

Electricity Networks Strategy Group
Transmission Working Group
WORK PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

WORK PROGRAMME TITLE:		Facilitating the Delivery of Renewable Targets
Reference:	WP3	
Programme Director:	Mike Barlow	
Date of Issue:	June 2006	
ENSG Sponsor :		
Work Programme Purpose and Objectives:		
<p>There is a strong interaction between the Government's vision, the aspirations of the regional bodies to see renewable resource developed and harnessed, the aspirations of renewable developers to bring projects forward, the provision of adequate grid system capacity and the contractual framework for grid connection and grid system access.</p> <p>The Programme will identify, and make recommendations to address, emerging technical, commercial and regulatory issues affecting transmission networks with particular focus on the interaction of the elements of regional targets, developer connection applications and transmission plans.</p>		
Work Programme Summary Method Statement:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Director is accountable to the TWG Chairman and the ENSG for delivering the area work plan, with assistance from a programme area steering group. 2. The members of the steering group will be selected by the Director, by a process agreed with the TWG Chairman 3. The steering group's role will be to advise the Director on the content, implementation and the required deliverables of the programme area work plan. 4. As required projects will be initiated by the programme area, with the appointment of a project manager and a project team approved by the Director. 5. The programme area steering group will help to guide the content of the individual projects, and monitor their progress. 		
Additional Information:		
<p>This Programme will focus on the main interacting elements. The programme will assess the current position with respect to the direction and intent of each element, the impact of the other interacting elements, the status of the identification of issues related to the connection of renewable generation, and the mechanisms currently in place to drive each element forward.</p> <p>The Programme will promote both the development and interaction of these elements where a need is established.</p> <p>The Steering Group will require representation from the following bodies: Transmission Licensees, Generator Associations, DTI, Welsh Assembly, Scottish Executive, OFGEM.</p>		

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Proposed Work Programme Project Areas		
Reference	Title	Project Area Description & Objectives
WP03 P01	Regional Planning Strategies	<p>Assess the status and aspirations of regional renewables plans. Assess the alignment and consistency with larger regional groupings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assess the convergence in aspirations and targets for regional development plans with grid system capacity proposals and prospective renewable projects.</p> <p>Lead: DTI/Welsh Assembly/Scottish Executive</p>
WP03-P02	Connection Application Reporting	<p>To gather and report on the status of generator projects in respect of connection offers/agreements and planning/consents.</p> <p>To provide this information for the assessment of grid system upgrades, and to test the alignment with Government targets and regional aspirations.</p> <p>Lead: Generator Bodies/Licensees</p>
WP03-P03	Transmission Plans & Options	<p>To ensure that the appropriate transmission capacity is planned. To ensure upgrade projects and programmes are identified, promoted and reviewed, consistent with the current status of renewable projects.</p> <p>Triggers and funding arrangements for grid upgrades to be understood and agreed between the Transmission Licensees, Ofgem and TWG parties.</p> <p>Lead: Transmission Licensees</p>
WP03-P04	Connecting Renewable Generators	<p>To consider the prevailing environment for the connection and grid system access for proposed renewable generation, and to understand the issues for both generator developers and transmission licensees. To promote the development of solutions and to ensure the issues are being taken forward and addressed in appropriate forums.</p> <p>Ofgem's Access Reform Options Development Group (ARODG) has been formed to identify and address a range of issues in this respect. It is intended that the Reform Group would be the single forum in this area, with this Programme keeping a watching brief on progress.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed include proposals for queue management, the status of planning consents, forms of user commitment and analysis of 'invest and connect' against other alternatives.</p> <p>Lead: OFGEM / Generator Bodies / Licensees</p>