## Introductions

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### **Hydrogen UK Members**



# Who REA are...





Guarantees of Origin

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We are the *largest* trade association for renewable energy and clean technologies in the UK.

Not-for-profit representing 550 + renewable energy and clean technology companies operating in over fourteen sectors, from green gas & hydrogen, and renewable fuels to solar, energy storage and electric vehicle charging, biomass and energy from waste.



#### REA Hydrogen membership



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- ITM Power
- AMP Clean Energy
- Supercritical Solution
- Centrica
- Vitol
- Octopus energy
- Airliquide
- Progressive Energy
- HiiROC
- Clarke Energy
- Cadent Gas
- Northern Gas Network
- Peel NRE
- Advanced Biofuels Solutions
- Bioenergy Infrastructure Group
- BayoTech
- Drax
- EQTech
- Enfinium
- Omni CT
- Future Earth Energy
- Kew Technology
- Plasco Conversion Technologies
- Suez Recycling & Recovery UK
- CNG Services

- GHD
- JCB
- Reynolds logistics
- Thyson Technology
- National Grid ESO
- Renewable Power Systems
- Ricardo Energy & Environment
- Intelligent Green Energy
- AFRY Management Consulting
- Fitchner Consulting Engineers
- Sweco
- CMS McKenna
- Vinson & Elkins
- BDB Pitmans
- Clarion Solicitors
- Savills
- Eversheds
- Burges Salmon
- Shakespeare Martineu
- Savills
- Enertecgreen
- Foresight Group
- Heat & Power Services
- Thames Water
- Severn Trent Green Power



## Hydrogen Blending: Hydrogen Economy Facilitator

#### **Demand Side Benefits**

- On-boards the public, building consumer confidence in hydrogen
- Non-disruptive carbon savings within the hardest to abate sector
- Carbon savings equivalent to removing the domestic gas demand of Wales



#### **Supply Side Benefits**

✓ Reduces demand risk & LOCH

✓ Supports up to 5 GW of lowcarbon production investment with lowest technology risk

✓ Provides a national demand – decoupling production from industrialised regions

✓ Natural synergy with electrolytic production due to the flexibility of blending





## **HBM Heads of Terms**

- Presently blending hydrogen is less certain than other offtakers such as industry, power and transport
- This uncertainty has been translated into the HBM HoT as a lack of support, baked into the contract terms. The consequences of this are:
  - **1**. Strong negative market sentiment concerning the importance of blending
  - 2. Producers will not contract for hydrogen blending, if not supported resulting in no blending
  - 3. Producer-offtaker supply agreements will be long-term contracts, therefore very unlikely for any hydrogen capacity to be available via a 'contract reopener' even if blending becomes a desirable offtaker in the future
  - 4. Strong incentive for networks not to invest in hydrogen blending infrastructure, leading to a significant lead time if BEIS wish to blend later





## **Alternative Proposal**

- The current proposal is too binary and will be very difficult to unwind once negative market inertia is established
- A more subtle and flexible solution exists that balances:
  - **1**. The desire to promote hydrogen into non-blending offtakers
  - 2. Whilst also stimulating the blending market
- The proposed amendment is to:
  - Remove reference to hydrogen blending within the main contract
  - Define a tunable 'blending materiality threshold' within the eligibility criteria
  - Revenue support levels to be independent of offtaker





## **Blending Materiality Threshold**

- A 'blending materiality threshold' would prescribe the maximum proportion of production that can be contracted for blending
- The advantages of this model are:
  - **1. BEIS Control** BEIS can unilaterally tune the materiality threshold based on regulatory/policy certainty and market status, instead of requiring bilateral agreement via contractual amendment
  - 2. Flexibility The threshold could be a fixed percentage or linked to a market metric, providing flexibility for BEIS and greater risk management capacity for producers
  - **3.** Market Sentiment Maintains the current positive market inertia to make blending happen, creating justification for investment
- This amendment is widely supported by hydrogen market makers and stakeholders





## **Questions and Answers**





## **Thank You**



