

**Minutes and actions of the National Grid Electricity Transmission
Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) Meeting 15**

ISG	NGET-ISG
Meeting Date:	30 September 2025
Location:	Leonardo Royal London Hotel, St Paul's London and MS teams
Time:	9:30 – 16:00
Attendees:	Chair: Trisha McAuley (TM) Technical Secretary: Vicky Chiles (VC) Members present: • Eddie Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users Council • Roz Bulleid (RB), Green Alliance • Cheryl Hiles (CH) West Midlands Combined Authority • Paul Wakeley (PW), NESO [not available after 12.45] • Denise Massey (DM), Energy Innovation Centre [not available between 11.00 and 12.45] • Kieran Coughlan (KC), UKPN • Alex Schoch, Octopus Energy (AS) [not available between 13.45 and 14.30] • Ana Musat, RUK (AM) National Grid Representatives: • Robert Salter-Church (RSC), National Grid Electricity Transmission, Head of UK Regulatory Strategy • Martin Winter (MW) - National Grid Electricity Transmission Regulatory Policy Senior Manager • Leigh Lipton - National Grid Electricity Transmission Stakeholder Communications Manager Additional attendees for specific agenda items: Challenge Log Tracking • Gary Stokes (GS) - National Grid Electricity Transmission Head of Systems, Frameworks and Digital Transformation • Scott Williamson (SW) – National Grid Electricity Transmission Data Solutions Manager FY25 Annual Performance Deep Dive • Julie Hooper (JH) – National Grid Electricity Transmission Regulatory Reporting Manager • Chris James (CJ) – National Grid Electricity Transmission Head of Regulatory Performance
Apologies:	ISG members: • Karl Drage (KD), Noventa Energy Partners • Zoe McLeod (ZM), Independent Consumer Advocate • Stew Horne (SHo), Energy Savings Trust

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Start Time	End Time	Time (mins)	Agenda Item	AGENDA	Presenter(s)
09:30	09:45	0:15	1	Welcome from Chair, introductions, housekeeping, minutes and actions, declaration of interest	Chair
09:45	09:55	0:10	2	Closed session: Chair Updates to members	Chair
09:55	10:15	0:20	3	Closed Session: Draft Determination responses, challenge log tracking	
10:15	11:15	1:00	4	Draft Determination responses – NGET & ISG	ISG /Rob Salter-Church & Martin Winter
11:15	11:30	0:15		Break	
11:30	12:00	0:30	5	ISG Chair Updates	ISG Chair
12:00	12:45	0:45	6	Challenge Log tracking	Gary Stokes & Scott Williamson
12:45	13:30	0:45		Lunch	
13:30	14:00	0:30	7	Closed session: Performance	
14:00	14:30	0:30	8	FY2026 Performance Scorecard	Rob Salter-Church
14:30	16:00	1:30	9	FY2025 Annual Performance Deep Dive	Chris James & Julie Hooper
16:00	16:15	0:15	10	Closed session: closing	Chair
16:15	16:15				

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	The Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) convened for its 15th meeting, chaired by Trisha McAuley. The session began with welcomes, introductions and confirmation of new membership. Previous minutes were approved, conflicts of interest were declared as none, and several outstanding actions were reviewed and updated. Members noted the need for future meetings to avoid clashes with other stakeholder groups. 1 Draft Determination Responses NGET presented its response to Ofgem's Draft Determination. Members discussed matters relating to allowances, risk and contingency, incentive design and the complexity of the determination. The ISG stressed the importance of transparent close-out arrangements between the current and future price control periods. Questions were raised about allowances, pre-construction funding, asset health, incentives and how distinctions between load and non-load work affect planning. 2 ISG Chair Updates The ISG shared some key learnings for NGET, following various meetings. 3 Challenge Log Tracking NGET presented proposed improvements to challenge log tracking, including potential migration to a new stakeholder relationship management system to enhance transparency and usability. Members welcomed the development and provided recommendations. 4 FY2026 Performance Scorecard NGET provided an overview of performance trends and operational challenges. Discussions covered areas such as outages, system access, supply chain pressures, recruitment processes, and connections reform. The ISG emphasised the growing importance of planning for increasing connections volumes and understanding potential impacts on wider networks.

	5 FY2025 Annual Performance Deep Dive NGET presented a more detailed review of T2 performance, structured around stakeholder priorities. Discussions included allowances, incentives, asset interventions, environmental commitments and connections. There were also discussions about internal planning, regional pinch points, stakeholder engagement, deliverability and how NGET prioritises work when access or operational constraints arise.
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