

## Summary of National Grid Gas Transmission Stakeholder Group Meeting 6

<b>Meeting Number:</b>	NG-SG06
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
<b>Location:</b>	Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, 130 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 5AY
<b>Start Time:</b>	10:00 – 16:30
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Trisha McAuley (TM)  <b>Technical Secretary:</b> Charon Balrey (CBa)</p> <p><b>Members:</b>  Dustin Benton (DB), Green Alliance  Caroline Bragg (CB), Association for Decentralised Energy  Paul Denniff (PD), Scotia Gas Network  Andy Manning (AM), Centrica  Denise Massey (DM), Energy Innovation Centre  Zoe McLeod (ZM), Independent Consumer Advocate  Eddie Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users Council  Will Webster (WW), Oil and Gas UK</p> <p><b>National Grid Representatives:</b>  Phil Sheppard (PS), National Grid Director of Gas Transmission Owner  Tony Nixon (TN), National Grid Gas Transmission Regulation Lead</p> <p><b>Invitees:</b>  Mark Amos (MA) National Grid Network Strategy Manager  Mohammed Farooq (MF) National Grid Stakeholder Group Electricity Transmission Technical Secretary  Bridget Hartley (BH) National Grid Business Planning and Strategy Manager  Carole Hook (CH), National Grid RIIO-T2 Regulatory Strategy Manager  Jenny Philips (JP) National Grid GSO RIIO2 Manager</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Campbell Murdoch (CM), Total Jade Kirk (JK), Robin Hood Energy

<b>Description</b>
<p>The sixth Stakeholder Group meeting began with a welcome from the Chair, Trisha McAuley. The agenda moved towards more detailed scrutiny of the topics to form National Grid's business plan. The first topic for discussion was Asset Health. The Stakeholder Group held a closed session to discuss its approach to questioning National Grid on this issue and then invited National Grid representatives to deliver their presentation. The Stakeholder Group raised a series of questions after which the Stakeholder Group returned to a private session and discussed and agreed the key strategic challenges they wished to pose to National Grid.</p> <p>A presentation on Network Capability was then given, explaining the process to define this new requirement. As this is a priority topic for the Stakeholder Group, the members looked forward to receiving further detail on this when it has been developed and defined.</p> <p>The Stakeholder Group heard a presentation from National Grid on RIIO T1 performance. The following formal challenges were raised by the Stakeholder Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As part of every topic being presented to the Stakeholder Group, they require to see the efficiencies generated in RIIO-1 and how that forms a baseline for stretch in RIIO-2 to show evolution of spend. This</li> </ol>

should include any cost synergies or experience being shared between the UK and US businesses and innovations from RIIO-1 into RIIO-2.

2. What is the cost culture in National Grid? Does it have an objective of delivering the same outputs at lower cost? Does it have a “lean” programme to deliver cost efficiencies, including from innovation?

The Stakeholder Group also provided feedback on a number of strategy outlines and received an update on National Grid’s playback consultation engagement to date.

As part of the final closed session, the Chair provided an update on the recent Ofgem Company Chairs’ meeting and other meetings including with the National Grid Board.