



RWG Wholesale Tariff Simplification Sub-Group Meeting

3pm Thursday 6 October 2022

Attendees: Ashley Marshman (Southern) James Lancaster (Thames) Neil Manning (Anglian) Dale Kenwright (Severn Trent) Van Dang (SES Water) Phill Dixon (Ofwat) Georgina Mills (Ofwat) Chris Dawson (MOSL) Charles Unvala (MOSL)

Apologies: Rosalind Carey (Business Stream) Matt Turner (Affinity) Wendy Monk (Wave) Lucy Byrnes (CCW) Kara McGinley (Castle Water) Peter Trafford (Thames) Adam Boynes (CCW) Don Maher (Anglian) **Minutes:** Lisa-Ann Lott (MOSL)

Item	Notes and Actions
1. Compliance statement	CD displayed the compliance statement to remind members of the Groups purpose and the boundaries for collaboration.
2. Welcome	AM opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. AM ran through the agenda. 1) Wrap up on revised good practice guide publication 2) Update on liaison with Strategic Panel sponsors 3) PA consulting update 4) Update on unmeasured and assessed workstream
3. Update on liaison with Strategic Panel sponsors	AM confirmed he and JL met with Strategic Panel sponsors, Andrew Beaver and Rick Hill, independent panel member on Tuesday 4 October. AM noted same presentation used as provided at User Forum. AM highlighted good feedback received and sponsors comfortable group is fulfilling the need for review of the tariff structures. AM noted JL highlighted the work with PA Consulting. AM further confirmed quarterly updates will be provided moving forward and in particular following the output of the PA consulting work. AM thanked members of the group and noted the sponsors were pleased with the outputs from the group.



	<p>JL noted query raised re benefits to Retailers of simplified tariff structures from Wholesalers and what tangible benefits will be seen by end customers if Retailers are able to pass on efficiency savings.</p> <p>JL further raised the query linking the opportunity for water efficiency through tariffs and the potential to link with the RWG water efficiency sub-group.</p> <p>JL noted this may cause scope creep and this had been highlighted to the sponsors.</p>
<p>4. Wrap up on revised good practice guide publication</p>	<p>AM confirmed updated Return to Sewer good practice guide published Friday 30 September alongside the Wholesale good practice charging guide.</p> <p>DK noted Severn Trent intends to follow the Wholesale good practice guide and will be rolling out the Return to Sewer guidance also.</p> <p>JL confirmed Thames in discussion to implement the Return to Sewer guidance and looking at the Wholesale good practice guide with a view to implement April 2023. JL noted for RTS will decouple from household initially.</p> <p>VD confirmed SES will follow the guidelines moving forward and will publish the excel table version of the tariff.</p> <p>AM confirmed Southern will take the same approach.</p> <p>AM noted no feedback from any other organisation and will follow up with other Wholesalers separately to ensure receipt.</p>
<p>5. Update on unmeasured and assessed workstream</p>	<p>VD provided an update following MT's email.</p> <p>VD noted sub-group beginning with looking at mapping rateable value into unmeasured e.g., looking at a particular customer and mapping across to measured customers in same SIC code.</p> <p>VD confirmed next steps – next sub-group meeting 13 October.</p> <p>GM enquired what work the group is undertaking.</p> <p>DK confirmed group looking at industry approach to assessed charging alongside those premises which are currently unmeasured noting the overlap between the two as requiring an understanding of the nature of the industry to be able to transition the customers to assessed from unmeasured.</p> <p>AM noted need to group customers by their industry in order to move them to assessed amongst other measures.</p>

	<p>VD provided the example of same rateable value for two properties however one may be a brewery and one may be a shop with only a few staff therefore need to utilise SIC alongside rateable value.</p> <p>DK noted need to establish a baseline for all Trading Parties as some are utilising different rateable value lists e.g., 1973 v 1991</p> <p>GM enquired if group reviewing UK wide and VD confirmed looking at whole country data set.</p> <p>AM confirmed intent to create good practice guide for unmeasured and assessed.</p> <p>AM reminded members of MT's email.</p>
<p>6. PA consulting update</p>	<p>AM confirmed PA consulting making good progress and the report of initial findings is imminent.</p> <p>JL to share report once available.</p>
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>AM confirmed meeting Trade Effluent sub-group members to reset the work of the group. AM noted Nick has offered support to the group where possible.</p> <p>GM flagged Ofwat published consultation on charges with a focus on household charges but includes water efficiency incentives. Noting Ofwat encouraging Wholesalers to conduct trials looking at improving affordability and water efficiency including the non-household sector.</p> <p>Members confirmed they were aware of the consultation.</p> <p>GM noted Ofwat's principles/charging rules were not considered to be a barrier to non-household creating innovative tariffs to encourage water efficiency. GM noted a key focus of affordability. PD confirmed consultation included sewerage charges from an environmental perspective.</p> <p>Next meeting 3pm Thursday 27 October</p>