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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECIWG_26_1022**
DATE	**22 October 2026, 14:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Chris Stock	Retail Energy Code Company	PC	Chair
Paul Crorken	Retail Energy Code Company	PC	Committee Member
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member
Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	Committee Member
Alan Davis	Retail Energy Code Company	AD	Committee Member
Charlotte Bramley-Smith	Retail Energy Code Company	CBS	Committee Member
Rebecca Griffiths	Retail Energy Code Company	RG	Committee Member
Richard Slack	Levelise	RS	Committee Member
Daniel Leyfield	Levelise	DL	Committee Member
Luke Pratt	EON	LP	Committee Member
Komal Brown	Scottish Power	KB	Committee Member
Izzy Gaughan	Scottish Power	IG	Committee Member
Luke Ambler	Smartest Energy	LA	Committee Member
Julian Moore	Smartest Energy	JM	Committee Member
John Sutherland	Smartest Energy	JS	Committee Member
Conor Mullaney	Glen Dimplex	CM	Committee Member
Montana Aeberhardt	Ofgem	MA	Committee Member
Andrew Jones	Total Energies	AJ	Committee Member
Sam Stanhope	ESG Global	SS	Committee Member
Daniel Davies	ESG Global	DD	Committee Member
Christine Harris	Mixergy	CH	Committee Member

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Gareth Evans	Waters Wye	GE	Committee Member
Abdul Choudhury	DESNZ	AC	Committee Member
Emma Johnson	Centrica	EJ	Committee Member
Graeme Collyer	Electrorad	GC	Committee Member
Sarah Mower	Candc UK	SM	Committee Member
Danielle Wylie	British Gas	DW	Committee Member
Rachel McKim	British Gas	RM	Committee Member
Yasmin Nickles-Walpole	British Gas	YNW	Committee Member
Rik Temmink	GeoTogether	RT	Committee Member
Yuleysi Perez	UW.uk	YP	Committee Member
Emily Hayes	UW.uk	EHa	Committee Member
Raquel Fernandes	So Energy	RF	Committee Member
Mark Gaywood	So Energy	MG	Committee Member
Karanjeet Kareer	So Energy	KK	Committee Member
Alex Mann	Ensek	AM	Committee Member
Imogen Letts	OVO	IL	Committee Member
David Green	EDF Energy	DG	Committee Member
Rhiannon Denyer	EDF Energy	RD	Committee Member
Carl Dennis	Code Manager	CD	Committee Member
Edma Hyskaj	Code Manager	EH	Code Manager

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Tariff Interoperability Implementation Working Group (IWG) meeting held on 22 October 2026.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair outlined the agenda, which included updates on implementation and testing, the multi-rate meter/Economy 7 issue, ETag and gzip, the retry derogation, Supplier Performance Assurance and Phase 1a. Members were asked to provide practical feedback on the options for addressing the multi-rate meter issue in Phase 1b, particularly the implementation effort involved. It was clarified that no decision was sought at this stage, with

feedback intended to inform how the options would be presented in the Phase 1b consultation. The Chair introduced CBS as the new Technical Analyst.

The minutes from the previous IWG were approved as final.

3. PHASE 1A TESTING UPDATE

AD provided an update on the Phase 1a testing timeline and deliverables. The updated test approach, plan and test workbook had been published on the REC Portal, with the final Application Programme Interface (API) Technical Specification expected by 29 October 2026. Testing would continue through November 2026 and December 2026, with supplier endpoints to be provided by the end of December 2026 and Director-level attestations targeted for 08 January 2027, allowing contingency ahead of the 18 February 2027 readiness date.

The Director-level attestation template had completed final review and would be published on the Tariff Interoperability (TI) Hub page by 26 October 2026, with members to be notified once available. AD also demonstrated the new defect form, which allowed testing issues requiring RECCo investigation to be submitted and automatically recorded in JIRA. Members were encouraged to use the form for relevant defects and retain the reference number generated against their testing records.

The TI validation tool, Supplier Register and mock supplier endpoint was on schedule to be finalised by 02 November 2026, subject to completion of API gateway configuration. It was confirmed that the validation tool would be hosted on the development portal, with links made available through the REC Portal to maintain a central access point for TI materials. No further concerns were raised on the proposed timelines or deliverables.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

4. METER CONFIGURATION – ECONOMY 7

The Chair outlined the multi-rate meter/Economy 7 issue, whereby customers on the same Tariff ID and prices may have different charging periods depending on their meter configuration. For Phase 1a, this would be managed through the Tariff Comments field, with TI Users required to identify the relevant configuration and determine the applicable charging periods. It was acknowledged that the approach was not ideal but reflected the current constraints of Phase 1a.

