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TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY WORKING GROUP

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AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
Welcome and Introduction	Chair
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Approval of Previous Minutes	Secretary
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AOB	Chair

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PROGRESS

Current Deliverable Status

The **REC Schedule** and **User Agreement** have been fully drafted, following rounds of TISWG feedback, input from DESNZ colleagues, discussions with Ofgem, and RECCo legal review.

The **API Technical Specification** has been finalised, with some small changes made to reflect scope and policy discussions.

We are finalising alignment of the API Tech Spec to the **Data Specification**, including finalising the Data Items and Market Messages to align with the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS)

Ongoing work

Both the REC Schedule and the User Agreement are currently undergoing a final reviews.

Once this is concluded, we will update the documents to address any feedback and ensure its ready to be issued as part of the consultation.

The consultation document is currently undergoing final changes and rounds of review. We are working to ensure that questions are proportionate and focused on resolving any remaining design queries, along with ensuring stakeholders have opportunity to feedback on more general elements.

UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PROGRESS

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How does this impact the Consultation Timeline

- Pending final review and clearances, we believe we should be in position to launch the consultation w/c 20 October
- Stakeholders will still be given two months to respond, which will bring us roughly up to the Christmas break
- It is still the intention to introduce the changes to the REC on 31 March 2026, and to provide stakeholders with a nine-month period to design, build and test their APIs.

BASELINING THE API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

The REC Schedule and User Agreement will be designated into the REC in March 2026. However, the API Technical Specification and Data Specification will not be included in the initial changes designated into the REC to enable more flexibility for updates

Context

- In the standard REC Change Process, REC Parties can design, build and test for proposed solution before the change is introduced into the REC. This allows for flexibility around the solution design as REC Parties can propose changes to the solution prior to it being introduced into the REC.
- We want to recreate this flexibility, even with DESNZ designating the changes to the REC.
- We intend to do this by only designating the REC Schedule and the User Agreement, only introducing the API Technical Specification and associated changes to the Data Specification into the REC closer to the date that the provisions become enforceable.

Why?

- We fully expect that during DBT, Suppliers and Users will identify defects which will require changes to the API Technical Specification.
- If the Tech Spec was part of the REC as a Category Two document, we would need to go through the REC Change Process to make the changes. This could lead to a situation where proposed changes were in conflict or not aligned with the original policy intent, or discussions held elsewhere.
- By delaying the designation of the API Technical Specification to the REC until a set date in 2026, Suppliers and Users will maintain a greater ability to drive required changes through to release in a more agile and responsive manner

BASELINING THE API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Baselining and Change Control

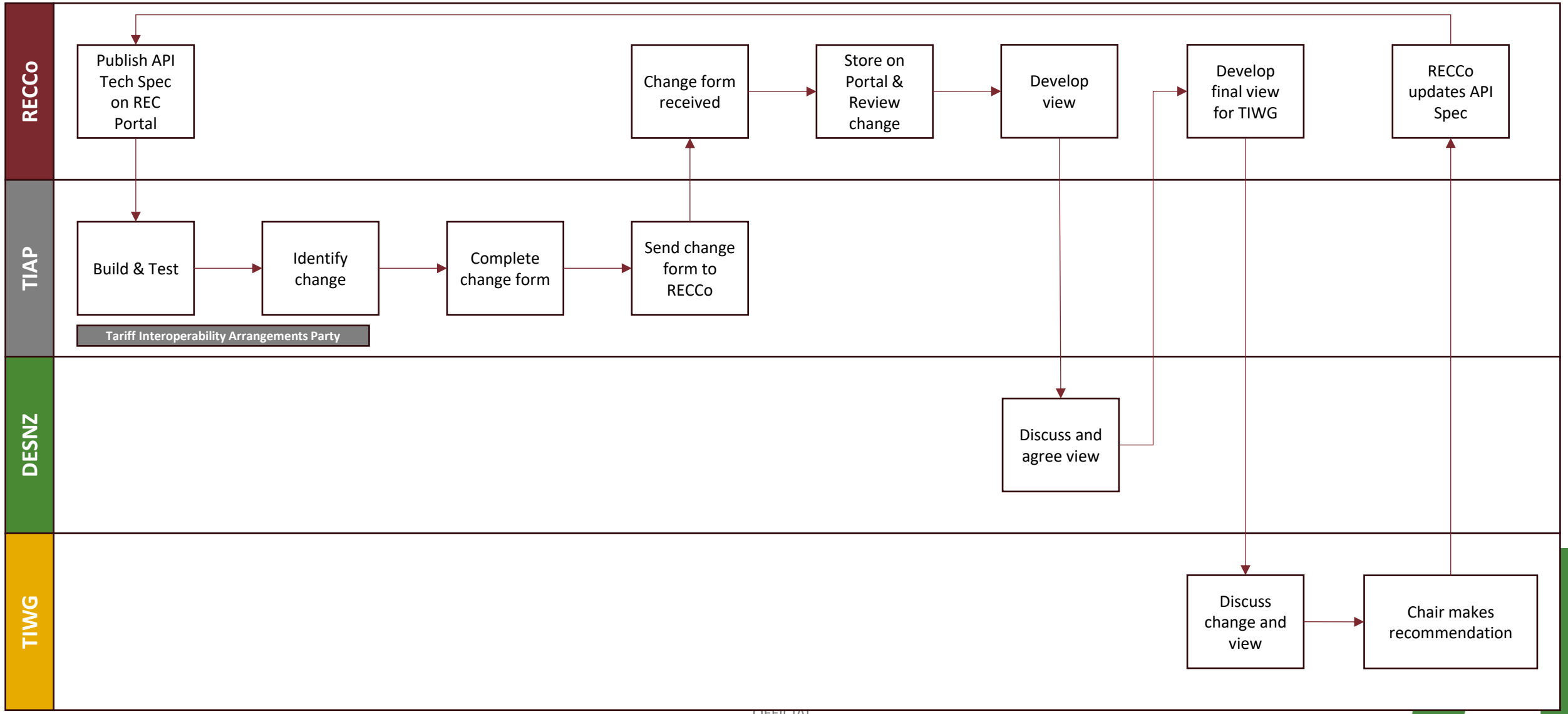
- The TI Arrangements Schedule, designated to the REC, will state that Parties to the TI Arrangements need to build their APIs in accordance with the baseline updated from time to time in accordance with an agreed governance approach, and this build should commence on 31 March 2026 to provide them with a 9-month development time.
- We will baseline v1.0 of the API Technical Specification following the consultation feedback, this will be released on 31 March 2026 and will be hosted on the REC Portal. It will not be designated to the REC.
- Through 2026, as Suppliers and User DBT and identify changes, we will make updates the API Technical Specification based on discussion and recommendation at TIWG. We do not expect any major redevelopments, rather small tweaks to address any defects identified.
- During Q2/Q3 2026, we will issue a change freeze on the API Technical Specification. This will be the final version against which Suppliers and Users will finalise development of their APIs.

