

Sustainability Working Group meeting with UK Power Networks



Date: Thursday 23 April 2020

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Attendees

CEG

Nick Pollard
Nigel Cornwall
Jeff Hardy
Ralitsa Hiteva
Phil Lawton
John Hargreaves

UK Power Networks

James Hope
Max Taylor
Susannah Garwell
Colin Nicholl

Agenda

Item 1	Introductions and overview of session
Item 2	Overview of UKPNs DFES
Item 3	Question and answer session
Item 4	AOB

Meeting summary

UKPN and the SWG met to discuss:

- (i) The Distribution Future Energy Scenarios constructed by UKPN and partners to forecast the technology deployment for difference technology segments out to 2050;
- (ii) The differences in regional and technological factors which have influenced the scenarios and the implications for customers across UKPN; and
- (iii) An overview of the stakeholder engagement which had thus far fed into the creation of the DFES scenarios.

Discussion

Key discussion and steer focused on the SWGs questions they had submitted on the DFES:

- (i) The role and ambition which UKPN see themselves playing in supporting Net Zero, with the group discussing the areas in (and out) of UKPNs control and their key role as a facilitator of technological deployment;
- (ii) The importance and central tenant of Net Zero as a driving force throughout the business, and the role which the DFES play in aligning business plan development and delivery;

- (iii) The validity of the customer and stakeholder assumptions which had driven the development of the DFES, including critique on the evidence base used to formulate these assumptions;
- (iv) Discussion on how future iterations of the DFES will iterate and include ongoing (and prior) customer views and findings; and
- (v) The overarching role of the DFES, and how it influences and interactions with other areas of the business such as the strategic planning process.

Actions and next steps

Action – UKPN to discuss with Jeff Hardy how to brief the CEG on UKPN's environmental & carbon strategy.

Action – UKPN to send SWG details of the specific mechanisms.

Action – UKPN to send examples of initiatives where we have shared our approach and used partners to help support our vulnerable customers.

Action – UKPN to provide (when available) information on the next set of relevant customer and stakeholder engagement.

Action – UKPN to review other questions submitted by CEG within this meeting which are not yet addressed, to seek to address at 27th August session or with pre-read materials.