

Meeting minutes

GB TERRE Implementation Group

Date: 16/12/2020 **Location:** Virtual
Start: 12:00 **End:** 13:00
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Participants

Attendee	Company
Graham Dolamore (Chair)	ESO
David Bowman (Tech-sec)	ESO
Gareth Davies	ESO
Bernie Dolan	ESO
Stefan D'Alessandro	ESO
Tom Ireland	ESO
Catherine Hennigan	BEIS
Natasha Davidson	CGI
Campbell Roberts	CGI
Michael Carrington	ElecLink
Roger Harris	Elexon
Kate Boon	Engie
Sabina Chaudhary	Engie
John Greasley	National Grid Ventures
Alastair Owen	Ofgem
Steve Taylor	Quorum Development
Naji Tarhini	RTE
Paul Coates	RWE
Jo Manship	RWE
Mark Hancock	Siemens

Agenda

Topics to be discussed

1.	Welcome and introductions	Graham Dolamore
2.	Interconnector working group update	Tom Ireland
3.	Implementation plans	Graham Dolamore
4.	Next steps and next meeting	David Bowman

Discussion and details

Topics to be discussed

1. Welcome, introductions, agenda and terms of reference

- The chair welcomed everyone to the Group and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Interconnector working group update

- The second meeting was held on 15 December 2020. Scenarios 1a, 1b and 2, and the consequences for interconnector agreements, were discussed:
 - Scenario 1a: GB operates a TERRE-like mechanism in standalone mode. With no cross-border component there is no need for revised interconnector agreements.
 - Scenario 1b: Access to European Replacement Reserve (RR) via bilateral agreement. Existing interconnector agreements would need to be revised plus a new agreement with RTE.
 - Scenario 2: Final trade agreement (FTA) allows TERRE access. Revised interconnector agreements would be needed.
- The previously circulated plan was discussed to better understand how it needs to change. It was agreed there should be separate plans for scenarios 1b and 2 and noted that the start of interconnector-related activities will also differ in scenarios 1b and 2.
- An updated version of the plan is out for comment and will be finalised in due course.
- The sub-group felt there is a high degree of sensitivity on the output of the FTA in determining timescales.
- There is a dependency on earlier, generic steps to be taken under scenarios 1b and 2 to understand the new framework, before which the interconnector-related activities cannot happen.
- Early 2021 is likely to be a time of high-workload - this needs to be considered in planning.
- The chair thanked all sub-group members for their participation.

3. Scenarios and feedback

- The ESO presented further context on the rationale for the TERRE pause and the assumptions behind the draft implementation plans.
- The TERRE pause was based on reducing operational risk and cost to consumers. Integration considerations for any new solution include: the outcome of an impact assessment; legacy platform constraints; continuous integration of codebase; non-BM changes; and internal and external testing.
- The ESO recognises the frustration that its legacy platforms can slow down industry change. This will be rectified in the RIIO-2 transformational plans.
- The implementation plans and key risks and mitigations for scenarios 1 and 2 were presented.
- For Scenarios 1a and 1b, the key legal and regulatory, ESO and industry actions were highlighted.
- One participant highlighted that it will be difficult to commit resource until there is clarity on the FTA.

4. Next steps and next meeting

- The ESO will publish an open letter to industry on the progress of the group, the decisions made and proposed next steps. Feedback will be requested on the how the group's role and remit can evolve,

how the ESO can support this, and where industry need more clarity on key milestone outcomes and decisions points.

- The next meeting is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 6 January, 12 noon - 1pm. Feedback is appreciated on whether this is suitable.
- Agenda items include a review of the FTA status and the next steps to make progress against the implementation plans.

Action Item Log

Action items: In progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status	Date
1	Provide comments on scenarios presented, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the scenarios credible? • Have any scenarios been missed? • Based on the scenarios, when could your organisation commit to implement? 	All	27/11/2020	Closed	25/11/2020
2	Provide comments on the high-level implementations plans for Scenarios 1 and 2	All	04/12/2020	Closed	02/12/2020
3	Provide comments on implementation plans presented	All	11/12/2020	Closed	09/12/2020
4	ESO to publish open letter on group progress	ESO	23/12/2020	Open	16/12/2020
5	Respond to ESO open letter	All	15/01/2021	Open	16/12/2020