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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY SOLUTION WORKING GROUP – DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS ONE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECTISWG_25_0604**
DATE	**04 June 2025, 13:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Chris Stock	Retail Energy Code Company	CS	Chair
Theo Burnard	Code Manager	TB	Secretariat
Nathan Gould	Retail Energy Code Company	NG	Committee Member
Rebecca Griffiths	Retail Energy Code Company	RG	Committee Member
Lindsay Biginton	Retail Energy Code Company	LB	Committee Member
Alson Yau	Retail Energy Code Company	AY	Committee Member
Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	Committee Member
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member
Louise van Rensburg	Ofgem	LR	Committee Member
Gillian Beattie	Ofgem	GB	Committee Member
Montana Aeberhardt	Ofgem	MAe	Committee Member
Peter Morgan	DESNZ	PM	Committee Member
Tamara Dimova	DESNZ	TD	Committee Member
Claire Louise Roberts	Scottish Power	CLR	Committee Member
John Hinsley	Glen Dimplex	JH	Committee Member
Emma Johnson	Centrica	EJ	Committee Member
Gareth Evans	Walter Wye	GE	Committee Member
Aled Watkins	Kraken	AW	Committee Member
Lori Wilson	Kraken	LW	Committee Member
Gemma Willcocks	EDF Energy	GW	Committee Member

Alan DeBell	EDF Energy	AD	Committee Member
Demelza Green	EDF Energy	DG	Committee Member
Richard Slack	Levelise	RS	Committee Member
Louise Evans	Energy UK	LE	Committee Member
Bryan Crotaz	GivEnergy	BC	Committee Member
Mike Winter	SSE	MW	Committee Member

APOLOGIES

Kevin Redmond	Moorhouse Consulting	KR	Committee Member

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Tariff Interoperability Solution Working Group (TISWG) Design Assumptions One meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair presented an overview of the agenda and gave apologies for KR.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Secretary noted that no comments on the previous minutes were received prior to TISWG, and no feedback was given during the meeting. The draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 15 May 2025 were approved as final.

4. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF KEY ASSUMPTIONS

The Chair provided a summary of TISWG 01 and highlighted the two routes for accessing tariff data:

- RouteOne for public generic tariff pricing data.
- Route Two for private Customer-specific pricing data.

The Chair requested any feedback on assumptions be sent to committees@recmanager.co.uk by Friday 13th June 2025.

SJ presented the following ten assumptions related to Route One:

- Interactions between the Customer and Optimiser are outside the scope of the REC.
- Any organisation can access Tariff Pricing Data via Route One (public access).
- Suppliers will not be required to provide details of bespoke pricing data via Route One (public access).
- Public access: tariff pricing data to be made available via using the Representational State Transfer (REST) Application Programming Interface (API) style.
- Suppliers will be required to make Endpoint information available for Optimiser usage.
- Suppliers shall provide Endpoint details for each Market Participant Identifier (MPID), subject to derogations.

- RECCo will maintain a register of Supplier Endpoints and make this available to Users. Alternatively, an obligation will be placed on Suppliers to publish and maintain Endpoints in a location which is easily accessible to Users.
- There will be a mechanism for Suppliers to apply to Ofgem for a derogation against the requirements to provide tariff pricing data.
- Endpoints will be provided from each REC Qualified Supplier, except those granted a derogation by Ofgem.
- Standard error codes will be defined that all Suppliers will be required to apply. These will be documented in the API Technical Specification.

During API proposal discussion, SJ noted that a RESTful API for Route 1 aligns with industry standards and government API guidance. PM and NG confirmed that the API proposal aligns with best practices.

SJ discussed the obligation for suppliers to provide and maintain endpoint data, ensuring Users can engage with Suppliers effectively. This obligation is similar to maintaining operational contact information under the REC.

SJ proposed RECCo maintain a central register of Supplier endpoints, noting it would be beneficial for identifying any missing information and for Optimisers seeking a single register of endpoint information. SJ noted the alternative solution places the obligation on Suppliers to provide and share endpoint information.

SJ noted that that Suppliers would be required to specify the endpoint against each MPID, allowing flexibility for Suppliers to build API functionality to best fit their operating models.

SJ acknowledged that derogations for small non-domestic Suppliers are due to concerns about disproportionate costs for developing the API. DESNZ (TD) noted that specific derogation processes are still in development.

SJ proposed introducing standard error codes for API validation to ensure consistency across Suppliers and users. These codes would be defined within the tariff data specification.

BC recommended using randomised tariff IDs instead of names for API requests to ensure robustness, minimise human error and avoid issues with tariff name changes.

TISWG Members noted the update.

4. REVIEW OF STRAWMAN FOR ROUTE 1

SJ presented a strawman proposal for the API, suggesting two routes:

- one route for requesting tariff names,
- another route for requesting specific tariff pricing information.

SJ noted that this approach aims to minimise the volume of information and focus on user needs.

Members queried how active tariffs would be defined, displayed and communicated to Customers. RECCo noted it would seek to clarify this and return to future TISWGs with an update.

TISWG Members noted the update.

5. SURVEY FOR UPCOMING TISWG

CS presented a survey prepared by KR and requesting responses by TISWG Members be sent to committees@recmanager.co.uk by Wednesday 18th June. Results from this survey will be shared at upcoming TISWG meetings.

6. AOB

GW noted that scenario-based visuals or use cases are helpful in bringing the assumptions to life and requested that RECCo explore developing these.

The Chair proposed publishing detailed agenda prior to TISWG to help Members prepare for upcoming meetings, noting that TISWG agendas are published 5 working days prior to each meeting through the REC Portal.

Next meeting date: 12 June 2025