

Meeting minutes

Joint Forum

Date: 06/10/2022	Location: MS Teams
Start: 14:00	End: 15:00

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Attendee	Organisation
Matthew Rivett	ESO	Sima Davarzani	UKPN
Andy Wainwright	ESO	Adam Bain	SSE-N
Steph Wootton	ESO	Steve Atkins	SSE-N
Kanan Ganakesavan	ESO	Gavin Anderson	ENWL
Vicky Chiles	ESO	Tolulope Esan	ENWL
Yujia Du	ESO	Matt Watson	NGED
James Whiteford	ESO	Sophie Corbett	NPG
		Kayode Ogunleye	NGET

Agenda

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Review actions	Andy Wainwright
2.	RDP updates	Matt Rivett, Kanan Ganakesavan, Steph Wootton
3.	FES consumer archetypes projects	James Whiteford
4.	Distributed flexibility strategy	Yujia Du
5.	AOB	All

Action Item Log

Action items: in progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status
5	AW/SA to discuss joint comms ahead of ICCP link go-live for N-3 RDP.	AW		Open

Discussion and details

Topics

2. RDP updates

MR provided an update on N-3 and MW dispatch RDPs in delivery.

N-3: The team are moving forward to establish ICCP links with NGED and SSEN after successful communications tests with flow data.

AW asked whether the DNOs involved would like the ESO to arrange joint external comms. AW also noted that the other DNOs should or will be engaged by the ESO's Electricity Restoration Standard team regarding ICCP links. On the former, SA agreed with this approach.

Action: AW/SA to discuss joint comms ahead of ICCP link go-live.

MW dispatch with NGED:

The project is advancing with plans for first release towards the end of November and full go live by the end of this financial year. The ESO and NGED successfully hosted a DER webinar on 27 Sept, to confirm registration, outlining the onboarding SLA, update stakeholders on the service design and provide an overview of the contract terms. The link to the webinar can be found here:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/research-publications/regional-development-programmes>

SA asked about the transferability of this project. MR responded by stating that there will be a technical specification for this RDP to promote a standardised approach for further rollout. MR also noted that contractual arrangements will be published on the ESO's website.

MW dispatch with UKPN:

The team are currently working through the PID with UKPN.

KG provided an update on GEMS.

GEMS: current progress for the project is mainly around getting the functional design document developed. Internally the team are working on the end-to-end service design. Next steps involve looking at the functional design specification.

SW provided an update on RDPs in development and highlighted the following:

Heysham/ENWL - Heysham offer has been revised. Work has been expanded to look at other GSPs.

North of Scotland/SSEN-D and SHE Transmission - CBA in progress.

Midlands/NGED - priority sites have now been agreed and working groups with dedicated PSEs are underway.

East Anglia/UKPN - Alternative solutions at 2 GSPs are now agreed. Technical analysis is underway for other GSPs. Those affected by the EC5 stability issues are awaiting the outcome of the ESO stability assessment.

North east/NPG – Technical analysis completed for two sites and potential solutions have been identified. The team are moving forward to identify other priority sites to carry out similar assessments.

South Wales/south west/NGED – CPA review ongoing.

3. FES consumer archetypes

JW discussed the NIA funded project to develop a set of industry standard archetypes along with network companies. JW asked for DNO contacts if they wish to be involved/kept up to date as the nine-month project progresses.

Please contact James Whiteford for further information: James.Whiteford@nationalgrideso.com

AW asked whether JW had engaged via other industry wide channels. JW confirmed that this project has been discussed at ENA WS4 and Innovation Group meetings as well as the FES Network Forum. It will also be discussed as part of the regular FES bilateral engagement with DNOs over the Autumn.

4. Distributed flexibility strategy

YD introduced the ESO's distributed flexibility strategy that is currently being developed. The strategy, which will be complemented by NIA research, will focus on resolving the unique challenges of growing flexibility at distribution level.

AW asked about next steps in terms of DNO involvement. YD stated that as the strategy progresses, DNOs will be engaged via bilaterals.

Please contact Yujia Du if you would like to arrange a bilateral: yujia.du@nationalgrideso.com

SA asked whether the strategy is just from the perspective of the ESO. YD clarified that the strategy will adopt a holistic approach building on existing material such as the Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan and Ofgem's Full Chain Flexibility forum. The strategy is not intended to be an independent thought piece.

AW asked whether, within the NIA research, there could be a need, whilst setting out ESO requirements, to ensure that this does not set a barrier for ESO/DSO needs.

5. AOB

N/A
