

RETAIL ENERGY CODE

PCW FORUM – JULY 2021

ECOES ACCESS

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1. Set out the transitional governance arrangements for maintain accessing ECOES from 01 Sept 2021
2. Describe the engagement underway to secure access for existing ECOES Users
3. What is different under the REC?
4. New ECOES users and additional access rights
5. Q&A

- Ofgem developed transitional arrangements that allow existing ECOES users to continue to access this service, without disruption, after Retail Code Consolidation.
- The transition rules require that a current ECOES user:
 - a) Has in place an agreement for access immediately before 01 September 2021, and
 - b) Signs a REC Access Agreement with RECCo.
- RECCo is only permitted to enter into REC Access Agreements with certain categories of users as defined in the REC.
- Each category of user may only access data items specified in the REC Data Access Matrix. The categories of user and the REC Data Access Matrix have been consulted upon by Ofgem and were developed using information provided by MRASCo.
- PCW permitted use: “where a Consumer makes a request in relation to the Metering Point for that Consumer's premises, providing data to that Consumer to assist the Consumer in exploring whether to make a Switch”

- At RECCo's request, MRASCo has written to existing (non-REC Party) ECOES users to request that they authorise sharing of existing agreement information with RECCo
- Letters sent last week.
- Once RECCo has received the information, we will check for compatibility with the REC and then send Access Agreements for signature. Each Access Agreement will have a schedule confirming that access will be provided to existing data items, using existing means (GUI or API) and applying the same charges.
- The terms of the Access Agreement is not negotiable – it has been prescribed by Ofgem.
- The Access Agreement and some FAQs have been published on the RECCo Website Transition page - [here](#)

- The Access Agreement terms and conditions will be different to those offered by MRASCo. Developed and consulted upon by Ofgem and are not negotiable on an individual case by case basis.
- The REC Code Manager will undertake an annual maintenance check on compliance. For PCWs this will comprise:
 - a) **Annual Statement:** Requirement to self-certify that you continue to meet the REC qualification requirements
 - b) **Compliance Statement:** Submitted together with Annual Statement (unless there is an External Assessment), a self certification check on security and data protection
 - c) **External Assessment:** Every three years, PCWs will be required to answer questions and provide evidence around your ongoing ISDP arrangements. This will be assessed by the REC Code Manager.
- PCWs will need to sign up to the REC Portal. This is the main way in which the REC Code Manager will communicate with you, for example by letting you know when your annual maintenance check is due.
- The REC Code Manager will shortly be publishing further guidance and templates on the annual maintenance requirements – a recent seminar and FAQs available of the RECCo website - [here](#)



NEW USERS AND NEW REQUIREMENTS

- We propose to carry over access rights for existing users. If more data items are needed or a different access method then an application should be made to the REC Code Manager and the Access Agreement would be adjusted
- Parties that do not have agreements in place with MRASCo will need to apply to the REC Code Manager for access to ECOES after 01 Sept 2021
- The REC Code Manager will shortly be publishing further detail on the market entry arrangements

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QUESTIONS?

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