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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY SOLUTION WORKING GROUP – USER AGREEMENT AND CODE DRAFTING

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECTISWG_25_0904**
DATE	**4 August 2025, 13:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Chris Stock	Retail Energy Code Company	CS	Chair
Theo Burnard	Code Manager	TB	Secretariat
Kevin Redmond	Retail Energy Code Company	KR	Committee Member
Nathan Gould	Retail Energy Code Company	NG	Committee Member
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member
Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	Committee Member
Brian O'Shea	Retail Energy Code Company	BOS	Committee Member
Samuel Wroe	DESNZ	SW	Committee Member
Peter Morgan	DESNZ	PM	Committee Member
Emma Johnson	Centrica	EJ	Committee Member
Daniel Leyfield	Levelise	DL	Committee Member
Richard Slack	Levelise	RS	Committee Member
Sam Stanhope	ESG Global	SS	Committee Member
Carolyn Burns	ESG Global	CB	Committee Member
Chris Howe	Mixergy	CH	Committee Member
Christine Harris	Mixergy	CHa	Committee Member
Bryan Cortaz	Givenergy	BC	Committee Member
Matt Roderick	N3RGY	MR	Committee Member
Pete Noyce	Kraken	PN	Committee Member

Mike Winter	SSE	MW	Committee Member
Gareth Evans	WatersWye	GE	Committee Member
Alan DeBell	EDF Energy	ADB	Committee Member
Andrew Gore	EON Energy	AG	Committee Member

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees to the final meeting of the REC Tariff Interoperability Solution Working Group (TISWG).

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair outlined the agenda, which included confirmation of the previous minutes and actions, a deliverables review, discussion on the user agreement, a code drafting update and consultation next steps.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND ACTION LOG

The Code Manager reviewed the minutes from the TISWG meeting held on 21 August 2025 and invited comments or questions from Members.

No comments were received, and the minutes were agreed as final.

Due to this being the final TISWG Meeting, TISWG agreed to transfer any outstanding TISWG actions to the Tariff Interoperability Working Group (TIWG) Actions Log, including any actions which arose from this meeting.

The Code Manager and DESNZ (SW) provided updates to all the open actions, resulting in four actions being closed, and one action being transferred to the TIWG Action Log for further development.

RECTISWG noted the update.

4. DELIVERABLES REVIEW

The Chair updated the TISWG on the progress of the agreed deliverables, noting that the Design Principles Agreed, Tariff Interoperability Proof of Concept and API Technical Specification have all been successfully completed.

The Chair provided an update on progress of the remaining deliverables, noting that work on the Data Specification is almost complete, information for User Agreement is provided in this meeting, the key principles for Code Drafting have been established and a Consultation Document update will also be provided at this TISWG meeting.

RECTISWG noted the update.

5. USER AGREEMENT KEY PRINCIPLES

RECCo (BOS) presented the key principles of the User Agreement, explaining its role as a legal contract enabling Optimisers to access Tariff Interoperability (TI) arrangements, without binding them to the entire REC, ensuring proportional obligations and protections for all parties involved. BOS emphasised that the User Agreement reflects a fair and equitable provision of service for Suppliers and Optimisers, and provides substantial benefits for Consumers.

RECCo (BOS) outlined that the Retail Energy Code (REC) is a proven pathway that 326 organisations have already used to access services. BOS noted that the User Agreement acts as a clear legal framework which enables access to the TI arrangements.

A TISWG Member queried the eligibility criteria and the necessity of consumer consent for individuals wanting to access their own data, specifically whether there was any gatekeeping in place to limit access to the private route. RECCo (SJ) confirmed that the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) established that only Optimisers can sign up and use the private route and the MVP did not support access to individuals. RECCo (AW) highlighted that the public route allows any individual or organisation to access tariff data without a User Agreement, while the private route, which includes customer-specific information, is restricted to registered Optimisers who have signed the User Agreement and have consumer consent.

A TISWG Member queried the restriction to Optimisers only. RECCo (SJ) explained that this position had been agreed at a previous meeting. An action was taken to discuss further with DESNZ.

[*Post meeting note: DESNZ has confirmed that access to Consumer Specific Pricing Information should not be limited to Optimisers. This has been reflected in updates to the REC Schedule.]*

RECCo (BOS) addressed TISWG Members questions around sub-processers and data sharing within related organisations, clarifying that sub-processors will be covered by contractual flow-down obligations. TISWG Members also raised concerns about protections against excessive Application Programming Interface (API) requests, and RECCo (BOS, SJ) explained that operational controls and rate limiting are specified in the schedule for the public route, and Suppliers retain the ability to reject requests if necessary.

RECCO (BOS) emphasised that the User Agreement includes standard confidentiality and data protection clauses, ensuring all parties comply with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and that personal data is handled appropriately.

TISWG Members discussed the parameters of the MVP and potential future use cases of the TI solution in Phase Two development, such as price comparison websites or home assistants. RECCo (BOS) confirmed that any changes to the User Agreement or TI arrangements must go through the REC change process, with all impacted parties, including Optimisers, having the right to participate in consultations.

RECTISWG noted the update.

6. CODE DRAFTING UPDATE

RECCo (SJ) provided an update on code drafting, and explained that provisions for User and Supplier registers, as well as monitoring and reporting activities, have been consolidated into the Tariff Interoperability Schedule for clarity and ease of navigation.

SJ shared that a new section in the Tariff Interoperability Schedule specifies requirements for Registered TI Users, including data misuse and security, with terminology clarified to distinguish between public and registered users.

SJ clarified that while the schedule appears mandatory for all Suppliers, actual compliance is determined by supply licence conditions, with voluntary participation for certain Suppliers who must

comply fully if they opt in. TISWG discussed the operational process for Suppliers to opt in or out via the endpoint register and agreed notice should be provided where a Supplier ceases to opt in.

RECTISWG noted the update.

7. SUPPLIER LICENCE CONDITIONS

DESNZ (SW) led a discussion on the Supply Licence Conditions, noting the consultation period will be useful for refining the terminology used moving forward.

SW clarified that Non-Domestic Suppliers with fewer than 100,000 relevant meter points are automatically exempt from compliance, and other Suppliers may apply for derogations in exceptional cases, to ensure proportionality in API development obligations. TISWG Members requested that DESNZ provide further clarification for the 100,000 meter points including whether this applies across gas and electricity and whether it will be measured at an MPID or parent company level. DESNZ agreed to return to the Tariff Interoperability Working Group (TIWG) with further information.

SW noted that Suppliers offering only bespoke or deemed contracts are also exempt from the requirements, as bespoke contract types are out of scope for the data sharing obligation.

RECCo (SJ) clarified that Suppliers will communicate their exemption status when contacted for endpoint registration, and records will be maintained to track which organisations are exempt.

RECTISWG noted the update.

8. CONSULTATION NEXT STEPS

DESNZ (SW) described the upcoming consultation process, outlining that consultation will be launched on the RECCo platform for eight weeks, with notifications sent to all relevant stakeholders and a follow-up webinar planned to address questions and gather feedback.

SW shared that once the consultation closes, DESNZ and RECCo will review member's responses, make necessary amendments, and may convene ad-hoc working groups to address specific concerns before finalising any changes, ready for implementation in March 2026.

RECTISWG noted the update.

9. Q & A

No Q&A was raised.

RECTISWG noted the update.

10. AOB

TISWG Members shared positive feedback about the TISWG process, noting that the speed of progress, responsiveness to Member's feedback and collaborative approach led to a successful outcome.

The Chair thanked TISWG Committee Members and the Project Team for their efforts.

RECTISWG noted the update.