

CONSULTATION ON THE ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK 2023/24

[Special Condition 2.2.1](#) of the Electricity System Operators (ESO) licence directs the ESO to produce an Assurance Framework demonstrating the strategy the ESO will adopt to ensure compliance with the Electricity System Restoration Standard (ESRS). The Assurance Framework is published following its approval by the Authority.

The ESO has prepared the Assurance Framework for 2023/24 which covers our current restoration strategy and the modelled performance of this strategy following a Total System Shut down. It also provides the new strategy which will get us to attaining full compliance to ESRS requirements by the compliance deadline of 31st December 2023.

Prior to the ESO submitting the Assurance Framework to the Authority, the ESO must consult on the proposed ESR Assurance Framework with the wider industry. To this, the ESO is inviting interested parties to respond to this consultation by providing their answers to the consultation questions below to kwaku.nti@nationalgrideso.com.

The consultation shall close on **30th March 2023**, at **5pm**.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Please do you think the new restoration strategy is sufficient in meeting ESRS?
2. Please do you have additional suggestions to the restoration approach adopted?
3. Please do you anticipate any risks other than those identified in the document that could affect the implementation of strategy?
4. Are the mitigations provided for the risks envisaged sufficient?
5. Please do you have any alternative to our new restoration strategy?
6. Please are there any tangible areas to ESRS not captured in the Assurance Framework?
7. ESR services are procured through market mechanisms depending on sufficient liquidity, do you believe there are any barriers to entry for market participants?