

Minutes and actions of the National Grid Electricity Transmission Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) Meeting 02

ISG	NGET-ISG02
Meeting Date:	2 nd May 2024
Location:	NG office, The Strand, London
Start Time:	9:15 – 16:45
Attendees:	<p>Chair: Trisha McAuley (TM)</p> <p>Technical Secretary: Amelia Affum (AA), Support Tech Sec: Theresa Potter (TP)</p> <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roz Bulleid (RB), Green Alliance • Barry Hatton (BH), UKPN • Eddie Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users Council • Stew Horne (SHo), Energy Savings Trust • Zoe McLeod (ZM), Independent Consumer Advocate • Jane Cooper (JC), Renewables UK • Karl Drage (KD), Independent Member • Denise Massey (DM), Energy Innovation Centre • Alex Schoch (AS), Octopus Energy • Julian Leslie (JL), National Grid, Electricity System Operator • Cheryl Hiles (CH) West Midlands Combined Authority <p>National Grid Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Salter-Church (RSC), National Grid, Head of UK Regulatory Strategy • Alice Delahunty (AD), National Grid President of Electricity Transmission <p>For agenda item ...</p> <p>Regional/Site Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Haggerty (BHa) - National Grid Electricity Transmission RIIO T3 Program Manager Infrastructure Development & Delivery • Jeni Ray (JR) – National Grid Strategic Electricity Transmission, Head of Stakeholder Management & Insights • Akram Farook (AF) - Stakeholder Data and Digital Lead • Strategic and External Affairs <p>Accelerated Strategic Transmission Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Taylor (JT) – National Grid Strategic Infrastructure, Director of Asset Management Commercial • Matt Staley (MS) - National Grid, Strategic Infrastructure, Onshore Delivery Director • Alex Kauffman (AK) - National Grid, Strategic Infrastructure, Director of Land, Planning and External Affairs • Joe Turner (JTU) - National Grid Strategic Infrastructure, Head of Digital Developments

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	<p>T3 Submission and Stakeholder Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Martin Winter (MW) - National Grid Electricity Transmission Regulatory Policy Senior Manager - Future Price Controls Architect • Strategic and External Affairs <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Helm (CH) - Sustainability Technical Lead, National Grid Electricity Transmission
<p>Apologies:</p>	<p>ISG Members</p>

Minutes

<p>Agenda Reference</p>	<p>During this month's ISG meeting a number of different topics were discussed.</p> <p>The first topic covered was Regional and Site Strategies. The approach to creating regional strategies, an overview of challenges and opportunities, and alignment with Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESP) were discussed. The objectives were to seek the ISG's feedback on the approach to regional and site strategies.</p> <p>The presentation led to useful discussions on strategies and trade-offs. NGET was tasked with developing a strong strategic narrative across regions and demonstrating adaptive pathway planning by incorporating uncertainty of need/build into deliverability. In terms of stakeholder engagement, NGET was advised to engage with relevant regional political leaders and industry groups, ensure that stakeholder information forms deliverability trade-offs, seek out dissenting/minority voices to understand their implications, and provide clarity on the security of medium/long-term investment. Additionally, NGET was encouraged to involve the whole system when future-proofing and consider how regional deliverability links with skills and growth partnerships. It was also suggested that NGET ensure regional strategies are more accessible across the business and regions.</p> <p>The second topic focused on Accelerated Strategic Transmission Infrastructure (ASTI). The progress of ASTI projects and the 'Beyond 2030' report, stakeholder and community engagement, Supply Chain Bold Actions, and how SI is using digital solutions were discussed. The objectives were to seek the ISG's feedback on these points.</p> <p>Positive discussions were held on the enterprise collaborative model alongside the tension between speed and sustainability. NGET was requested to demonstrate how they are working in partnerships and collaborating, for example, with the generator community. It was clarified that NGET should ensure that innovation, social, and environmental value isn't lost with the pace of work. Furthermore, NGET was asked to demonstrate how to compare longer-term best value versus lowest cost, highlighting the importance of time as a decision factor. Collaboration with Ofgem on bulk procurement coverage was also suggested.</p> <p>The third topic addressed Responsible Business. The FY24 and T2 performance, the T3 Social Sustainability Strategy, and the focus on community benefits were discussed. The objectives were to inform the ISG of the performance and seek their views on the T3 strategy.</p>
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	<p>Useful feedback and challenges were gained regarding the ambition and integration of Responsible Business within the company. NGET was requested to demonstrate how the current performance and ambition are embedded in decision-making and evolved from stakeholder feedback. Moreover, NGET was asked to demonstrate the development of the supply chain following T2 ISG feedback and be transparent about the challenges in meeting Responsible Business commitments. Better articulating stories on natural capital commitments and local business support was also suggested.</p>
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