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REC TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	**RECIWG_26_0818**
DATE	**18 August 2026, 10:00**
LOCATION	**By teleconference**

Attendee	Representing	Initials	Role
Paul Crorken	Retail Energy Code Company	PC	Chair
Edma Hyskaj	Code Manager	EH	Code Manager
Carl Dennis	Code Manager	CD	Committee Member
Nizar Hamood	Retail Energy Code Company	NH	Committee Member
Andrew Wallace	Retail Energy Code Company	AW	Committee Member
Sarah Jones	Retail Energy Code Company	SJ	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
Andrew Eisenberg	EON	AE	Committee Member
Claire Louise Roberts	Scottish Power	CLR	Committee Member
Komal Brown	Scottish Power	KB	Committee Member
Christopher Butcher	Smartest Energy	CB	Committee Member
Julian Moore	Smartest Energy	JM	Committee Member
John Hinsley	Glen Dimplex	JOH	Committee Member
Conor Mullaney	Glen Dimplex	CM	Committee Member
Montana Aeberhardt	Ofgem	MA	Committee Member
Andrew Jones	Ofgem	AJ	Committee Member
Sam Stanhope	ESG Global	SS	Committee Member
Rhiannon Denyer	EDF Energy	RD	Committee Member

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Christine Harris	Mixergy	CH	Committee Member
James Harrow	GEO Together	JH	Committee Member
Gareth Evans	Waters Wye	GE	Committee Member
Shannon Grehan	Electralink	SG	Committee Member
Eleonore Glendinning	Voltalis	EG	Committee Member
Abdul Choudhury	Energy Security	AC	Committee Member
Bryan Hale	British Gas	BH	Committee Member
Raquel Fernandes	So Energy	RF	Committee Member
Lee Sutton	myenergi	LS	Committee Member

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attendees to the REC Tariff Interoperability Implementation Working Group (IWG) meeting held on 18 August 2026.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Chair confirmed the agenda, including a walkthrough of the proposed consultation on the TI Phase 1a technical specification, including evolution and consultation scope, Annex B: API Technical Specification, Annex C: Energy Market Data Specification, Annex D: Standards Definition Document, Consultation Next Steps and Pilot Testing Update.

The actions and minutes from the previous IWG were reviewed. Of the six outstanding actions, members agreed that all could be closed.

3. EVOLUTION OF THE TARIFF INTEROPERABILITY PHASE 1A TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND CONSULTATION SCOPE

PC updated members on the timeline of Tariff Interoperability (TI) technical specification starting with the DESNZ and RECCo consultation on TI proposals in November 2025. Continuing into May 2026 with the Government Response confirming phased implementation. Then noting the industry engagement, detailed review and pilot testing which identified a small number of Phase 1a technical specification refinements through May 2026 to June 2026. PC then informed members on the current consultation which was a targeted review of three principal technical changes and associated editorial and consistency updates prior to finalisation.

PC then detailed the scope of the TI Phase 1a technical specification consultation highlighting the letter and Annex A (questions), Annex B (API Technical Specification), Annex C (EMDS) and Annex D (Standards Definition Document). PC emphasised that the policy decision, Electricity Supply SLC 11C and REC Schedule 35 (both implemented in May

2026), the phasing approach or Phase 1b (provision of consumer specific tariff data with consent) were not included in the scope.

The consultation is due to be published on 27 August 2026 and close on 17 September 2026. On 29 October 2026, the Government Response will be published and the changes to the REC will be included in the 05 November 2026 REC release. PC noted that on 08 January 2027, suppliers are required to complete testing attestations and assurance will be completed followed by the go-live on 18 February 2027. PC reiterated that the working assumption was that all parties would continue to build and test, using the May 2026 baseline while reviewing the proposed changes.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

4. TI PHASE 1A CONSULTATION ANNEX B: API TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

NH presented the proposed updates to the API Technical Specification, noting that the changes were primarily clarifications in response to industry feedback and pilot testing, rather than structural changes to the API schema. The main amendments related to improvements within the YAML file, including enhanced handling of polymorphism to support automated payload generation and validation. The updated YAML now explicitly enforces the required rates object fields based on tariff type (for example, static or dynamic tariffs), reducing reliance on descriptive guidance and providing greater consistency for both suppliers submitting data and users validating submissions.

The group also reviewed amendments to regional field conditionality. NH explained that feedback had identified industry use of GSP Group ID for certain domestic gas tariffs, while LDZ Region continues to be used for non-domestic gas tariffs. The changes therefore clarify when each identifier should be used within the API Technical Specification and EMDS documentation, without altering the underlying schema structure.

JM questioned the use of GSP Group ID for gas tariffs, noting previous discussions that associated GSP Group ID with electricity and LDZ Region with gas. JM asked whether allowing different regional identifiers could affect tariff comparison where mappings between GSP Groups and LDZs are not directly aligned. AW explained that the objective of the schema is to accurately reflect how supplier's structure and differentiate their tariffs rather than prescribe a specific approach. It was noted that domestic gas suppliers typically distinguish tariffs using GSP Group IDs, particularly where tariff structures are influenced by mechanisms such as the Ofgem price cap and dual fuel offerings. JM acknowledged the explanation but advised that he would provide further comments separately by email.

