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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECTIWG_25_0729**
DATE	**29 July 2025, 15:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Chris Stock	Retail Energy Code Company	CS	Committee Chair
Kevin Redmond	Moorhouse Consulting	KR	Committee Member
Theo Burnard	Code Manager	TB	Code Manager
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member
Rebecca Griffiths	Retail Energy Code Company	RG	Committee Member
Nathan Gould	Retail Energy Code Company	NG	Committee Member
Matt White	Retail Energy Code Company	MW	Committee Member
Emily Davis	Ofgem	ED	Committee Member
Gillian Beattie	Ofgem	GB	Committee Member
Charles Clark	Ofgem	CC	Committee Member
Montana Aeberhardt	Ofgem	MA	Committee Member
Tamara Dimova	DESNZ	TD	Committee Member
Peter Morgan	DESNZ	PM	Committee Member
Samuel Wroe	DESNZ	SW	Committee Member
Daniel Leyfield	Levelise	DL	Committee Member
Richard Slack	Levelise	RS	Committee Member
Claire Louise Roberts	Scottish Power	CLR	Committee Member
Caroline Nocton	Powervault	CN	Committee Member
Daniel Hollingworth	Ohme	DH	Committee Member
Gareth Evans	Walter Wye	GE	Committee Member

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Pete Noyce	Kraken	LW	Committee Member
June Mallett	Drax	JM	Committee Member
Louise Evans	Energy UK	LE	Committee Member
Sam Stanhope	ESG Global	SS	Committee Member
Tom Oldfield	Mixergy	TO	Committee Member
Christine Harris	Mixergy	CH	Committee Member
Ren Kang	Mixergy	RK	Committee Member
Bryan Hale	Centrica	BH	Committee Member
Emma Johnson	Centrica	EJ	Committee Member
Claire Addison	Flexitricity	CA	Committee Member
Pardeep Randhawa	npower	PR	Committee Member

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Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	Committee Member

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the fourth meeting of the REC Tariff Interoperability Working Group (TIWG).

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair shared an overview of the agenda, including a status and planning update, risk review, and an update by DESNZ during AOB.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Code Manager highlighted that a post-meeting note was added to the previous minutes, under Agenda Item 6 – Updates from the Tariff Interoperability Solution Working Group (TISWG). RECCO confirmed that scenarios where customers do not know their Supplier, rent from a private landlord or reside in social housing will not be considered in phase one, but may be considered in future phases.

No further comments were received during the meeting, therefore, the previous minutes for the TIWG held on 24 June were approved as final.

TIWG Members noted the update.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS LOG

The Code Manager reviewed the actions log and proposed to close two actions related to uploading educational material and GitHub to the REC Portal. No objections were raised, and the TIWG agreed to close these actions.

TIWG Members noted the update.

5. STATUS UPDATE

The Chair presented a status update for TIWG Members, noting that the development of the API tech spec had been a key focus during the July TISWG Meetings. The Chair noted that the Code Manager has issued the API tech spec to all TISWG Members via the RECCo public developer portal.

The Chair noted that almost 20 Suppliers have signed up to the portal and requested any feedback from TIWG Members be shared before 5pm on 30 July 2025.

The Chair noted that the user access agreement is being developed with legal advisors to ensure the best approach and language is used.

The Chair shared that the REC schedule, encompassing service definitions of the User register, Supplier register, Service Monitoring Tool (SMT), and other aspects, has been drafted and sent to DESNZ for initial review. It will be sent to TIWG membership for review around mid-August.

The Chair shared the forecasted status update for the August TISWG, noting that the Project Team aims to team will finalise the API tech spec, User agreement, and REC changes iteratively, while incorporating feedback from TISWG Members.

The Chair noted that August will be a busy month and requested Members to inform the team of their availability to ensure useful discussions. The topics for the upcoming meetings include data standards and API spec discussion, government frameworks, API specs returning, and code drafting and consultation next steps.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

6. PLANNING UPATE

KR provided a detailed planning update, highlighted the significant progress made by the TISWG and commended the commitment shown by Members. KR noted that the key milestones include finalising the API tech spec in August, sending REC changes to DESNZ by mid-September, and launching the consultation on October 1st.

KR explained that the consultation period will involve engaging with other REC parties to ensure a representative sample of consultation responses. Following that, the Project Team will analyse responses and agree on any changes needed to the REC drafting.

KR noted that REC changes will be introduced by DESNZ at the end of March 2026, providing Suppliers nine months to develop their APIs, making obligations effective towards the end of 2026 or early 2027.

KR shared that internal development will focus on the User register, Supplier register, and SMT, with updates provided to the TIWG throughout late 2025 and 2026.

TIWG Members noted the update.

7. RISK REVIEW

KR reviewed the key risks which the Project Team have identified, noting that the selection provided in this TIWG session does not encapsulate the total number of risks.

KR noted that there is a risk that the API tech spec might not reflect Industry needs, leading to Suppliers providing inaccurate information or tariffs not being compatible with the API. Mitigations to this risk include the TISWG and consultation feedback.

KR noted that resource and capacity constraints within Suppliers could impact the development of API solutions. Mitigations include an implementation and engagement plan and a nine-month period for Suppliers to build their APIs.

KR noted that the solution design might not be agreed upon within the allocated time, impacting the consultation timeline. Mitigations include developing elements through TISWG and exception assurance design.

KR noted that the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) solution might not be compatible with phase two, leading to a significant rework. Mitigations include close engagement with the consumer consent project and clarifying scope areas for phase two in advance.

KR noted that a lack of clarity around the exemption process for small non-domestic support is being actively mitigated through discussions with DESNZ and Ofgem colleagues.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

8. AOB

DESNZ presented a position on deemed contracts, suggesting that Suppliers should not be required to build and maintain the API solely for deemed contracts but should include deemed contract data if they are already required to build the API for other tariffs.

DESNZ noted there is a potential scenario where non-domestic Suppliers would be required to build and maintain the API only for deemed contracts, which is not considered proportionate. DESNZ shared their research suggests that around 10% of micro businesses are on deemed contracts, and some might benefit from optimisation via interoperability.

DESNZ discussed load risks, noting that while the NIS regulations do not apply, there is a potential risk of herding. The issue will be raised with the grid stability working group to check relevant codes and address any gaps.

Next meeting date: 26 August 2025