# National Grid Electricity Transmission Stakeholder Engagement Consultation

There are a number of areas where our stakeholders have asked us for further explanation, or we would like to discuss a topic in more depth with stakeholders in order to be able to develop our business plans. We would welcome your thoughts on the questions listed below.

We request that you provide your answers by **5pm on Friday 18th November**. Responses received by this time will be taken account of in our business plan development. When responding can you please provide us with your name, contact details, the name of the organisation you represent and whether your response is confidential.

We have scheduled a workshop for 10th and 11th November, where we will be discussing the topics surrounding the questions below. We would be pleased to welcome you at this workshop where you will have the opportunity to discuss the topics below with National Grid staff, in order to aid your responses to these questions.

If you have any queries please email talkingnetworkstransmission@uk.ngrid.com or call Graham Frankland on 01926 653667 or Claire Spedding on 01926 655915.

**Responder’s Details**

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**Is your response confidential? Yes/No**

## Business Plans

Q1. Did you find our business plan documentation easy to navigate?

Q2. Did you find the content contained within our documentation easy to understand?

Q3. What did you particularly like/dislike about the presentation of our plans?

Q4. What improvements could be made in terms of content, structure or format?

Q5. In terms of the business plans themselves did we represent your views and previous feedback correctly? And do you think we have incorporated it into our plans correctly?

## Managing risk and uncertainty

Q6. Do you agree that uncertainty mechanisms should be employed to adjust allowed revenues where the associated costs are uncertain and outside of our control? If not, what other mechanisms do you consider could be appropriate?

Q7. Do you believe that the range of the uncertainty mechanisms proposed is appropriate?

## Charging

Q8. Are predictability and transparency your key concerns in relation to electricity transmission charging? Why?

Q9. Changes to tariffs can be caused through changes to the methodology that dictates how tariffs are calculated (e.g. through project TransmiT) and changes to the inputs to that methodology. Which of these factors are of most concern to you?

Q10. Charges are made up of a residual element (changes to which alter the charges all customers pay) and a locational element (changes to which modify the relative signals between customers). The predictability of which of these elements is most important to you and why?

Q11. Can we do more to help you understand and predict transmission charges?

Q12. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can improve predictability/transparency?

Q13. Is stability of charges an issue, providing it is forecasted and predictable?

## Network Availability Policy

Q14. Do you have any comments on our draft Network Availability Policy?

## SO/TO Interaction

*Targeted N-1*

Q15. Are we missing any issues and / or actions?

Q16. What views do you have on risk trade-offs?

*‘Smarter’ transmission network*

Q17. Do you agree the transmission system is reasonably smart?

Q18. Which approaches do you consider relevant/important/likely to bring benefits over the next ten years? Which approaches do you consider to be irrelevant/unimportant/unlikely to bring benefits over the next ten years?

Q19. Have we missed anything, e.g. is there technology that we are not considering but should?

*Network Development Policy*

Q20. Do you think that we have chosen the most appropriate mix of RIIO-T1 methodologies for reflecting investment in wider works? If not, what alternative arrangements would you propose?

Q21. Do you have any comments on the ODIS future scenarios stakeholder engagement process?

Q22. Do you agree with our proposed approach to identifying, optimising and triggering wider works in a timely fashion?

## SO Investment

Q23. Do you think that the timing of our SO investment plan is appropriate?

Q24. Do you agree with our approach in balancing the mix of resources and IT systems in undertaking the SO role?

Q25. How do planned / unplanned outages of our control room systems affect you?

Q26. Do the benefits identified from our investments justify enhancing our control room capabilities?

## Future Engagement

Q27. What have you liked about our Talking Networks engagement?

Q28. What could we have done better?

Q29. What do you like / dislike about the day-to-day stakeholder engagement activities we carry out? For example, the SO Incentives consultation, new transmission route consultations. What else could we do?

Q30. How would your organisation like to be consulted in the future?