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Dear Industry Colleagues

TESTING GUIDANCE FOR PROVIDERS OF FIRM FREQUENCY RESPONSE BALANCING SERVICE

The Testing Guidance Document was originally created to provide a tailored approach to pre-qualification for Demand Side Response (DSR) and storage parties.

To ensure improvements are made to the Testing Guidance Document, we regularly review this based on provider feedback, observations from submitted testing data and changes to the Firm Frequency Response (FFR) service.

The responses to the consultation that closed in September 2018 indicated that the proposed changes, whilst welcomed, didn't go far enough and as a result NGENSO (National Grid Electricity System Operator) began engaging directly with the ADE (The Association for Decentralised Energy) and its members to discuss ideas and proposals regarding the FFR Testing guidance going forward. After reviewing the responses from the consultation and ADE engagement NGENSO is looking to propose revised testing guidance that continued to meet the capability testing criteria but by using a different approach to achieve this.

The FFR testing guidance proposed by NGENSO achieves 2 key aims of less disruption to provider's customers and more flexibility in the testing of additional assets to an existing portfolio whilst still providing assurance of the assets capability to deliver Firm frequency response. Today the NGENSO have issued a draft version of the new proposed Testing Guidance Document for FFR containing these proposed changes. This can be found [here](#). The revised guidance also includes more detail and guidance on how an ITE should assess FFR test results along with Test Certificate Templates to be used for Testing reports.

There is a FFR testing guidance workshop being held on Monday the 24th June 2019 at Faraday house, Warwick office to walk through the proposal. Please note that places for the for this workshop are limited and as a result each provider will be limited to one place. To request a place please [sign up using this link](#)

Views are invited from industry on the new revised FFR testing guidance document. To be clear this does not replace the current Testing Guidance Document for FFR (which can be found [here](#)) which will remain in use until the consultation process, including final proposals, is formally issued.

Looking ahead National Grid will continue to review the Testing Guidance Document to reflect new frequency products and the interaction between product testing and performance monitoring.

Responses to this consultation should be sent by **5pm on 1st July 2019** to:

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Yours sincerely,

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