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TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY WORKING GROUP

TUESDAY 09 DECEMBER 2025

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	Chair
Confirmation of Agenda	Chair
Action Log Update	Secretary
Approval of Previous Minutes	Secretary
Consultation Update	Chris Stock
Test Approach	Kevin Redmond
Implementation Working Group	Chris Stock
AOB	Chair

ACTION LOG UPDATE

ACTION REF.	ACTION	OWNER(S)	ORIGINAL TARGET (ACTUAL TARGET)	UPDATE	STATUS
RECTIWG_25_0527_01	Once Design Assumptions 2 and 3 have been discussed in TISWG meetings, the Chair and RECCo will seek out feedback from consumer groups.	The Chair (CS) / RECCo (KR)	29/07/2025	RECCO invited a wide range of feedback through the consultation process and are satisfied with the breadth of expertise engaged.	Propose to close.
RECTIWG_25_0930_01	RECCo to add an additional step to the API Tech Spec implementation process reflecting members feedback that testing procedures must be aligned with API updates.	RECCo	Early 2026.	RECCo can confirm that an additional step has been considered in the test approach and plan, and a further update will be provided at a future TIWG meeting.	Open
RECTIWG_25_0930_02	RECCo to share the shared position of the TI Arrangements permitted use within consultation document.	RECCo	23/10/2025	The consultation included a view of the shared position and outlined the permitted use within the TI schedule.	Open

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- No comments were received on the minutes from the TIWG meeting on 30 September 2025.

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CONSULTATION UPDATE

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- The Tariff Interoperability Arrangements Consultation was launched on Tuesday 25 November
- The consultation materials include:
  - **Cover Letter:** Introducing the consultation
  - **Annex A:** List of questions
  - **Annex B:** Policy overview of TI
  - **Annex C:** Draft SLC changes
  - **Annex D:** Draft REC TI Arrangements Schedule
  - **Annex E:** API Technical Specification and associated Energy Market Data Specification changes
  - **Annex F:** REC Standards Definition Document with redline changes to the existing REC artefact
  - **Annex G:** Implementation Timeline
  - Proforma response document
- **The consultation closes on Tuesday 20 January 2026**
- Responses should be sent to SSES.Interoperability@energysecurity.gov.uk and Tariffinteroperability@retailenergycode.co.uk.
- **A webinar will be held on Wednesday 17 December** – this is aimed at REC Parties and other stakeholders who do not have a detailed level of knowledge about TI. However, we would still encourage TIWG attendance for any questions you have on the consultation.

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TEST APPROACH AND PLAN

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The Tariff Interoperability Test Approach and Plan sets out the strategy, approach, timeline and requirements for the assurance and testing of the TI Arrangements

Internal Systems	Carried out by RECCo, we need to ensure that the Supplier Register, User Register, and System Monitoring operate as required by the solution design.
Solution Design	Managed by RECCo, with the support of a Pilot Group, we need to ensure that the end-to-end solution design for the TI Arrangements works
Ability to operate in the TI Arrangements	Overseen by RECCo, but carried out by Suppliers and Users, organisations may wish to test to demonstrate their ability to operate in the TI Arrangements

TEST APPROACH AND PLAN

Internal Systems

- Over the course of 2026, RECCo will develop the User Register, Supplier Register and System Monitoring
- In addition, we will develop a Sandbox environment to allow for Suppliers and TI Users to carry out their own self-directed testing
- We will carry out our internal testing, as detailed in the Test Approach & Plan document before we move to testing the Solution Design

Solution Design

- To test the E2E Solution Design, we will use a Pilot Group made up of volunteer Suppliers and RTI Users to work with RECCo to carry out individual Pre-Integration Testing and combined End-to-end testing.
- RECCo will provide oversight and support throughout the test period to the Pilot Group.
- If you're keen to volunteer, please let us know in your consultation response.

Ability to Operate in the TI Arrangements

- We know that Suppliers and Users who are not part of the Pilot Group will be keen to understand whether they can operate in the TI Arrangements based on their own TI Build.
- We will provide a sandbox environment to allow Suppliers and Users to carry out their own self-directed testing.
- We discuss on the next slides what level of assurance can be expected.

