), which can be accessed from the [REC website](#).