Recommendations for standardized phonetics of Estuary English

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Transcribe EE as RP, including

- /i/ for the final/prevocalic vowel in weak syllables, previously written /i/ in RP, thus /ˈhepi/ happy, /ˈvearias/ various;
- /u/ for the final/prevocalic vowel in weak syllables, previously written /U/ in RP, thus /ˈθæŋkju/ thank you, /ˈgrædʒuələn/ graduation;

but with the following changes:

- EE /æt/ for RP /aɪt/, thus /ˈpraɪs/ price;
- EE /æʊ/ for RP /aʊ/, thus /mæʊθ/ mouth (cf. Cockney [mæːf]);
- EE /o/ for final/preconsonantal /l/, thus /mɪlk/ milk, /ˈmɪdo/ middle;
- EE /ə/ for /t/ when syllable-final and preceded by a sonorant:
  o within a word, when followed by a consonant other than /t/, thus /ˈfuːbəʊ/ football, /ˈdʒɛnɪli/ gently;
  o word-finally, optionally at the end of a stressed syllable, categorically at the end of an unstressed syllable: thus /beɪt/ or /beəʔ/ belt, /ˈtɪkɪʔ, ˈpɪfɪs/ ticket office, /ɪf ɪʔ ˈɪz/ if it is;
- EE /tʃ, dʒ/ for RP /tʃ, dʒ/, thus /ˈtʃuːzdəɪ/ Tuesday, /rɪˈdʒuːs/ reduce.

In regard to the lexical incidence of phonemes,

- the participle/gerund ending -ing fluctuates stylistically between /ɪŋ/ and /ɪŋ/, thus /ˈrʌnɪŋ/ or /ˈrænɪŋ/ running;
- the suffix -thing is usually /θɪŋk/ rather than /θɪŋ/, thus /ˈeniθɪŋk/ anything;
- EE usually has /n/ for RP /nt/ in the items /ˈtwenɪ/ twenty and /ˈpleni/ plenty, and for want and went when prevocalic, thus /ˈwɒnt/ wanted, /ˈwɛn ˈæʊʔ/ went out - but note that there is no American-style nt-reduction in other items, e.g. winter remains /ˈwɪntə/;
- EE prefers /æn/ in various environments where RP would prefer syllabic /ŋ/, thus /ˈsteɪʃən/ station.