TEST AND ASSURANCE APPROACH

We have considered several approaches to testing and assurance for Suppliers. We're keen to understand your views on what we've outlined below

Level of Assurance	Requirement to Test: Voluntary	Requirement to Test: Mandatory
Full Test Evidence Checks		**Option 1:** Prescriptive testing within our Sandbox environment with full scale assurance of test evidence reviewed by RECCo to assure operational readiness to commence TI Arrangements.
Management Attestation	**Option 4:** No mandate for testing, but management attestation of operational readiness for Go-Live with risk assessment undertaken and ready to proceed	**Option 2/3:** Mandated testing within our Sandbox environment, with management attestation required in the absence of any central oversight of test evidence or dip check of selected test evidence
Post-event performance assurance	**Option 5:** Sandbox environment available for self-directed testing but no requirement to do so. Assurance carried out through post go-live monitoring/reporting on Supplier performance against its REC and SLC requirements	

APPROACH DETAIL

Option One	**Mandated testing with full scale assurance review of test evidence before entering TI Arrangements** • All Suppliers obliged to carry out mandated testing and provide details of test plans, updates, and evidence of successful testing against defined test cases within the Sandbox environment • Successful review of test evidence required prior to entering the TI Arrangements
Option Two	**Mandated testing with central RECCo oversight with management attestation required and 5-10% dip check of test evidence** • All Suppliers obliged to carry out mandated testing and provide details of test plans and updates • All Suppliers will be required to provide a management attestation prior to onboarding stating their testing has been completed successful and they are ready to operate in the TI Arrangements come Go-Live • RECCo will conduct risk-based sampling of Test Evidence from chosen Suppliers prior to Onboarding
Option Three	**Mandated testing with central RECCo oversight with only management attestation required** • All Suppliers obliged to carry out mandated testing and provide details of test plans, updates, and evidence of successful testing against defined test cases within the Sandbox environment • Management attestation of successful testing required prior to entering the TI Arrangements
Option Four	**No mandated testing but management attestation required to accede to the TI Arrangements** • Suppliers not obliged to carry out any testing, but would allow for self-directed testing with central runbook of suggested testing carried out within the Sandbox environment • Management attestation stating readiness for go-live would be required to enter the TI Arrangements
Option Five	**No mandated testing with assurance only occurring through performance assurance of REC and SLC obligations post Go-Live** • Sandbox environment available for self-directed testing but no obligations on Suppliers • Suppliers would enter the TI Arrangements without attestation or review of test evidence, with any assurance taking place post Go-Live through REC Performance Assurance regime or licence compliance activity by Ofgem

OUR CURRENT POSITION

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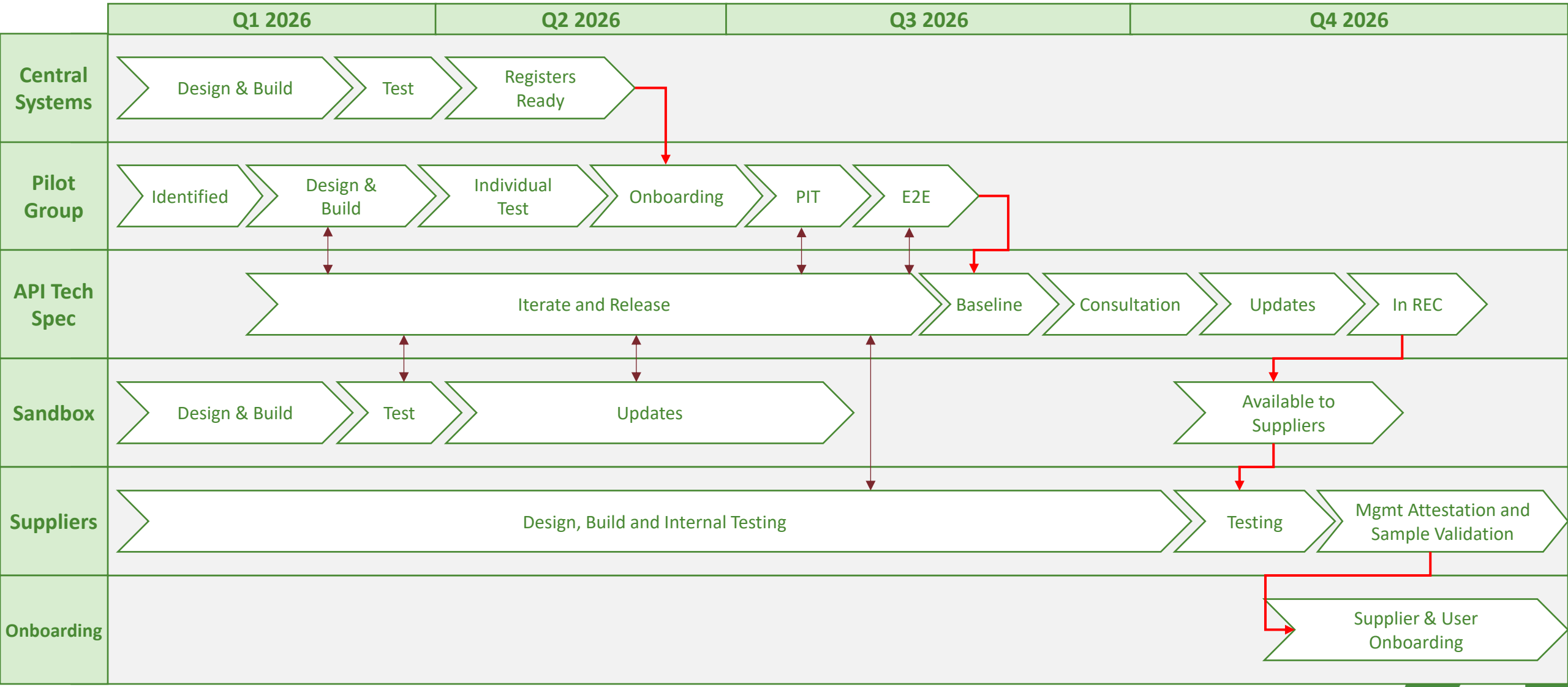
We believe the best option is Option Two

