

Tariffs and Information Remedies Working Group – Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the Tariffs and Information Remedies (TIR) Working Groups is to provide a focused forum to help aid Ofgem's development of the RMR policy proposals in transposition from policy settings to a form where they can effectively be implemented. The working group sessions will:

- provide a platform for stakeholders to debate particular aspects of the relevant proposals in detail;
- allow discussion of any potential implementation of the relevant proposals, including timescales and resource implications; and
- help to inform the next stage of RMR policy development and Ofgem's final proposals.

It is not intended that this forum will be used to discuss broader high-level RMR policy issues. Ofgem will continue to consider such issues separately in light of relevant information, including consultation responses.

Objectives

The objective of the working group sessions is to:

- help ensure that Ofgem's proposals are well designed for implementation and based on robust information;
- identify potential ambiguities and potential unintended consequences, such that they can be addressed;
- provide a forum for stakeholders to engage with Ofgem's proposals at a proper level of detail, namely on current licence drafting and implementation issues (including costs and achievability within the published timescales).

For the avoidance of doubt, there should be no discussion or sharing of information between members on the costs incurred, or likely to be incurred by *individual* suppliers.

Composition

The working groups will be composed of representatives from Ofgem, suppliers, consumer organisations and industry organisations.

We propose that membership of the working groups is limited to stakeholders with relevant background to constructively input into discussions of the group.

The Chair and Secretariat functions of the TIR will be discharged by Ofgem.

For the avoidance of doubt, any comments or views expressed by Ofgem on licence conditions or legislative requirements at working group meetings should not be treated as legally binding and should not be relied on.

Meetings and frequency

The first Working Group meeting on Tariffs will take place at 09:30 on Wednesday 16th January. The first Working Group meeting on Information Remedies will follow at 13:30 on Wednesday 16th January.

The second meeting on Information Remedies will take place at 09:30 on Friday 15th February. The second meeting of the Tariffs will follow at 13:30 on Friday 15th February.

Following this session in February we will consider if it is appropriate to continue the working group sessions.

Agendas and other relevant materials will be circulated to attendees in advance of each meeting.

Each meeting will be chaired by a designated individual from Ofgem, and each meeting will have a note-taker present.

The relevant documentation of the group will be held on Ofgem's website. This documentation may include materials such as terms of reference and meeting notes. Documentation will be posted on the website only after all confidentiality considerations have been taken into account.