Sustainability Working Group meeting with UK Power Networks

Date: Friday 19 February 2020
Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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Attendees

CEG	UK Power Networks
Dan Byles	Daniel Saker
Nigel Cornwall	Sotiris Georgiopoulos
Jeff Hardy	Max Taylor
Ralitsa Hiteva	Sam Bould (KPMG)
Phil Lawton	
John Hargreaves	
Nick Pollard	
Ann Bishop	

Agenda

1.30pm	Introduction
1.40pm	Overview of UKPNs DSO stakeholder engagement approach
2.30pm	Overview of UKPNs DSO benefits / commitments
3.30pm	AOB

Meeting summary

UKPN and the SWG met to discuss:

(i)   An introduction to the stakeholder engagement around facilitating DSO, including an overview of drivers of the DSO transition, key DSO themes and findings from ongoing Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 engagement programmes;

(ii)   A detailed overview of how UKPN have reacted and delivered as part of the DSO business plan given stakeholders' findings;

(iii)   An overview of the DSO commitments developed thus far; and

(iv)   An overview of the expected benefits of the DSO for customers across ED2.

Discussion

Key discussion and steer focused on:

(i)   The group discussed how the DSO plans meet Ofgems minimum requirements and exceed these in key areas;

(ii)   The group discussed how the DSO engagement programme has interlinked with other key topic area engagements, with the group providing steer on ensuring a fair customer voice is considered;

(iii)   The group discussed key priorities stemming from engagements, and sought information from UKPN around how they are ensuring the DSO strategy delivers transparency and continuity for stakeholders;

(iv)   The group discussed left behind customers particularly in the context of low carbon technologies and the DSO, and sought assurance from UKPN around how these customers would be supported during the transition; and

(v)   The group discussed UKPN quantification of DSO benefits and how this would help drive prioritisation during ED2.

Actions and next steps

Action – UKPN to look to send over evidence or point to website portals which bring to life the increased transparency for flexibility providers, or the examples of bid publication / feedback.

Action - UKPN to provide an example of their cybersecurity strategy with reference to where it discusses the DSO.