



# Green Tariffs

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# Agenda

CofE Green Tariff  
Advice coming in  
Sep 2025.

- What is a Green Tariff?
- How did we assess suppliers and tariffs?
- Which suppliers passed the assessment?
- Parish Buying Energy Basket
- Help with switching tariffs





# What is a 'green tariff'?

- Energy from renewable sources – we hope!
- No existing definition
- Greenwashing
- Confusing
- Renewable energy and green gas?
- Ethical suppliers?
- Mentioned in the National Routemap
- Needed a robust definition and assessment criteria





# CofE Green Tariff Definition

1. Appointed Turner and Townsend
2. Research (eg Which, Ethical Consumer, Ofgem etc)
3. Workshops with NZCOs and DEOs
4. Developed criteria
5. Developed definition
6. Assessment



# Assessment Criteria

Tariffs assessed  
against 14 criteria -  
so you don't have to

Principle 1a: What  
should be included in  
'green' electricity tariff

Principle 1b: What  
should be included in  
'green' gas tariffs

Principle 2: What  
environmental goals  
and sustainable  
behaviour a supplier  
should demonstrate

Principle 3: What  
ethical and charitable  
behaviour should the  
supplier demonstrate

Principle 4: How cost  
competitive is the  
supplier and what is  
their service feedback



# How to define a green electricity tariff

Tariffs assessed against 14 criteria - so you don't have to

Is the energy generated by renewable sources?

Does the supplier still invest in fossil fuels?

Where does it come from?  
Wind, solar, biomass, nuclear?

Does the supplier report their carbon footprint in line with international standards?

Does the supplier actually build their own renewable energy projects?

Does the supplier and their parent company have a record of unethical behaviour?

Does the supplier also offer other fossil fuel tariffs?

How does the supplier treat their customers?



# Which suppliers passed the assessment – Electricity

Supplier	Tariff name
Ecotricity	Green Electricity
Octopus (Own Bulb and Shell Energy Retail)	All tariffs
100Green (was Green Energy UK)	Sparkling
	EKO
	Tide
Good Energy	Standard Variable Tariff
Engie UK	UK Green Plus
	Green Select
Smartest Energy	Traceable Renewable Supply
Bryt Energy	Electricity

This is NOT a list of recommended tariffs.

The CofE can't recommend specific suppliers



# Which suppliers passed the assessment - Gas

Supplier	Tariff name
100Green (was Green Energy UK)	Sparkling, EKO & Tide

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Only 100% biogas tariffs can meet the definition.

Previously, partial biogas and natural gas were included.

There is a premium for 100% biogas tariffs, CofE approach is to spend on energy efficiency rather than a green gas tariff.





# Impact on the EFT

- Using an approved green tariff will reduce your calculated carbon footprint
- Difference between tariffs and suppliers previously listed
- To be listed in the EFT suppliers don't have to meet all criteria – eg unethical suppliers can provide low carbon energy





# Parish Buying Energy Basket

- Aiming to align with the CofE definition
- Summer – Fixed term contracts available
- Autumn – New Energy Basket available





# Help with switching tariffs

- Switching campaign in September
  - Animation to explain the options
  - Advice and guidance
- Ofgem advice: [Set up a business energy contract | Ofgem](#)





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