

ALoMCP Steering Group, 08 October 2020

Notes and actions

Name	Company	Name	Company
Julian Leslie	NGESO – Chair of Steering Group	Christian Hjelm	WPD
Simon Brooke	ENW	Peter Aston	WPD
Mark Johnston	NPg	Graham Stein	NGESO
John Rowland	NPg (Stakeholder workstream chair)	Bryan O'Neill	Ofgem
Gerry Boyd	SPEN	Andy Vaudin	EDF Energy
John Smart	SSEN	Andrew Colley	SSE Generation
Paul Munday	SSEN (Customer Support & Delivery Assurance workstreams chair)	Paul Graham	Sembcorp Energy UK
Matt White	UKPN		
Programme delivery colleagues in attendance			
Bieshoy Awad	NGESO	Mike Robey	NGESO
Apologies			
Matt Magill	NGESO (Value Assurance workstream chair)	Martin Queen	Ofgem
Steve Mockford	GTC	Paul Richards	Ylem Energy
Steve Beasley	Anesco		

Programme Context

- Graham noted that Loss of Mains was a feature of the 09 August 2019 power disruption event and more recently the low demand in 2020 had increased costs in managing Loss of Mains risk with £180m spent to date. This has increased pressure on the programme to deliver its objectives.
- Julian noted that the Energy Minister is asking for briefings on the programme.

Progress to date

- Graham presented progress on slide 5, showing that 60% of the 5 to <50MW sites had not applied to the programme or advised that they had achieved compliance outside of the programme and this represented significant capacity of Loss of Mains risk for the programme to follow-up.

Facilitating Compliance

- Matt queried how the programme would measure progress against the intention to contact all generators in scope of the programme. By attempts to contact, confirmations of receipt? Graham advised that the programme had established a reporting mechanism to track attempts and responses.
- Graham confirmed that the Assistance Programme, proposed in the supporting paper on facilitating compliance, would be developed through the Customer Support workstream.
- Andy questioned whether the compliance deadline for sites with low RoCoF settings should be brought forward to 01 April 2021. Graham reported that this had been raised and that it was been looked into. He noted that there were risks and issues and that the priority was for these

sites to come forward and not hide away. Graham considered that segmenting compliance requirements by priority level could be pursued by the DCRP.

- Mark looked forward to seeing the Assistance Programme proposal worked up in more detail and he supported the principle of it ahead of enforcement. Matt agreed and requested that the Customer Support workstream develop and review this before it comes to the Steering Group.
- Simon noted the intended March 2021 communication advising of the requirement for compliance by 01 September 2022 and questioned whether the programme would be in a position to issue this 18-month notice whilst DCRP discussions, including on compliance and liability, are ongoing. Graham agreed that this would need to be resolved by March and that communications would need to be clear. Matt agreed, noting that the programme could not communicate threats on enforcement without clarity on what it would be able to deliver.
- **Julian concluded that the Steering Group agreed in principle to the approach described within the Facilitating Compliance paper, recognising that clarity of wording was important and this must be agreed before communication.**

Fast Track

- **Steering Group agreed to continue Fast Track until December 2020.**

Future tapering of payments

- **Steering Group agreed to defer a decision on tapering of payments until April 2021**

Any other business

- Julian reported discussions he and Fintan had held in response to Fintan's recent letter to DNO Chief Executives. One issue arising was to review the programme messaging. Was it accessible to non-engineer decision makers such as financial institutions? John agreed on the need for simpler wording to engage these groups. **Action: Stakeholder workstream to consider this feedback.**
- Matt raised the opportunity to leverage more from suppliers through their existing billing/payment communication with sites.
- Julian encouraged ALL to share their experiences of effective communication approaches with these and other groups.
- Mike R to schedule the next Steering Group meeting for December 2020.
- Julian closed the meeting, recognising the progress that had been made, the burden on organisations and thanking the programme delivery team. He challenged everyone to do everything they could to support delivery of the programme and asked for feedback on whether there were other approaches the programme should consider that could make a difference.