Option Two

- Suppliers will be obliged to carry out specific testing
- RECCo will provide oversight of Test Planning and provide a Sandbox environment to deliver testing
- All Suppliers will be required to provide a management attestation prior to onboarding stating their testing has been completed successful and they are ready to operate in the TI Arrangements come Go-Live
- RECCo will conduct risk-based sampling of Test Evidence from chosen Suppliers prior to Onboarding

SEQUENCE OF ACTIVITIES

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RTI USER TESTING

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RTI Users

- We considered opportunities to mandate User Testing as part of RTI User Registration. However, we do not think it is proportionate response to the risk and do not want to place any additional barriers to RTI User take-up of the TI Arrangements.
- Additionally, we do understand the commercial benefit from being able to operate within the TI Arrangements properly to service your customers
- We do believe there is a benefit to RTI Users conducting self-service testing in the Sandbox environment.
- As such, Users will be able to use the Sandbox environment from self-directed testing, and we can provide a central runbook of suggested testing to align with the REC Schedule
- RECCo will not require an attestation nor will RECCo carry out a review of test evidence

PLACING RELIANCE

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Placing Reliance

- Placing reliance, based on the approach we have outlined, may be able to occur where one Supplier may be able to place reliance on the testing undertaken by another Supplier who has the same architecture and operational set up.
- Based on our proposal for management attestation and sample testing, we would need to consider how this would impact on how placing reliance requirements would operate.
- Ultimately, the onus is on Suppliers to demonstrate that they have tested their solution as they will ultimately have the REC and SLC obligations.
- Our position on Placing Reliance needs to be solidified once we have agreed the base testing and assurance requirements, however we do recognise the advantages on cutting down on unnecessary testing and assurance.

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IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP

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What's happening?

- DESNZ and RECCo will be standing up an Implementation Working Group (IWG) in January 2026 sitting under the current TIWG

Why?

- Much in the same way TISWG was used to develop the solution design for TI, we believe an additional group of specific capabilities is required to manage the Supplier and User implementation period.
- TIWG should be used for general updates on progress, sharing of key documentation, etc.
- The IWG will be on hand to support Suppliers and User throughout their Design, Build and Test

What will IWG cover?

- We are still drafting the IWG Terms of Reference, but we envisage IWG being the main point of contact between the people who are designing, building and testing for Suppliers and Users as they develop their TI Arrangements in accordance with the REC and SLCs.
- For RECCo and DESNZ, the IWG will be an important source of feedback on the API Technical Specification, and will support our Change and Release Management process prior to baselining in 2026 and introducing into the REC.

Who's involved?

- The IWG will focus on technical elements of the TI Arrangements. As such, we are looking for API experts, testers, and developers.
- This should span across Supplier, Users, and Software Providers.
- Additionally, Pilot Group members will be required to attend the IWG

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