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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECTIWG_25_0930**
DATE	**30 September 2025, 15:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Kevin Redmond	Moorhouse Consulting	KR	Stand-in Chair
Theo Burnard	Code Manager	TB	Code Manager
Emily Davis	Ofgem	ED	Committee Member
Charles Clark	Ofgem	CC	Committee Member
Tamara Dimova	DESNZ	TD	Committee Member
Samuel Wroe	DESNZ	SW	Committee Member
Peter Morgan	DESNZ	PM	Committee Member
Richard Slack	Levelise	RS	Committee Member
Gareth Evans	Walter Wye	GE	Committee Member
Pete Noyce	Kraken	PN	Committee Member
Pardeep Randhawa	npower	PR	Committee Member
David Green	EDF Energy	DG	Committee Member
Bryan Crotaz	Givenergy	BC	Committee Member
Sam Stanhope	ESG Global	SS	Committee Member
Carolyn Burns	ESG Global	CB	Committee Member
Dan Hollingworth	Ohme	DH	Committee Member
Claire Louise Roberts	Scottish Power	CLR	Committee Member
Claire Addison	Flexitricity	CA	Committee Member
Mike Winter	SSE	MW	Committee Member
Charlotte Goodman	EON Energy	CG	Committee Member

APOLOGIES

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Chris Stock	Retail Energy Code Company	CS	Chair
Nathan Gould	Retail Energy Code Company	NG	Committee Member
Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	Committee Member
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Stand-in Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Tariff Interoperability Working Group (TIWG).

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Stand-in Chair shared an overview of the agenda, including confirming the previous minutes, updates on consultation, permitted use and voluntary compared to mandatory participation, followed by a baselining of the API Technical Specification.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Code Manager presented an overview of the previous minutes and noted that no comments or questions had been received.

No further comments were received during the meeting, therefore, the previous minutes for the TIWG held on 26 August were approved as final.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

4. UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PROGRESS

The Stand-in Chair provided updates on the progress of the consultation document, including its drafting, legal review, and the planned launch timeline.

The Stand-in Chair noted that the REC Schedule and User Agreements have been fully drafted and have been reviewed by the Tariff Interoperability Solution Working Group (TISWG), DESNZ, Ofgem, and legal teams. The API Technical Specification has been finalised with minor changes made to align with policy and scope discussions. Any additional feedback from the legal reviews will be considered and incorporated before being reissued to members.

The Stand-in Chair advised that the consultation will be launched the week commencing 20 October 2025, and stakeholders will be given two months to respond. The Stand-in Chair confirmed that the consultation document will include a section on implementation, sandbox

testing, pilot group volunteers, and UAT, and RECCo is requesting member's input on timing and readiness.

The Stand-in Chair and Ofgem (CC) discussed the overlapping consultation period and noted they will coordinate timing to optimise stakeholder participation.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

5. UPDATE ON PERMITTED USE

The Stand-in Chair presented the three options for defining permitted use of the Tariff Interoperability (TI) arrangements: an exhaustive list of permitted uses, an exhaustive list of non-permitted uses, or an explicit statement defining the use of the TI Arrangements to be consumer focused. After legal consultation and careful consideration, the explicit statement option was chosen.

The TIWG engaged in discussion on these three options, with members raising concerns about organisations hoarding or selling customer data and creating data lakes. Members called for precise language to be used to minimise unintended uses for the TI Arrangement. TIWG members requested further information on the legal advice RECCo received, and RECCo agreed to include this advice in the consultation for stakeholder review.

The Stand-in Chair requested that any feedback on the wording or approach used for the TI Arrangement be shared with committees@recmanager.co.uk.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

6. UPDATE ON VOLUNTARY VS. MANDATORY

The Stand-in Chair discussed the processes for voluntary and mandatory Supplier participation in the TI arrangements, including notification requirements and data sharing obligations.

The Stand-in Chair confirmed that Suppliers opt into or out of the TI Arrangement by notifying RECCo. If Suppliers choose to opt out, they will be removed from the Supplier register. Suppliers sharing consumer-specific tariff information voluntarily must inform relevant Users via a consent removal notification if they cease sharing, with technical details outlined in the API Technical Specification.

The Stand-in Chair noted that the REC Schedule has been updated to clarify obligations for voluntary Suppliers, including notice requirements and register management.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

7. BASELINING THE API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

The Stand-in Chair described the approach to baselining the API Technical Specification, emphasizing flexibility during the build period and outlining the process for proposing and implementing changes.

The Stand-in Chair explained that only the REC Schedule and User Agreement will be designated in March 2026, while the API Technical Specification and data specification will be held back to allow for updates during the build period, providing stakeholders with greater flexibility.

The Stand-in Chair outlined that the API Technical Specification will be hosted on the REC portal and updated based on feedback from the TIWG, with changes discussed and consensus developed before the solution is finalised.

The Stand-in Chair detailed that a change freeze will be implemented in Q2/Q3 2026, followed by a short consultation on the final baseline API Technical Specification, after which only critical changes will be considered before go-live. Additionally, non-critical issues raised during consultation, or the build period will be addressed through the REC change process after go-live, ensuring ongoing improvement.

RECCo were requested to consider adding a sandbox feature for automated testing of new features and agreed to consider this in the implementation approach within the consultation.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

8. PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE AND REPORTING

The Stand-in Chair outlined the approach to performance assurance and reporting, specifying that reporting data will be provided via API and that requirements will be clarified through consultation and subsequent REC change processes, with input from Suppliers encouraged.

The Stand-in Chair stated that all impacted Suppliers will be required to provide reporting data via API to the REC code manager at committees@recmanager.co.uk. Draft specifications included in the API Technical Specification and data specification for consultation.

The Stand-in Chair explained that the reporting requirements will be finalised in parallel with the API Technical Specification development and designated by DESNZ to ensure alignment.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

9. AOB

The Stand-in Chair announced the next steps for the project team, including the consultation launch and a joint RECCo-DESNZ webinar in late October to provide further details and encourage broad stakeholder engagement.

RECTIWG Members noted the update.

Next meeting date: 25 November 2025