

# CEG Core Group meeting



**Date:** Thursday 29 October 2020

**Time:** 10.00am to 4.00pm

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## Attendees

### CEG

Peter Atherton  
Peter Bennell  
Ann Bishop (chair)  
Dan Byles  
Sarah Chambers  
Nigel Cornwall  
Ashleye Gunn  
Jeff Hardy  
John Hargreaves (secretary)  
Ralitsa Hiteva  
Phil Lawton  
Andrew Mackintosh  
Nick Pollard  
Nikki Stopford  
Anne Van Schrader  
Peter Vicary-Smith

### UK Power Networks

Suleman Alli  
Sam Bould (KPMG)  
Susannah Garwell  
James Hope  
Basil Scarsella  
Anne-Marie Spalding (KPMG)

### External participants

Tony Balance, Cadent Gas  
Sonia Brown, Visa  
Maxine Frerk, SGN  
Ed Rees, Citizens Advice

## Agenda

10.00am	Apologies and declarations of interest
10.05am	Objectives and agenda
10.20am	Chair's update and member issues and comments
10.35am	Update from "heads of group"
12.00pm	Guests (Tony Ballance, Maxine Frerk and Ed Rees) and Basil and UK Power Short presentations from our guests followed by discussion Panel discussion on whole system and the implications for customers
2.00pm	The ED2 narrative discussion led by Basil followed by discussion
3.15pm	UK Power Network's update on the business plan submission on the timetable
3.55pm	AOB

## Meeting summary

UK Power Networks and the CEG Core Group (and additional relevant CEG members and external speakers from Citizens Advice, SGN, Cadent and Visa) met to discuss UK Power Networks' approach to whole systems as well as wider areas around the plan and CEG interaction.

This included:

- (i) UK Power Networks' ED2 narrative around whole systems, including prior and planned engagement approaches and communication strategies; and
- (ii) An overview of the UKPN business plan submission timetable and working plan.

## Discussion

Key discussion and steer focussed on:

- (i) Recommendations around the UK Power Networks approach to whole systems and DSO to ensure these are customer led;
- (ii) UK Power Networks' leadership approach and defining what this will mean in practice for stakeholder interaction;
- (iii) Further information around engagements events on this topic and their design; and
- (iv) Forward planning and dates for CEG interaction with the plan.

### Actions and next steps

**Action** – CEG / UKPN agreed it would be key to focus on making sure that DSO engagements are considered “customer led”.

**Action** – CEG / UKPN to bottom out what customers / stakeholders and the CEG mean when referring to UKPN “leading” or “taking the lead” when delivering on Net 0 for consumers.

**Action** - The CEG agreed to provide a consolidated view on many areas of the engagement programme by 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action** – CEG / UKPN to bottom out how UKPN will be iterating core engagement programme findings into the wider business plan and the process for delivering these.

**Action** –UKPN to make sure full engagement events list is constructed and shared with the CWG (for circulation to wider CEG).

**Action** – UKPN are to bookmark days for CEG review within July / August / September 2021.

**Action** – UKPN to discuss again with CEG at future fortnightly call on how the CEG will cover the “post submission engagement process”.