

Summary of National Grid Gas Transmission Stakeholder Group Meeting 8

Meeting Number:	NG-SG08
Meeting Date:	19 th June 2019
Location:	Ardencote Hotel, The Cumsey, Lye Green, Claverdon, CV35 8LR
Start Time:	09:30 – 17:30
Attendees:	<p>Chair: Trisha McAuley (TM) Technical Secretary: Tamsin Kashap (TK)</p> <p>Members: Dustin Benton (DB), Green Alliance Caroline Bragg (CB), Association for Decentralised Energy Andy Manning (AM), Centrica Campbell Murdoch (CM), Total Eddie Proffitt (EP), Major Energy Users Council Paul Denniff (PD), Scotia Gas Network Zoe McLeod (ZM), Independent Consumer Advocate</p> <p>National Grid Representatives: Phil Sheppard (PS), National Grid Director of Gas Transmission Owner Tony Nixon (TN), National Grid Gas Transmission Regulation Lead</p> <p>Invitees: Amelia Affum (AA) National Grid Stakeholder Group Electricity Transmission Technical Secretary Matt Hoople (MH) Editor, Sequel Group Nicola Shaw (NS) Executive Director, UK (until 11.30am) Chris Bennett (CBe) National Grid Director of UK Regulation Ian Radley (IR) Head of Gas Operations Carole Hook (CH), National Grid RIIO-T2 Regulatory Strategy Manager</p> <p>Invitees for chapter presentation sessions only: Bridget Hartley (BH) National Grid Business Planning and Strategy Manager Jenny Phillips (JP) National Grid Gas System Operator RIIO-T2 Manager Tony Green (TG) Head of Engineering & Asset Management John Perkins (JPe) RIIO-T2 Strategy Delivery Manager Bridget Hartley (BH) Gas Transmission RIIO-T2 and Investment Assurance Manager Tim Wilson (TW) Safety & Integrity Assurance Manager John Brookes (JB) Senior Regulatory Analyst (Price Control) Jonny Hosford (JH) RIIO-T2 Regulatory Strategy Manager Jon Davies (JD) Physical Operation Manager</p>
Apologies:	Will Webster (WW), Oil and Gas UK Jade Kirk (JK), Robin Hood Energy Denise Massey (DM), Energy Innovation Centre

Description

At the recent meeting of the independent gas transmission stakeholder user group, the members reviewed the full RIIO-T2 business plan in advance of submission on 1st July 2019. The morning sessions were attended by UK Executive Director, Nicola Shaw.

The members initially gave their overall view on the draft business plan before dividing into two groups to review the eight chapters representing the key stakeholder priorities. Members in Group 1 focussed on *Gas On and Off the NTS (including asset health), Safety, External Threats and Efficient and Affordable*. Group 2 evaluated *Connections, Whole Energy System, Environment and Communities and Information Provision*. In each session, National Grid presented the 'golden thread' for the topic, describing the key work-streams and how stakeholder insight has influenced the outputs, costs and benefits. Following which, members assessed areas of concern and areas of strength, giving each chapter a RAG (red-amber-green) rating.

Members reconvened to share feedback across the two groups and with National Grid. This feedback will now form the basis of a report by Chair, Trisha McAuley OBE, to the RIIO 2 challenge group in July 2019. The independent stakeholder user group will next meet on 23rd July in order to continue developing their report and plan priority areas in advance of the next business plan submission on 1st October 2019.