NH also outlined minor amendments relating to block tariffs. Following industry feedback, descriptions and YAML logic have been updated to make optional fields, including minimum and maximum kWh values, clearer. These changes improve clarity and validation without affecting the payload structure.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

5. TI PHASE 1A CONSULTATION ANNEX C: ENERGY MARKET DATA SPECIFICATION

AW presented ten proposed updates to the EMDS from the May 2026 baseline, confirming that these were mainly clarifications, corrections and completion of previously outstanding information. The changes cover TI-specific YAML naming, revised data item descriptions, tariff-day rules, regional identifiers for gas tariffs, block tariff conditionality, and missing API routes and methods. AW advised that the amendments align the EMDS with the API Technical Specification and are not expected to materially affect current build or testing activities.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

6. TI PHASE 1A CONSULTATION ANNEX D: STANDARDS DEFINITION DOCUMENT

AW presented two minor updates to the Standards Definition Document from the May 2026 baseline, which provides guidance on the interpretation and use of EMDS data items and market messages. The first amendment updates the YAML naming definition so it can support TI API messages and broader future market use cases. The second aligns terminology by replacing references to the “TI Register” with “TI Supplier Register” to ensure consistency across the EMDS. AW noted that both changes are administrative clarifications intended to improve consistency and future-proof the documentation.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

7. TI PHASE 1A CONSULTATION NEXT STEPS

PC outlined the upcoming consultation process, noting that the consultation will run from 27 August 2026 to 17 September 2026 and will focus solely on identifying technical defects, inconsistencies, or blockers that could prevent implementation. Stakeholders were asked to focus responses on implementation impacts and provide supporting evidence, affected document references, and proposed resolutions where issues are identified.

PC encouraged participants to circulate the consultation pack internally to relevant API, EMDS and data standards reviewers and to assess the proposed changes against current build and testing activities. It was reiterated that the consultation is limited to Phase 1A technical documentation, with Phase 1B remaining out of scope.

The next steps are for DESNZ and RECCo to issue the consultation in August 2026, for parties to review responses received during the three-week consultation period and RECCo and DESNZ will confirm any final changes by October 2026. The updated technical documents are expected to be incorporated into the REC in November 2026 ahead of the Phase 1A go-live date in February 2027.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

8. TI PHASE 1A PILOT TESTING UPDATE

NH provided an update on the pilot testing activities undertaken for the TI APIs. Testing focused on the Get Tariffs and Get Tariff Details market message payloads, including validation of static, dynamic and gas tariff scenarios against the YAML specification. Feedback from testing helped inform clarifications discussed earlier in the meeting relating to the use of GSP Group ID and LDZ Region for gas tariffs.

NH reported that no issues were identified with the YAML specification or schema structure, with testing confirming that payload generation and validation operated as expected. He also outlined preparations for Phase 1A go-live, including the appointment of the REC Test Manager, forthcoming publication of the final test pack, and deployment of the TI Monitoring Tool and Object Checker to support supplier testing and validation activities.

JH noted that dynamic tariff testing had identified potential improvements and agreed to submit these for inclusion in the project change log. AW highlighted the need to carefully balance any proposed changes against implementation impacts given the project's current stage and the expectation that partiers may already be building their solutions, noting that only material defects or blockers would justify amendments. NH confirmed that a change log and associated decisions would be published to provide transparency on proposed updates and outcomes.

RECIWG Members noted the update.

9. AOB

AW provided an update on 'R0323 - Tariff Interoperability Phase 1a – Supplier Performance Assurance Requirements', a REC change proposal relating to Performance Assurance reporting for TI. The proposal would require TI Energy Suppliers to submit monthly performance reports from go-live, provide error reporting when requested by the REC Code Manager. It also requires all suppliers to provide information on tariffs that cannot currently be accommodated within the schema to support future TI development. The change also formalises the use of the TI Monitoring Tool for Performance Assurance purposes. AW confirmed that the consultation opened on 13 August 2026, with responses due by 07 September 2026, and that approval is expected to be sought from REC Performance Assurance Board (PAB) in September 2026.

CB questioned the differences in the definition of "designated premises" for TI. AW and GE explained that a TI-specific definition of 'Relevant TI Non-Domestic Premises' had been introduced to reflect requirements for TI and referenced where supply was not determined by a CT meter, while the licence definition of Designated Premises references to profile classes, and was expected to be reviewed by Ofgem given the recent MHHS changes.

In response to a question from JH regarding appliance manufacturer involvement in testing, NH advised that current testing focuses on API payload validation. AW added that testing arrangements and tools will also be available to TI Users to support verification of their API implementations, with further details to be confirmed.

No further questions were raised, and attendees were reminded to submit any additional queries via the TI mailbox.