For Phase 1b, four options were presented, ranging from creating separate Tariff IDs for different pricing arrangements, retaining the Phase 1a comments-based approach, providing Standard Settlement Configuration (SSC)/Time Pattern Regime (TPR) configuration information within the private response, or providing fully resolved prices and charging periods. The initial technical proposition was to explore Option 1, with Option 4 considered a close alternative. However, the Chair stressed that no decision had been made and the options were being presented to inform the forthcoming consultation. The options can be found in the presentation deck slides 10 – 14 on the REC Portal.

Members raised concerns regarding reliance on SSC/TPR data following Marketwide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) migration, the potential supplier workload associated with creating additional Tariff IDs, and the use of an unstructured Tariff Comments field. It was suggested that standard wording or keywords could improve consistency within the comments field, and the team agreed this should be explored further. Members also highlighted the need to understand how frequently these tariff variations occur and how suppliers currently manage them. Suppliers were encouraged to provide evidence and feedback, either immediately or through the Phase 1b consultation, particularly on the likely volume of additional Tariff IDs and practical implementation impacts.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

5. ETAG AND GZIP

CBS presented the proposed use of gzip compression and ETags to reduce the volume of tariff data transferred and improve response efficiency. Gzip would allow TI Users to request compressed responses for larger datasets, while ETags would prevent unchanged data being repeatedly returned by enabling users to identify whether information had been modified since their previous request.

Members supported the principle but raised a concern about referring specifically to gzip rather than an appropriate standard implementation algorithm. It was agreed that this point would be considered further outside the meeting. No further questions were raised.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

6. MESSAGE RETRY DEROGATION

AW confirmed that the TI Energy Supplier message retry derogation had been approved by the REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB). It was clarified that the RESTful API design places responsibility on the TI User to manage unsuccessful requests and determine whether retries are required, rather than on the TI Energy Supplier. TI Users would therefore be expected to make reasonable retry attempts before raising a query using the relevant TI Register contact details.

The derogation disapplies the existing Schedule 35 retry obligation for TI Energy Suppliers. The decision had been communicated through the REC Code Manager Weekly Bulletin, with further communications planned for IWG members and TI Energy Suppliers. The associated Schedule 35 legal drafting would be formally updated through the Phase 1b consultation.

A member questioned the continued use of webhooks within Phase 1b. SJ clarified that these are required when the supplier initiates a notification of a TI event following a change e.g. a Switch, rather than responding to a TI User request. Further detail on the revised approach, including the proposed shared signals framework, would be provided through the Phase 1b consultation.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

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7. SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE

AW provided an update on R0323 - Tariff Interoperability Phase 1a – Supplier Performance Assurance Requirements. The proposal includes monthly and ad hoc reporting by TI Energy Suppliers on API error codes, ad hoc reporting on tariffs that cannot be accommodated within the API schema, and updates to the Performance Assurance Reporting Catalogue to reference the TI monitoring tool.

Following consultation, the final modification report and updated legal text had been published on the REC Portal and were due to be considered by the REC PAB on 27 October 2026. Updates included amending the error-code reporting requirements to reflect information suppliers can provide through the RESTful API process, confirming applicable supplier exclusions from the requirement to provide information of tariffs that cannot be included in the API schema, and noting that the annual statement requirement to confirm that appropriate tariff query-management arrangements are in place. AW explained that they would be removed after two annual reporting cycles. No further questions were raised by members.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

8. PHASE 1A UPDATE

The Chair updated Members on Phase 1a, confirming that consultation responses had informed several limited technical updates and clarifications. DESNZ and the Code Manager planned to publish the Government response in October 2026, alongside confirmation of the consultation outcome, final API Technical Specification, Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) and Standards Definition Document. The REC release scheduled for 06 November 2026 would incorporate the Phase 1a technical artefacts, with supporting guidance and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) also updated. The planned go-live date remained 18 February 2027.

Suppliers were encouraged to continue progressing their build, mandatory testing and readiness activities, while TI Users should commence building and testing their integrations. In response to a member query, it was clarified that suppliers not currently meeting the Phase 1a threshold requirements were not required to participate, although voluntary participation remained possible. Processes were being developed to allow suppliers to onboard after go-live, with testing software remaining available. The TI mailbox and Service Desk were confirmed as the appropriate contact routes for further support.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

9. AOB

No AOB was raised by Members.

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