

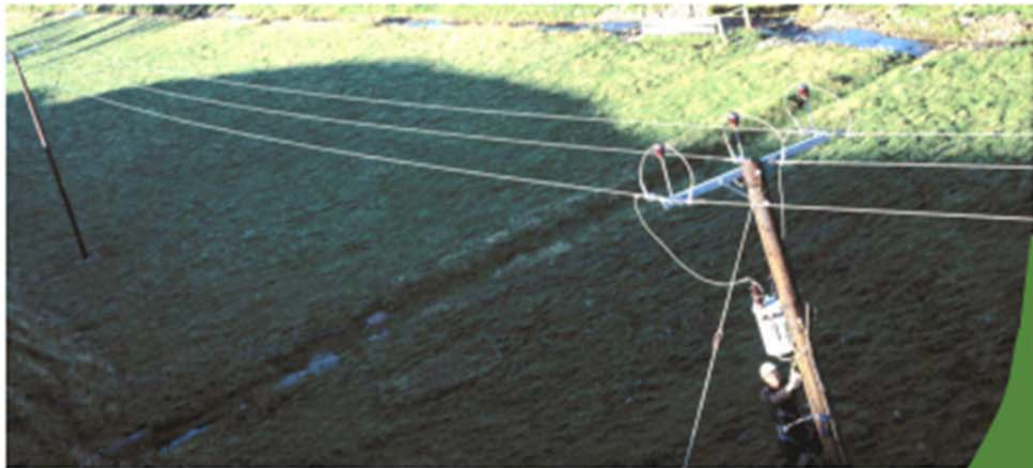


# Distribution

## Long Term Development Statement

November 2016

**SP Manweb**  
for the years 2016/2017 to 2020/21



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## Part 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of Statement

The Long Term Development Statement (hereby referred to as such or as the Statement) is prepared on an annual basis by SP Energy Networks on behalf of SP Manweb plc and provides information on the operation and development of the licensee's distribution system.

The purpose of the Long Term Development Statement is to provide information on the distribution system that may be of use to developers wishing to connect to, or make use of, the distribution system. The data is provided to enable developers to identify opportunities and carry out high level assessment of the capability of the network to support their development. Future network development plans are included to advise existing and potential users of significant changes to the system, which may have an impact on their development plans.

### 1.2 SP Energy Networks

SP Energy Networks (SPEN) is part of the ScottishPower Group of companies. We provide power on behalf of supply companies through a network of cables and power lines that we own and maintain. We own and operate the following licence areas:

- **SP Transmission** plc is responsible for the Transmission network in central and southern Scotland
- **SP Distribution** plc is responsible for the Distribution network in central and southern Scotland
- **SP Manweb** plc is responsible for the Distribution network in Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales and North Shropshire

### 1.3 An introduction to the SP Manweb Distribution Network

The SP Manweb distribution network supplies nearly 1.5 million customers in Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales and North Shropshire and covers an area of over 12,329 km<sup>2</sup>. Electricity is taken from National Grid's 400 kV and 275 kV networks and distributed to our customers through a succession of networks operating at 132 kV, 33 kV, 11 kV, 6.6 kV, 6.3 kV and 400/230V. There are also connections to adjacent distribution networks, including Electricity North West in the north, Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) in the East and Western Power Distribution (South Wales) in the South.



#### SP Manweb Network Overview

##### Distribution voltages

132kV, 33kV, 11kV, 6.6kV, 6.3kV and 400/230V

##### Assets (HV and above)

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Overhead lines:    | 15,546 km |
| Underground cables | 9,482 km  |
| Transformers       | 45,714    |

##### Customers

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1.48 million customers        |         |
| System Max Demand:            | 3.04 GW |
| Connected Generation (>1MW):  | 1.65 GW |
| Contracted Generation (>1MW): | 1.15 GW |

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Both the demand on the distribution system and the operation of generators are dynamic in nature and are dependent on many factors. The weather, dawn/dusk times, social or sports events and relative fuel cost all play a part in shaping the load profile and generation patterns.

The demand on the SP Manweb distribution system varies throughout the day, and also over the seasons. Peak demand on the system generally occurs on a weekday in mid-winter and the minimum demand at the weekend during summer. The maximum system demand for the SP Manweb area for 2015/16 was 3014 MW on Monday 18th January 2016 within the half hour ending 17:30 hours. Over the five year period of this Plan, it is estimated that the winter peak demand for the SP Manweb area will increase to around 3183 MW.

### 1.4 Content of the Long Term Development Statement

The Long Term Development Statement consists of the following content:

#### **Part 1: Introduction**

#### **Part 2: Summary Information**

- Network long term vision
- Design and operation philosophies of the network
- Network characteristics
- Indication of geographical arrangement of the network
- Statutory obligations and industry standards
- References to engineering recommendations and SPEN documentation
- Contact information

#### **Part 3: Detailed Information**

- Schematic diagrams detailing the normal operation of the distribution network
- Table 1: Circuit Data
- Table 2: Transformer Data
- Table 3: System Loads
- Table 4: Fault Levels
- Table 5: Embedded Generation

#### **Part 4: Network development proposals and opportunities**

- Network development proposals
- Connection request statistics

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### 1.5 Annual Publication and Obtaining the LTDS

The network changes over time and the data contained within the Long Term Development Statement include the known and anticipated developments at the data freeze date, usually the end of August each year. The analytical models, which form the basis of the Statement data, are finalised by the end of October. System maximum demand data and Bulk Supply Point loads are for the period April to March. The detailed data tables section (Part 3: Detailed Information) is fully reassessed on an annual basis for publication in November each year. A brief mid-year update summary is published in May.

Access to the Long Term Development Statement requires registration only. After registration, the statement document and associated data tables are available for download free of charge.



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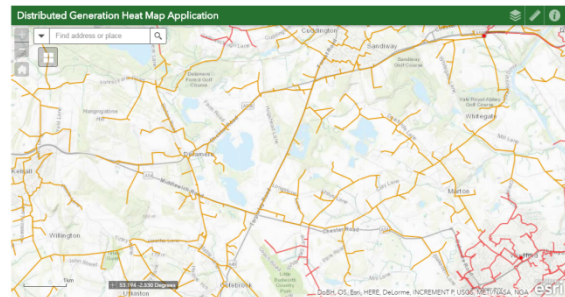
### 1.6 Further Information for Distributed Generation Connections

Information on how to connect a generation scheme onto our network can be found on the following webpage:

[www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/getting\\_connected.asp](http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/getting_connected.asp)

Information on the location of network assets and capacity available can be found using our interactive mapping tool:

[www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/connection\\_opportunities.asp](http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/connection_opportunities.asp)



### 1.7 Contact Information

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Opportunities exist for the connection of new load or generation throughout the SP Manweb distribution system. System conditions and connection parameters are site specific and therefore the economics of a development may vary across the system. Developers are encouraged to discuss their development opportunities and SP Manweb will be pleased to advice on connection issues.

To discuss a specific enquiry about a new connection to the distribution network, or an enhancement to an existing connection, please contact:

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 Network Connections  
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