
SCHEDULE 10

Charging Methodology Schedule

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Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory
Non-Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory
Gas Transporters	Mandatory
Distribution Network Operators	Mandatory
DCC	Mandatory
Metering Equipment Managers	Mandatory
Non-Party REC Service Users	Mandatory

Change History

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This REC Charging Methodology sets out the basis on which RECCo will apply discrete charges to relevant to REC Service Users or other relevant parties, where it reasonably considers that such a charge would better facilitate the objectives set out in Clause 10.3 of the Code. Any RECCo costs that are not recovered directly through usage-based charges pursuant to this Schedule will be recovered in accordance with Clause 9 of the Code.
- 1.2 This REC Charging Methodology will apply to the REC Services referenced below, and in accordance with the decision of the Authority that charges for those services should as far as practicable be a continuation of the arrangements immediately prior to the Retail Code Consolidation date, and until such time as they may be subject to an approved Change Proposal.

2 REC Charging Statement

- 2.1 Before the Retail Code Consolidation date and thereafter before the start of each financial year, RECCo will publish and may from time to time revise a REC Charging Statement.
- 2.2 The REC Charging Statement will set out charges that reflect the application of the REC Charging Methodology to the RECCo budget, as approved by the REC Board in accordance with Clause 9, together with any charges which are dependent on usage.

3 Electricity Enquiry Service

- 3.1 Each DNO shall be obliged to pay towards the cost incurred by RECCo for the provision of the Electricity Enquiry Service in accordance with the most recent approved RECCo budget. The DNO contribution shall in aggregate amount to one third of the annual cost to RECCo to operate Electricity Enquiry Service, to be apportioned on a Quarterly basis as follows:
- 3.2 For DNOs who have less than 750,000 Metering Points registered on their MPAS Registration System:

$$PP = \frac{M \times D}{T}$$

where

PP = the amount due from the DNOs;

M = average number of Metering Points on a DNO's MPAS Registration System across the last three months for which reports have been submitted to the Code Manager pursuant to Schedule 21, paragraph 6.43, which shall be determined by summing the number contained in those three reports and dividing that number by three;

D = is the estimated total DNO contribution to Electricity Enquiry Service costs for the Quarter; and

T = the average number of Metering Points contained on all MPAS Registration Systems across the last three months for which have been submitted to the Code Manager pursuant to Schedule 21,

paragraph 6.43, which shall be determined by summing the total number of Metering Points contained in those three reports and dividing that number by three.

3.3 For DNOs who have more than 750,000 Metering Points registered on their MPAS Registration System:

$$PP = \frac{D - B}{F}$$

where

- PP = the amount due from the DNOs;
D = is the estimated total DNO contribution to Electricity Enquiry Service costs for the Quarter;
B = the total amount due from those DNOs who have less than 750,000 Metering Points on their MPAS Registration System; and
F = the total number of DNOs who have more than 750,000 Metering Points registered on their MPAS Registration Systems.

3.4 All costs associated with the granting of access to the Electricity Enquiry Service, provision of data, and auditing its usage in the event that an applicant becomes an Electricity Enquiry Service User shall be met by that applicant. A schedule of charges shall be provided to and agreed by the applicant prior to them being granted access. Certain initial charges will be payable prior to their application being progressed. Further details of any standard charges will be published in the REC Charging Statement as appropriate.

4 Gas Enquiry Service

4.1 The Gas Enquiry Service will take effect with REC v3.0, at a date to be directed by the Authority as the CSS Go-Live Date.

4.2 RECCo will include an allowance for the projected cost of providing the Gas Enquiry Service and proposed charges to recover those costs as part of its 2022/23 budget approval process. To the extent that the CSS Go-Live Date will not be known at the time the 2022/23 budget is determined, RECCo will set out how those projected costs may be impacted by the timing of that CSS Go-Live Date.

5 Metering Accreditation and Audit

Metering Equipment Manager and AMR Service Provider Accreditation

5.1 RECCo shall contract with one or more service providers for provision of independent audits in accordance with Schedule 15.

5.2 Each Metering Equipment Manager, Meter Installer or AMR Service Provider shall pay the cost of any initial assessment, surveillance visit or audit, including any reassessment or follow-up audit that may be required.

- 5.3 A schedule of charges shall be provided to each party in advance of any work being undertaken and will, as far as practicable, follow standard charges to be published in the REC Charging Statement.

Smart Meter Installation

- 5.4 Unless previously subject to an audit of compliance under the Smart Metering Installation Code of Practice or this Code, upon reaching the thresholds set out in Schedule 16, each Energy Supplier shall undergo a compliance audit, to provide assurance that processes are in place to enable compliance with all relevant aspects of that Schedule 16.
- 5.5 RECCo shall contract with one or more service providers for provision of the independent audit of compliance in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Schedule 16, paragraph 5.
- 5.6 A schedule of charges shall be provided to each party in advance of any work being undertaken and will, as far as practicable, follow standard charges to be published in the REC Charging Statement.

6 Secure Data Exchange Service

- 6.1 The costs of establishing, operating, and maintaining the Secure Data Exchange Portal shall be recovered from Suppliers in accordance with Clause 9. However, RECCo reserves the right to charge the Service User the reasonable costs associated with any investigation or audit that may be undertaken to investigate any potential misuse and/or generally ensure compliance with the terms of this Code.

7 Green Deal Arrangements

- 7.1 The core cost to RECCo of operating and maintaining the **Green Deal Central Charging Database Service** shall be recovered from Suppliers in accordance with Clause 9 of the Code.
- 7.2 Where the REC Performance Board determines that an audit of an Electricity Supplier's Quarterly Compliance Statement is required, and that Quarterly Compliance Statement is subsequently found to be inaccurate, RECCo may invoice the relevant Electricity Supplier the for the cost of that audit in accordance with Schedule 18, paragraph 23.12.
- 7.3 Where a user of the **Green Deal Central Charging Database service** requests the Code Manager to rectify data in the GDCC database and that is required through means of a manual retrospective amendment, the cost of such amendments will be calculated and RECCo may at its sole discretion seek to recover those costs directly from GDCC User.

8 Energy Theft Tip-Off Service

- 8.1 All ETTOS Recipients are entitled to a number of accounts by which they can access the secure portal to receive theft tip-offs, as detailed in Schedule 7. Service Users may request additional user accounts in excess of the standard allocation set out in Schedule 7, Paragraph 9.
- 8.2 Given the success to date of the ETTOS in identifying instances of theft accounts, RECCo will not seek to recover additional charges from Service Users from the Retail Code Consolidation date, though this will remain under review and subject to reasonable and fair usage of those additional accounts. Any requests for additional accounts which the Code Manager does not consider to be reasonable may nonetheless be granted, subject to the Service User agreeing to

the charges for those additional accounts, at a rate that is reflective of the cost to RECCo and may include:

- (a) a one-off licensing charge for each additional user account; and
- (b) an annual maintenance charge for each additional account.