GSR012 Update

Background

GSR012 is a NETS SQSS working group to review and determine the most appropriate treatment of Interconnectors throughout the NETS SQSS. Including where appropriate determining what information is external to the NETS SQSS but should feed into SQSS and analysis. The group has six main objectives associated with designing a network for the connection of interconnectors; these can be split into local network design and wider network design.

Progress associated with Terms of Reference

To date the working group has made progress on the first 4 objectives associated with the local works. This includes the drafting of amendments to the NETS SQSS in the relevant chapters. At the last meeting in April 2015 the local work, objectives 1-4, is completed and agreed.

The wider works objectives have been started and it is felt by the group based on existing processes, such as the Network Development Policy and the Electricity Ten Year Statement, the changes should not be so significant.

Working Group membership

Unfortunately due to a role change Sean Kelly, who was the interconnector representative left the group, in June. The group would like to thank Sean for his commitment to the group and contribution to what has been achieved to date. Given that the groups focus is on the network design associated with the connection of interconnectors it is seen as invaluable to have a interconnector rep on the group. Therefore the working group requests an alternative interconnector representative be found.

Timescales

Given the current status of the working group and the need to find a new representative the working reasonably think they could complete by December 2015.