

GGCS 26th Oversight Panel Meeting November 2025 Minutes – DRAFT

Start: 14:00 GMT

Finish: 15:05 GMT

1. Introduction and housekeeping - Sue Ellwood

2. Actions, minutes and matters arising from last meeting – Jesse Scharf

Minutes circulated without any comments received.

No actions arising from last time.

JS assured meeting that the slides and recording will be circulated after the meeting.

3. Market and Scheme Update

JS reported that 2025 has seen an increase in producer members as we are seeing GGSS plants coming online.

SA provided a link to Ofgem report on the GGSS: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/transparency-document/green-gas-support-scheme-ggss-quarterly-report-issue-16>

Trader accounts have dropped because of the G-REX migration.

JS showed RGGOs cancelled by quarter figures with a very strong Q3. JS had reviewed Q4 figures to date and predicted we would hit at least 600 GWh by the end of the quarter and that the annual total will hit the 2023-2024 levels.

He showed a breakdown of where the certificates are being allocated and explained that you can do direct either ex-domain cancellations to consumers in Germany, Austria or Switzerland or transfer RGGOs to the registries in those countries. GGCS understood that these decisions are driven by time and cost. Transferring to another registry would involve additional fees but there could be a demand from an end-consumer needing certificates from a domestic registry.

Withdrawal Report

JS said that with the higher number of RGGO bundles being issued 5-6 withdrawals may become a normal amount per quarter, but with a few exceptions RGGOs were withdrawn from Producer accounts soon after issuing, and not from Traders.

Sanctions

No Level 4a sanction has been applied in the last three months.

We have continued to issue Official Warnings to producers who make mistakes.

Lily Maris (LM) provided an update on Production Declaration templates and DVS submissions. She emphasised that the most recent versions of Production Declaration templates must be

used and that there was a sanction process where DVS were not submitted by the deadline. She can be contacted on lmavis@greengas.org.uk

Scheme Staffing

Lily has joined the team, replacing Emily, and everyone else is still in place.

Use of G-REX

JS highlighted use of the 4eye function. Explained that we do not edit or otherwise reverse cancelled RGGOs, unlike other Schemes.

Reminded members to ensure they check who has access to their account. If staff leave, ensure they are removed or locked. JS recommended that members set a calendar reminder to check the account access permissions.

See slides for further details.

4. Scheme Fees for 2026

JS presented the proposal for scheme fees in 2026, which was to keep them at the current levels.

Ciaran Burns (CB) asked what changes has been made to cancellation fees in the past.

JS said fees used to be 40p/kWh, then dropped to 10p/kWh sometime before 2017, were dropped to 9.5p/kWh in 2022 and went up to 11p/kWh in 2025.

See slides for further details.

5. REA Policy Briefing – Ciaran Burns

Future Policy Framework for Biomethane Production

Consultation has been pushed back to March 2026, on the basis that it will still be within this financial year.

Expecting to be a renewables obligation type support mechanism.

Also expecting an extension to the GGSS to March 2028. Likely that DESNZ are waiting for the budget to be published.

Independent Review of Greenhouse Gas Removals by Dr Alan Whitehead CBE

Relatively good news for the industry. Lots of mention of carbon capture and storage with biomethane.

REA are hoping to get a meeting with him in December 2025.

Methane Emissions in AD (MEAD) 2

MEAD 1 ([Methane Emissions from Anaerobic Digestion \(MEAD\) - GOV.UK](#)) with a low sample size, revealed a very high emissions value.

This second report has a larger sample size. Also contains a good practice guide for point-source emissions.

General

CB is responsible for green gases at the REA. Wants to ensure that they are effective in the way they are working, and they are choosing certain topics to focus on for the next 6 months.

CB outlined the other teams which feed into the wider sector work.

See slides for further details.

6. GGCS Policy Update - Syed Ahmed

GHGP- Scope 2 Consultation

Was published by the GHGP in October 2025.

Largely based around clean electricity. Two main proposals include location-based, or market-based approaches to using RGGOs.

Provided link to: <https://letgreengascount.org>

SBTi corporate net-zero standard consultation

Launched on 6 November 2025. Similar themes to GHGP consultation. Deadline has been extended to 12 December 2025.

UK Emissions Trading Schemes (UK ETS)

There has been a significant industry lobby for this, which has been good to see.

Ed Miliband confirmed that they are reviewing how grid-based biomethane could account for the UK ETS.

Industry is waiting for

Review of the REGO scheme (no timeline available)

Fairness and Affordability Call for Evidence (rebalancing energy taxation from electricity to gas) - (no timeline available).

Future policy framework for biomethane production – call for evidence (expected in March 2026)

7. Date of the next meeting

May 2026, in a hybrid-style at the REA offices in London.

JS informed meeting that Virginia Graham (VG) REAL CEO would be retiring at the end of the year and thanked her for all her contributions to the GGCS.

Sue Ellwood also thanked VG for her contribution.