

Actions

Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme: Steering Group

Friday 20 March 2020

Name	Company	Name	Company
Julian Leslie	NGESO – Chair of Steering Group		
Mark Johnston	NPg	Shaz Alibhai	WPD
Paul Munday	SSEN (Customer Support & Delivery Assurance workstreams chair)	Matt Magill	NGESO (Value Assurance workstream chair)
Matt White	UKPN	Graham Stein	NGESO
Andrew Colley	SSE Generation	Andy Vaudin	EDF Energy
Programme delivery colleagues in attendance			
Bieshoy Awad	NGESO	Mike Robey	NGESO
Xiaoyao Zhou	NGESO		
Apologies			
Simon Brooke	ENW	Peter Williams	SSEN
Steve Mockford	GTC	Martin Queen	Ofgem
Andrew Sweeney	SPEN	Paul Graham	Sembcorp Energy UK
Steve Beasley	Anesco	Paul Richards	Ylem Energy

Item	Focus
2.	<p><u>Update on programme status</u></p> <p>GS summarised that window 2 assessment has been completed and the third window for applications is now open until 12 May. The programme has now entered an important delivery stage where site works are completing, evidence being submitted and DNO witnessing and sample site visits being undertaken.</p>
3.	<p><u>Window 2 assessment results (Paper Item03)</u></p> <p>MM presented the window 2 assessment results. Applications relating to RoCoF are lower than had been expected.</p> <p>MM presented slide 8, demonstrating that window 1 applications (once implemented) will achieve bringing Vector Shift below the 1,000 MW RoCoF trigger level and the window 2 applications will achieve bringing this below 700MW. Slide 9, however, demonstrates that there is still work to do.</p> <p>Discussion on why there had not been enough applications relating to RoCoF relays. Is this because not enough have applied yet or do we have a knowledge gap on how many sites are affected.</p> <p>GS noted that we're finding fewer sites than we had assumed.</p> <p>JL identified the need for DNO support in gathering and sharing information on relevant sites. GS confirmed that 09 August incident data had enabled models to be recalibrated.</p>

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4.	<p><u>Approved applications: progress to date (Paper 04)</u></p> <p>BA shared the progress of approved applications through the implementation journey and delivery assurance requirements (slide 5). This demonstrates that a higher proportion of larger sites are delayed beyond the implementations dates they had planned.</p> <p>BA highlighted the need to focus on the process for confirming completion and payments for sites that report that their works are finished.</p> <p>PM noted that many applicants appear to be using the quarterly application window deadlines as their forecast completion dates, suggesting that these are probably just estimates, rather than fully planned completion dates.</p>
5.	<p><u>E3C action progress (Paper05 'updated version')</u></p> <p>GS advised that the slides are a summary of a paper that is being prepared for submission in response to the E3C action, and that the draft paper will be circulated to the Steering Group for review.</p> <p>Action: GS to circulate draft response to the E3C action and to advise on the timescale for Steering Group members to provide comments.</p> <p>Risks</p> <p>MW noted the disappointing engagement with inverter manufacturers and queried whether they had understood the guidance? MW also noted that now that the UKPN team had begun reviewing evidence submitted for completed site works that this is generating quite a lot of dialogue relating to inverter queries. GS advised that an open letter to inverter manufacturers had been published and sent to each manufacturer directly. It is hoped that Ofgem can help reinforce this. Three manufacturers have provided guidance and a further ten manufacturers have provided partial information.</p> <p>GS advised that a programme webinar is being held next Friday and the programme team will use this to gather feedback on inverters.</p> <p>Coronavirus – approved applications with completion dates at the end of March have been given a three month extension to reflect disruption caused by Covid-19.</p> <p>MW raised the issue of programme acceleration. Each DNO is undertaking engagement. UKPN has used DG Forums, direct communication with site owners and so on. But more one to one engagement is required and this will require more resource and incur more costs and it feels that we are now at the point where we need to commit to this.</p> <p>GS agreed. And noted that the programme is gathering good data from those sites that have applied and that this helps to target engagement at the remaining sites.</p> <p>MW queried the co-ordination between the ALoMCP's response to the E3C 09 August actions and the DCRP response. GS confirmed that he was liaising with ENA to ensure these responses were aligned.</p>
6.	<p><u>Review previous steering group actions (Paper 06)</u></p> <p>MR highlighted that website statistics were still being gathered. Initial data suggested that the application portal was averaging 2,000 visitors per month.</p>
7.	<p><u>Window 4 plan for recommendation</u></p> <p>GS summarised that window 3 is currently open for applications until 12 May and that the same assessment approach used in window 2 will be applied in window 3, unless a revised steer is provided by the Steering Group.</p>

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7.	<p><u>Window 4 plan for recommendation - continued</u></p> <p>Window 4 is currently due to open for applications as soon as window 3 closes (i.e. from 13 May), but a decision is required from Steering Group to implement this. GS proposed that the programme continues to focus on engagement for more applications in window 3 and to support window 1 and 2 successful applicants to complete their implementation and delivery assurance process. This will identify any new issues to be considered before window 4 begins. GS proposed a Steering group call at the end of April to review progress and issues and to consider a recommendation from the programme team for window 4.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> MR to schedule a Steering Group call for the end of April 2020.</p>