

# Transmission Connections Summit

Scott Mathieson
Network Planning and
Regulation Director

# Aim of Today:

- Share some of our 2017 successes
- Discuss opportunities for continued improvement
- Check how you think we are doing
- Share our plans for the future
- Explore how these plans can be shaped with your input



# <u>Agenda</u>

#### 10.00am Networking Breakfast

Opening Statement – Scott Mathieson

Transmission Investment Programme – Pearse Murray

Outage Planning and LMS – Milorad Dobrijevic & Craig McTaggart

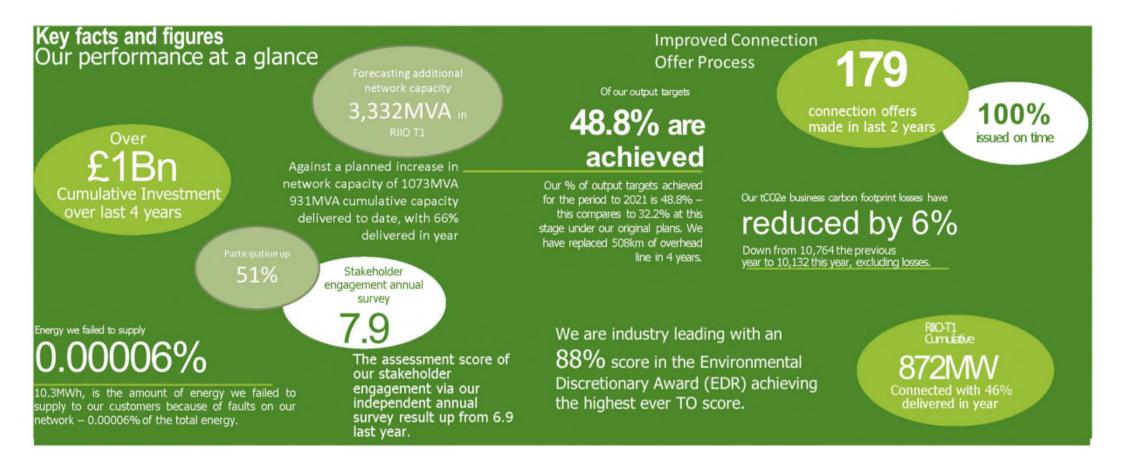
SPD – IRM Bid, DSO, T/D Interface – Deborah MacPherson

#### **12.30pm LUNCH**

Opening remarks – Scott Mathieson
SPT RIIO T2 Plan – John Rodger & Martin Hill
NGET The Future of the SO – Ian Pashley
Stakeholder Engagement – Cheryl Blenkinsop
Closing Statements and Questions – Gareth Hislop

#### 3.00pm CLOSE











# **SPT Update**

**Pearse Murray** 

**Transmission Director** 

## SPT Update - Overview

Business Performance Highlights

Progress on Major Network Upgrades

Project Delivery Organisation Update



## **Business Performance Highlights**



- Contractor Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR) of 0.5 (incidents per 100,000 hours worked), with over 3 million manhours in year
- Leadership position maintained in Ofgem's Environmental Discretionary Award scheme, the only TO to achieve this level



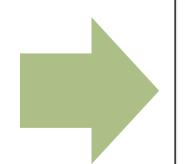
- Stakeholder survey score up to 7.9 from 6.9 in 2016, with a 51% increase in participation
- 63 connection offers made in 2016/17, 100% of which were on time
- Total investment of £338M in 2016/17. Massive increase in load related spend more investment in last 2 years than previous 6 years
- 49% of modernisation outputs for T1 delivered by March '17, half way point in RIIO-T1. 59% will be achieved by end December '17
- Good progress made on 'Visor', 'Fitness' and 'Phoenix' projects. We continue to lead the industry as the only TO to have won funding under all 3 of the RIIO-T1 innovation funding mechanisms













## RIIO-T1 Major Network Reinforcements - Baseline Project

| Project                                          | Purpose                                                                                               | Complete                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beauly-Denny Overhead Line                       | Increase transfer capacity from SHETL area by 1200MVA (TIRG)                                          |                              |
| South West Scotland<br>275kV                     | Additional 240MVA grid capacity to accommodate around 600MW of new renewable generation (TIRG)        |                              |
| Hunterston – Kintyre<br>Sub-Sea Link             | Increase transfer capacity from SHETL area by 240MVA                                                  |                              |
| MSCDNs                                           | Increase onshore Scotland – England interconnector capacity by 500MW to 3300MW                        |                              |
| East- West 400kV Upgrade and Series Compensation | Increase onshore Scotland – England interconnector capacity by 1100MW to 4400MW                       | In progress, almost complete |
| Western Link HVDC                                | 420km bi-directional offshore link increasing Scotland- England transfer capacity by 2200MW to 6600MW | In progress, almost complete |
| South West Scotland<br>132kV                     | Grid connections for up to 1000MW of new renewable generation                                         | In progress, almost complete |





