

**KEY POINTS AND ACTIONS FROM THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE
ENSG TRANSMISSION STUDIES PROJECT WORKING GROUP
Held at BERR, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1 0ET
10.00 AM, WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2009**

Present

DECC	John Overton
DECC	John Spurgeon (Chairman)
Ofgem	Min Zhu
National Grid	Chris Bennett
National Grid	Andy Hiorns
National Grid	David Pradine
SKM	Floren Castro (advisor to DECC)
Scottish Power	Colin Bayfield
Scottish Power	Alan Michie
Scottish & Southern Energy	Mike Barlow
RES	Richard Ford
Trade Associations	Robert Longden
Eon	Guy Phillips
British Energy	Rob Rome
RWE	Charles Ruffell
AEA	Chris Naish (Secretariat)
AEA	Matthew Morris (Secretariat)

Apologies for absence

EdF	Dave Openshaw
RWE	Nic Rigby

Actions from Previous Meeting

1. The secretary reported that there were 5 actions from the previous meeting. These were:
2. **Action 1** Secretariat to provide a Summary of key points and actions from the meeting (this note).
3. **Action 2** All members to provide any further comments on the 2020 NG/TO study and its proposals to the study team by the weekend of 17/18th January 2009.
4. **Action 3** Study team to provide Phase 1 report to the ENSG-PWG Secretariat by 27th January for onward transmission to the ENSG-PWG members.
5. **Action 4** Study team to provide an 'extended executive summary'/synthesis report ahead of the ENSG-PWG meeting on 4th February 2009.
6. **Action 5** DECC to discuss with the consents team at DECC to provide clarity on the overall process going forward.
7. Actions 1 to 4 were agreed as completed. DECC confirmed that the overall process going forward was part of a continued dialogue between the consents team at DECC and the REID team.
8. The minutes from meeting were accepted as correct.

NG / TO team presentation

The Chairman asked the NG/TO team to present the draft of the presentation they were planning to use at the ENSG meeting to allow the members to provide comments and feedback on the balance and content. Ahead of the presentation there was a discussion of what the PWG was going to present to the ENSG.

Key points from discussion:

9. The ENSG-PWG and study terms of reference include identifying regulatory barriers – these are not addressed in the presentation and draft executive summary. It was agreed these would be included in the Chairman's Report that was to accompany the study team's report and presentation at the ENSG.
10. It was agreed that for the ENSG, there should be the executive summary (modified to take on comments from the meeting) and an approx two page summary of the key points and conclusions from the study.
11. Regulatory and planning issues are important but they will be identified separately in the Chairman's Report.
12. The study team made their presentation.
13. The group confirmed they were generally happy with the presentation but expressed some concerns that the proposals in the London area had not been presented before this meeting. The study team explained the background to the proposed reinforcements in London and the group accepted these.

14. The group asked DECC and Ofgem to confirm their expectations for how the ENSG would take forward the work in the report and its conclusions; whether it could endorse the conclusions, make recommendations to Government etc.
15. DECC confirmed they were meeting with Ofgem to discuss this and other issues in the week following this meeting.

Chairman's Report (to accompany Study team Executive summary and two page summary to the ENSG).

16. It was agreed that the report to the ENSG Chairs from the PWG Chairman, would introduce the study, its terms of reference, the group membership, summarise the group's work and bring out the following points that have been raised as issues by the team but are not addressed directly in the study team's report:
 - Links to planning
 - Regulatory funding
 - Skills availability
 - Supply chain issues
 - Ultimate cost recovery
 - Co-ordination of actions to minimise costs
17. It agreed that it would be good to set the estimated costs in the context of their impact on customer's bills and as a percentage of the generation costs. The study team agreed to provide this information.

Transmission Study – Phase 2

18. The study team confirmed that the key aim of the next phase of the study was to look out to 2025 and 2030.

Future Meetings and AOB

19. The group discussed when it should next meet to take forward Phase 2 of the study and the date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 18th March.

Summary of Actions from Meeting

20. **Action 1** Secretariat to provide a Summary of key points and actions from the meeting (this note).
21. **Action 2** All members to provide any further comments on the executive summary by the end of the week i.e. Friday 6th February.
22. **Action 3** Study team to provide a two page summary of the work and its key conclusions for circulation to the group by Friday 6th February.

23. **Action 4** Study team to provide figures for impact of the proposed reinforcement costs in the study on (a) customer's bills and (b) as a percentage of generation costs.
24. **Action 5** Study team to circulate a final version of the executive summary on Wednesday 11th February.
25. **Action 6** Study team to provide the final report by 16th February to be available for the ENSG meeting on 18th February.

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