

Minutes

Meeting name Joint Task Force Meeting

Time 10.00 – 16.00

Date of meeting 15 May 2018

Location ETC Venues Prospero House, London, SE1 1GA

Attendees

Name	Initials	Organisation
Jon Parker	(JP)	Chair-Ofgem
Stephen Perry	(SP)	Ofgem
Andrew Conway	(AC)	Ofgem
Sylvia Orlando	(SO)	Ofgem
James Kerr	(JK)	Citizens Advice
Bill Reed	(BR)	RWE Supply, Trading GmbH, Generation
Paul Mott	(PMo)	EDF Energy
Peter Dennis	(PD)	Ecotricity
Simon Brooke	(SB)	Electricity North West Ltd
Chris Allanson	(CA)	Northern Powergrid
Paul McGimpsey	(PMc)	Scottish Power Energy Networks
Nigel Turvey	(NT)	Western power Distribution
James Anderson	(JA)	Scottish Power
Caroline Bragg	(CB)	Association for Decentralised Energy
Robert Longden	(RL)	Cornwall Energy
Kyran Hanks	(KH)	Flexible Generation Group
Andy Pace	(AP)	Citizens Advice
Graham Pannell	(GP)	RES
John Tindal	(JT)	SSE
Chris Barker	(CB)	Electricity North West Limited
Mike Harding	(MH)	BUUK
Andrew Enzor	(AE)	Northern Powergrid
Nigel Bessant	(NB)	SSEN
Nick Sillito	(NS)	Flexible Generation Group
Lawrence Barrett	(LB)	E.ON
Yonna Vitonova	(YV)	Renewables UK
Barney Wharton	(BW)	Innogy Renewables UK Ltd
Patrick Smart	(PS)	RES
Chris Ong	(CO)	UKPN
Andrew McKenna	(AM)	Drax
Ross Thompson	(RT)	UKPN
John Spurgeon	(JS)	ENA Task Force Secretariat
Hena Ahitan	(HA)	ENA Task Force Secretariat

1. Welcome and Agenda

JP welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the CFF Task Forces (TF) and ran through the agenda for the day. JP emphasised that over the course of the day TF members would have a further opportunity to provide feedback on the key aspects of the TFs final report and conclusions. The final report had already been subject to a significant review and input by the TF members over previous weeks.

2. ENA Update and Structure of TF Final Report

JS provided a high-level overview of the structure and content of the TFs final report. This included a review of each stage of the project over the previous 6 months and the key outputs produced by the TF. JS highlighted the significant engagement and input from the TF members throughout the process and its importance in successful delivery of the TFs' terms of reference.

3. Conclusions on the Options for Further Consideration & Discussion

A number of TF members recapped the options set out in the final report, these were;

- C1 Cluster (building blocks) that Influence User Investment;
- C2 Cluster (building blocks) that influence User Operations;
- Initial Allocation of Access rights ('First come first served' & 'Auctions/Trading');
- Access Rights – Building Blocks and Users Perspectives; and
- Tariff Design and Modelling;

The key characteristics and headline results of the TFs' assessment for each of the above was summarised in presentations and these were captured in the final TF report.

The individual presentations on each of the subject areas above were followed by a Menti session. TF member discussions were carried out in break-out groups and further feedback provided.

4. Conclusions on Further Work Required & Discussion

A TF member presented the conclusions for further work set out in the final report. These included the following areas:

- Assessment of the key drivers of costs on the transmission and distribution networks;
- Case study review - how particular options will work in practice, for example, targeted auctions for initial allocation and other options for short and long-term trading; Safeguard core or basic capacity for domestic and small commercial users;
- Mitigation of disadvantages identified by the TFs;
- Different approaches for different user types;
- Impacts and interactions arising from different options;
- The impact and linkages to other strategic programmes, for example, the Targeted Charging Review and the Energy Networks Association's Open Networks programme. The risk of adverse unintended consequences;
- The recovery of network costs incurred in the provision of flexible (ANM) connections.

5. ENA - Plan to Publish the TF Final Report

JS talked through the plan for publication for the TFs' final report and conclusions. JS confirmed that the feedback received as part of TF meeting would be reviewed and reflected in final amendments to the report. JS set out the timeline for publication of the report and how the report would be disseminated.

6. Ofgem – How to Take Options for Reform Forward & Discussion

SP set out the various approaches that could be adopted for taking forward any reforms. For example, reform could be taken forward under the industry-led code governance process or under an Ofgem-led Significant Code Review. The options could include the use of trials for developing and better understanding particular options for reform.

SP asked for feedback on the advantages and disadvantages of the different approaches described. SP asked for initial, informal views on how any reforms to access and forward looking charges should happen.

The presentation was followed by a Menti session. TF member discussions were carried out in break-out groups and feedback to the questions provided.

7. Feedback on the Task Force Process

JP led this session in which feedback was sought from the TF on the approach, process and work of the TFs. In particular, JP was keen to understand what went well, what did not work well and what improvements could be made. Feedback was provided in groups via Menti. The vast majority of feedback was positive about the TF approach and the level of engagement that it had provided for industry in the policy process.

8. Ofgem – Way Forward

JP set out the next steps for Ofgem following completion of the TFs' work. This included finalisation of the Baringa report; future meetings of the Charging Future Forum and Ofgem's planned consultation in summer 2018. JP emphasised that the document being published in the summer was a consultation and that Ofgem would be seeking views from the industry on the proposed high-level direction of travel. JP stated that the intention is for Ofgem to make decision on the high-level direction of travel around the end of the year.

9. Any Other Business

JP thanked the TF members for their work and for their contribution towards delivering the TF terms of reference.