

CEG Core Group meeting



UK Power Networks
**Customer
Engagement
Group**

Date: Thursday 5 March 2020

Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm

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Attendees

CEG

Ann Bishop
Jeff Hardy
Phil Lawton
Nick Pollard
Anne Van Schrader
Peter Vicary Smith
Ashleye Gunn
Peter Bennell
John Hargreaves

UK Power Networks

Basil Scarsella
Dan Saker
Colin Nicholl
Barry Hatton
Sotiris Georgiopoulos
Suleman Alli
James Hope

Agenda

10.00am	Welcome, apologies, declarations of interests and agenda
10.15am	Review of the recent engagement
11.00am	Demand scenarios – presentation by Jeff Hardy followed by discussion
11.45am	Preparation for the afternoon's deep dive on DSO
1.00pm	Deep dive on DSO with UK Power Networks
4.00pm	Review of the DSO session
4.45pm	AOB and close

Meeting summary

UKPN and the Core Group met to discuss:

- (i) The UKPN demand scenarios within the Distribution Future Energy Scenarios analysis, which construct future technology and demand projection rates across the UKPN network out to 2050, to support planning; and
- (ii) An introduction to the concept of the Distribution System Operator (DSO), and the current thinking, trials, schemes and plans which UKPN are delivering and considering around the DSO.

Discussion

Key discussion and steer focussed on:

- (i) Discussion from the CEG and attendees on the purpose, data, risks and challenges associated with the DFES planning approach;

- (ii) Discussion around how the UKPN DFES outputs are used within the business, particularly how they are used to shape network planning and investment;
- (iii) The Ofgem proposals around the use of a common scenario planning approach, and the validity of this given the differences across individual distribution networks;
- (iv) Discussion on the philosophy of the DSO and how UKPN define this in practice; and
- (v) Discussion around the potential for regional differences, customer impacts around flexibility, and the purpose and implications of the DSO in practice.

Actions and next steps

None noted – introduction session.