Further Designation

- Once we enter the Change Freeze, DESNZ will launch a short consultation, c. 4-6 weeks, on the API Technical Specification
- This is the final opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the API Technical Specification before it is introduced into the REC
- We are expecting that any issues will be rectified ahead of the change freeze, and it will be a very high bar to make further changes ahead of go-live. Non-critical issues will be addressed through the REC Change Process post-go-live
- Once introduced, it will then be subject to the REC Change Process appropriate for Category Two documentation

POTENTIAL PROCESS

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PERMITTED USE

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Context

A question was raised in the final TISWG regarding whether a 'permitted use' for the TI Arrangements would be outlined within the REC Schedule

It was felt that defining a permitted use would support guarding against misuse of the TI Arrangements, but it was important to balance this with keeping barriers to access as low as possible, while also supporting future developments of how the TI Arrangements could be used.

We considered several potential options for how we could define permitted use

Collectively exhaustive list of permitted uses

Work to define an exhaustive list of permitted purposes for which the TI Arrangements could be used

Collectively exhaustive list of non-permitted uses

Define the list of uses for which the TI Arrangements are not to be used

Explicit statement for consumer-specific use

Develop an explicit statement to include in the REC Schedule which would define use of the TI Arrangements to be consumer-focused

PERMITTED USE

Review of the Options

Collectively exhaustive list of permitted uses	Collectively exhaustive list of non-permitted uses	Explicit Statement
This was not chosen as it was felt that we ran the risk of not capturing all current and future uses, and this would be a barrier to uptake in the future	This was not chosen as it was felt we ran the risk of not capturing all types of potentially malicious uses and left the TI Arrangements open to misuse which we had not envisaged	Following discussions with legal advisers, it was chosen that the TI Arrangements should only be used 'for providing services to the consumer'. This wording provides suitable defence against malicious use

What does this mean for the consultation?

The REC Schedule will contain a specific obligation for RTI Users to only use the TI Arrangements for the purpose of providing services to the consumer.

We will also include a question within the consultation which specifically asks for views on this decision to assess the level of comfort with the protection that this provides

VOLUNTARY VS MANDATORY

Context

A question was raised in the final TISWG in relation to how we would assess voluntary vs. mandatory Supplier participation in the TI Arrangements. This was to ensure we had the right processes in place, reflected in the REC Schedule and the SLC, to capture and manage any Suppliers who have chosen to opt into the arrangements.

Decision

- Suppliers who choose to can opt into the TI Arrangements and **will need to give notice to RECCo if they then decide to opt out.** We would then remove them from the TI Supplier Register. Once confirmed in consultation, the underlying process will form part of RECCo's readiness activities.
- Suppliers can also choose to share Consumer-specific Tariff information relating to tariffs not required under the licence (e.g. Bespoke Tariffs).
- If they choose to no longer share this data, then they should **inform the relevant RTI User via the removal of consent event notification**.
- This allows us to provide more effective and efficient performance assurance of all parties to the TI Arrangements.

What does this mean for the consultation?

The REC Schedule has been updated to contain the obligations on voluntary Suppliers in the TI Arrangements.

This includes details of giving notice if they decide to opt out and the surrounding process, along with the process for removal of voluntary tariffs

PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE & REPORTING

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Detail

1. Reporting will be required from all impact Suppliers
2. Suppliers will provide reporting data via API to the REC Code Manager
3. The draft reporting specifications are set out in the API Technical Specification and Data Specification that will be consulted upon. All comments are welcome and we're keen to get views on what should be required
4. Reporting requirements will be clarified as part of the Category 2 change to the Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue that be progressed in parallel with the development of the API Technical Specification next year
5. The agreed reporting requirements will be finalised while the API Tech Spec and Data Spec are designated by DESNZ.

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