

## SQSS Update

### Workgroups in Progress

#### **GSR010 – Generator Connections**

This workgroup is reconvening to review consultation responses and determine next steps. A number of respondents highlighted a need to give further consideration to the effect the proposals may have because of the interaction between design criteria in the SQSS with certain aspects of the CUSC.

#### **GSR012 – Interconnectors**

This workgroup is tasked with a review the approach to interconnectors within the SQSS. The Panel has agreed to revise its terms of reference to align the work more closely with the SQSS chapters (ie local and wider network issues) and to divide the work into more manageable packages.

#### **GSR014 – Offshore Transformer Bay Requirements**

Work is near completion on reviewing switching arrangements for offshore networks at the interface point with the on-shore system.

### New Modification Proposals

#### **GSR015 – Normal Infeed Loss**

National Grid is developing proposals for consultation to change the way Normal Infeed Losses are managed for the purposes of frequency containment from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. The current limit is 1,000MW and changes to 1,320MW in 2014 meaning that extra frequency response will need to be procured, potentially for little benefit. Consultation is planned in autumn 2013.

#### **GSR016 – Embedded Generation Treatment and GSR009 Scaling Issues**

The transmission companies have identified that the scaling approach currently applied in the SQSS can produce unrealistic generation backgrounds and that embedded generation volumes are large enough that the planning assumptions applied to them have a significant impact on transmission investment. The Panel has agreed terms of reference for a new workgroup to consider and address these issues.