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Minutes and actions of the National Grid Electricity Transmission Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) Meeting 14

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| ISG | NGET-ISG |
| Meeting Date: | 9 th July 2025 |
| Location: | National Grid Strand office and MS teams |
| Time: | 9:30 – 16:00 |
| Attendees: | <p>Chair: Trisha McAuley (TM)</p> <p>Technical Secretary: Vicky Chiles (VC)</p> <p>Members present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users Council • Stew Horne (SHo), Energy Savings Trust • Zoe McLeod (ZM), Independent Consumer Advocate • Roz Bulleid (RB), Green Alliance • Cheryl Hiles (CH) West Midlands Combined Authority • Paul Wakeley (PW), NESO • Denise Massey (DM), Energy Innovation Centre • Kieran Coughlan (KC), UKPN <p>National Grid Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Salter-Church (RSC), National Grid Electricity Transmission, Head of UK Regulatory Strategy • Martin Winter (MW) - National Grid Electricity Transmission Regulatory Policy Senior Manager <p>Additional attendees for specific agenda items:</p> <p>Performance scorecard FY26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Delahunty (AD), National Grid Electricity Transmission, President <p>T3 Draft Determinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Salter-Church (RSC), National Grid Electricity Transmission, Head of UK Regulatory Strategy • Sara Habib (SH) - National Grid Electricity Transmission, Head of Future Price Controls • Rory Burgess (RBur) - National Grid Electricity Transmission, Data and Insights Consultant <p>Connections Reform Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Woodward – National Grid Electricity Transmission, Connections Reform Senior Manager <p>North Hyde lessons for whole system resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Davies - National Grid Electricity Transmission Network Operations and Intelligence Director |
| Apologies: | <p>ISG members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Cooper (JC), Renewables UK • Alex Schoch (AS), Octopus Energy • Karl Drage (KD), UK Head at Noventa Energy Partners |

Minutes

| Agenda Reference | Minutes Summary |
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| | <p>The ISG Meeting 14 brought together stakeholders and National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) representatives to review performance, regulatory developments, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning. Chaired by Trisha McAuley, the meeting included discussions on the FY26 performance scorecard, RIIO-T3 Draft Determinations, connections reform, and lessons from the North Hyde incident.</p> <p>Performance Scorecard FY26</p> <p>NGET presented the performance scorecard for the first half of FY26. Key areas such as, safety, energy not supplied, asset interventions, and challenges in connection delivery amid reform were discussed in detail.</p> <p>ISG members raised questions about recruitment strategy, SPI and CPI metrics, and dependencies affecting asset interventions. Concerns were also voiced about misalignment in reopener funds and optioneering, particularly around AIS vs. GIS technologies.</p> <p>RIIO-T3 Draft Determinations</p> <p>A detailed discussion was held on the RIIO-T3 Draft Determinations (DDs). Topics included the financial framework, TOTEX allowances, and regulatory design. Members expressed concern over funding ambiguity during the T2/T3 crossover.</p> <p>ISG members suggested producing consumer insight pieces to support investment justification. Benchmarking issues and inconsistencies in DD commentary were also discussed.</p> <p>Strategic Ambition and Deliverability</p> <p>There was a discussion about NGET's strategic balance between baseline and pipeline investments. Concerns were raised about the articulation of consumer benefits and clarity around ASTI projects. The group emphasized the need for NGET to lead in innovation and digitalisation, especially given Ofgem's high allowances in these areas.</p> <p>Stakeholder and Regional Engagement</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement was a major theme. ISG members spoke of the need for clarity in stakeholder responses and called for a more proactive communications</p> |

strategy. The group also discussed the need for better survey design, stakeholder mapping, and inclusive engagement practices.

Supply Chain, Workforce, and Environment

The ISG urged NGET to take a leadership role in supply chain coordination and workforce strategy. They talked about the disallowances for low-carbon materials, with calls for industry-wide collaboration and reference to government policy. Biodiversity and net gain were highlighted as areas needing more stakeholder input.

Connections Reform

NGET outlined the connections reform process, NESO's role, and implications for stakeholders. Members questioned the transparency of sequencing criteria and stakeholder inclusion. The need for coordinated communication between NGET, NESO, and DNOs was emphasized, along with proactive reputation management and long-term collaboration.

North Hyde Incident and Forward Planning

NGET presented lessons from the North Hyde outage, focusing on whole-system resilience. The meeting concluded with forward agenda planning, including proposals for deep dives into stakeholder strategy, responsible business charter, and AIS/GIS technologies.