

TradeLink Solutions



Feed-in Tariff Service for large-scale generators

The Feed-in Tariff Scheme (FITs) is a government incentive to encourage the installation of microgeneration renewable electricity technology.

It replaced the Renewable Obligation for sites with an installed capacity under 50kW and it remains an option for larger renewable generators up to 5MW capacity.

Under FITs, a generator receives a tariff for their total renewable electricity generation. They receive an additional 'export' tariff for any electricity exported to the Grid.

The scheme is government backed for at least 20 years, or 25 if you opt for solar technology. The tariffs are increased each year by RPI and are tax-free.

Aggregated Feed-in Tariff sites

Local authorities, private companies and housing associations have been looking increasingly into multiple renewable installations under the FIT scheme, often this involves large numbers of solar installations on housing and commercial buildings.



This allows the body involved to invest in a green technology with reliable returns and with the ability to provide electricity to their tenants.

Where sites are geographically distinct – connected to different import MPANs and perhaps on different postcodes – the generator will receive the highest banded tariff for each installation and they will not be treated as a large solar park or wind farm.

The role of Feed-in Tariff Licensees

FIT payments are made to generators on a quarterly basis by electricity supply companies, who are either mandatory or voluntary FIT Licensees.

The FIT licensee is responsible for registering the installation on the Ofgem central register, collecting quarterly generation meter readings from the generator and submitting these to the industry regulator.

The 'Big Six' utility companies are mandatory FIT Licensees. There are a further number of Voluntary FIT Licensees such as Tradelink Solutions.

Public bodies and third sector organisations usually show a preference for Voluntary FIT Licensees as they are less likely to require the import electricity supply to the generator.

What added value does Tradelink Solutions bring?

As one of the earliest participants in the renewable energy industry, Tradelink Solutions has a wealth of experience in providing commercial solutions to renewable generators.

Our ethos has always been to provide a bespoke, high quality service to a small number of clients.

Managing your account

- Whilst our entire relationship will be overseen by our Commercial Director, you will be assigned a dedicated Client Relationship Manager who you can liaise with directly on day-to-day issues.
- We have a dedicated FIT team, all of whom have experience of the entire FIT process.
- Implementation and quarterly meetings to review processes and discuss any changes or FIT extensions.

Processing large volumes of applicants

- A comprehensive Service Level Agreement is our key document driving both teams' efforts towards successful applications and efficient payments.
- Paperwork and administration associated with the project is kept to a minimum but within the required legislation and processes set down under the FIT Order.
- With large-scale applications, we usually process in weekly 'batches' as installations are completed.

Monitoring application submissions

- We aggregate batched submissions and monitor before providing a weekly summary. In this way, we identify and solve any delayed submissions.

Purchase of export electricity

- Where appropriate, Tradelink Solutions may offer to buy export electricity for its retail business, LoCO2 Energy, at greater than the standard 3.1p/kWh rate offered under the FIT scheme.

Experience

- Tradelink Solutions is not a new entrant to the market. We have been active in the renewable industry for more than 15 years. Our FIT business is a natural extension of our Renewable Obligations Certificate (ROC) trading activities.

Tradelink itself is a renewable generator and we own, operate and manage 9 hydropower schemes in the United Kingdom with projects recently registered under the FIT scheme. We understand the FIT application process from both a licensee and a generator's point of view.

We have many long standing contractual relationships with a variety of multi-site customers covering both FIT and ROC claims.

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