IS User Group

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Background

- The industry continues to change rapidly and we use the Operational Forum to discuss how we adapting our management of the system
- This change in how we manage the system is accompanied by significant changes to our IS systems and those of the wider industry
- We have some industry meetings for specific IS projects but there is no overarching forum for considering the change in a holistic manager
- We have received feedback from industry participants that they would appreciate increased engagement on our IS projects
- Our plan is to set up an IS User Group and our commitment has been reinforced in the Forward Plan
- In order to inform the content of the group we circulated a survey before Christmas and received over 100 responses

Sample feedback

What is the baseline for progress on IS Projects? Where are you now?

We need a better understanding of NG IS developments, scope, timing etc

You need to be more mindful of your system changes to your stakeholders businesses and processes

We want greater input into NG's thinking, enabling NG to see end users' perspectives

Overview of IS User Group

Focus Areas

- Change Roadmap
- IS Programme / Project Delivery Communications
- Technical aspects of the programs

Expected Benefits

- Increased visibility of IS projects that affect the industry
- Industry will have ability to assess / influence operational impacts
- Industry parties can better coordinate their own associated change initiatives

Case for IS Change

Legacy Systems

- Ageing Balancing Mechanism suite
- Inflexible and constrained balancing services systems (SRD / FCDM)
- Inability to facilitate greater involvement from smaller participants

Pace of Change

- Growth in embedded generation and interconnection
- European Network Codes (TERRE / General Compliance / MARI etc)
- Accelerated calls for wider access to the Balancing Mechanism
- Review of balancing services products
- DSO / Whole System
- Wider BSC / CUSC / Grid Code Modifications
- Transparency requirements

Future Flexibility

 Ability to respond to future requirements from Operability challenges (Frequency, Voltage, Stability, Restoration, Thermal Constraints, Interconnection, etc)



Work streams and key systems

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Scheduling

Dispatch

European Network Code Wider Access
(BM & Balancing
Services)

Key impacted systems

Balancing System

PAS (NBM Dispatch)

EFS (Forecasting)

ASB (Settlements)

Wider Suite – RegDB / NED / MODIS / DH / iEMS

Summary

IS User Group has been established to deal with the increasing level of change

Focus and content has been informed by industry participants through survey and bilateral discussions

First meeting will be aligned with the next Operational Forum

Industry Updates

Joint BSUoS and TNUoS Charging Seminar

- 15th and 16th October 2018 at Warwick
- 2 Day event, one day geared towards Suppliers one for Generators
- Further details will be confirmed nearer the time as well as how to book your space.