

## **ESO Questions on AFRY Report (answers from ICs Workgroup members)**

- **Who commissioned AFRY to do this analysis?**
  - Interconnectors who are part of the Workgroup (BritNed, Nemolink, Eleclink, NGV, NeuConnect)
- **Who were the other providers contacted and what was the criteria to select AFRY?**
  - FTI Consulting
- **What were the terms of reference?**
  - Initially, the scope of work was to produce a secondary CBA, as ESO suggested several times that if we were dissatisfied with the original Baringa CBA commissioned by the ESO then we should pay for our own CBA. There are several areas that we were concerned about from the Baringa CBA and addressed formally in our letter to Ofgem on May 19th. These concerns include but are not limited to 1) Insufficient CBA 2) EU TSO alignment 3) Energy Security Risks 4) Potential negative impact on meeting GB net zero targets. However, due to timing constraints, we were unable to fulfil this leading to the slightly smaller, yet still comprehensive, piece of work that specifically investigated some of our key concerns around the original CBA (as aforementioned and discussed with ESO on multiple occasions).
- **What information from the WG sessions was shared with AFRY?**
  - All information shared from the Workgroup meetings with AFRY is publicly available via the GC0154 modification page on the ESO website, and any information that wasn't already uploaded was verified for sharing by the Proposer once uploaded to the public Workgroup modification page, i.e. when it became publicly available.
- **What information from the WG sessions wasn't relevant to share with AFRY?**
  - All information from the Workgroup meetings was relevant to share with AFRY for the scope of their work.
- **How many hours of work did it take?**
  - N/A
- **Please share their expertise on system operation, interconnector operation, HVDC control, commercial and European markets, and frequency control.**
  - We don't think this question is relevant as the ESO have commissioned AFRY to produce work around IC's, system operations and system services in the past. Similarly, AFRY's expertise are used internally for various projects by IC's and NGV, alongside various other consultants, highlighting their expertise/relevant knowledge for this Workgroup.
- **Please NGV or other IC share with the workgroup the step-by-step replication of AFRY report, such that all the figures presented in AFRY report are justified and shared with the workgroup transparently.**
  - There is nothing that we haven't sent on from AFRY thus far with full transparency in the slide deck. We have discussed with AFRY this morning whether there is anything else / any other data to share for full transparency – there is nothing else to share as everything is already shared with the entire workgroup.