## RIIO-T1 Major Network Reinforcements – Additional Projects

| Project                                | Purpose                                                                                                                                                            | Complete          |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| XY and YY Route Conductor Upgrade      | Increases in circuit capacities of 240 and 350 MVA respectively through UK's first large scale deployment of HTLS conductor (Innovation Rollout Mechanism project) |                   |
| Kilmarnock South 400<br>/275kV Upgrade | Reinforcement of Kilmarnock to accommodate up to 1000MW of renewable generation in South West Scotland                                                             | In progress       |
| Kendoon to Tongland<br>Reinforcement   | Modernise aged network and provide capacity for an additional 250MW of renewable generation in the Dumfries and Galloway area                                      | In<br>development |





#### Western Link HVDC

- 2200MW, 420km, 600kV Offshore DC Link from Hunterston, Scotland to Flintshire Bridge, Wales
- Largest link of its type in the world
- Construction substantially complete at converter stations and all marine and on-shore cabling installed
- Link currently undergoing final commissioning trials for operation up to 1100MW
- Repairs underway at Hunterston, following an incident during commissioning in September, to reinstate full link capability











#### SWS Project Progress (Stages 2-4)

Stage 2 New Cumnock – Blackhill

Stage 3 Blackhill - Glenglass

Stage 4 New Cumnock - Margree

- Stage 2 commissioned on single circuit in June 2017 to Dun Hill. Second circuit currently being installed, due to complete 10 December
- Stages 3 and 4 in construction, 168 steel tower and 151 heavy duty wood pole structures, 319 in total:

95% accesses complete

82% foundations complete 61% tower erection complete 53% conductoring complete

 Substations at Dun Hill, Blackhill and Glenglass substantially complete. Stage 3 due to complete Jan 2018 and Stage 4 in December 2017







#### **Transmission Connections Summit**









## Kendoon to Tongland Reinforcement (KTR)

- Previously Dumfries & Galloway Strategic Reinforcement SWW
- Construction of 44km of 132kV overhead lines between Kendoon and Tongland
- Allows removal of 90km of existing 132kV overhead lines
- Substation extension works at Glenlee with reconfigurations at Kendoon and Tongland

#### **Next steps**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of consultation started Nov 2017
- Application for Section 37 consent early 2019
- Completion Q4 2023
- SPT due to submit derogation
- Working with NGET on non-build commercial solutions
- Next D&G Developer Forum 6<sup>th</sup> December





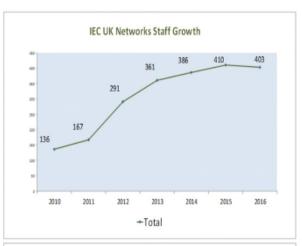


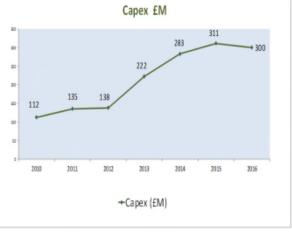




#### Project Delivery Organisation Update

- Since 2010, SPT has built a very successful partnership with Iberdrola Engineering and Construction (IEC).
- From its formation in the late 90's in Spain, IEC grew internationally, providing services to Iberdrola Group and third party clients
- IEC Networks UK formed to provide engineering design and project management services to SPT and SPM (132kV programme)
  - Partnership facilitated the rapid increase in investment within SPT's RIIO-T1 investment plan
- New 'disaggregated contracting' project delivery model introduced, delivering enhanced control and significant cost savings on the previous predominantly EPC (turnkey) approach
- Further savings achieved through standardisation and global procurement within the Iberdrola Group
- Substantial growth in the level of professional engineering and project management staff available to the business



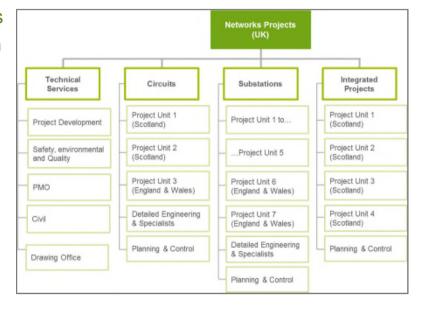






## Project Delivery Organisation Update

- Given the Iberdrola Group's extensive investment plans worldwide, decision taken in 2015 to focus IEC's resources on internal clients' needs
- Following a drop off in third party activity worldwide, the Group decided earlier this year to integrate IEC's activities into internal client businesses
- The staff and activities of IEC Networks UK transferred into SPT /SPM in October 2017
- A new organisational structure / process model is being implemented to maximise the value of the integration:
  - Making best use of the talent and capabilities available in the expanded organisation
  - Removing unnecessary processes and activity duplication
  - Delivering additional cost efficiencies
  - Providing flexibility for the future
- We will continue to operate and enhance our disaggregated contract delivery model
- New organisation will be in place from January 2018









# Customer Service Operational Control Centre

Milorad Dobrijevic
Outage Planning
Manager

#### 1. OUTAGE PLANNING PROCESS & OPERATIONAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

#### i. TRANSMISSION

 Internal process change to incorporate feedback from generators at the System Operator OC2 forum

#### ii. DISTRIBUTION

i. Process changes implemented to meet the needs of our embedded generation customers



- 1. FOLLOWS THE SYSTEM OPERATOR TRANSMISSION OWNER CODES OF PRACTICE (STCP's)
  - i. OCC planning department are engaging with generation stakeholder at the Long Term planning phase to identify suitable outage window in the next outage planning year that will minimise impact to stakeholder
  - ii. Number of examples in 2017 for work planned in 2018\19
- 2. OTHER CONNECTED PARTIES FOLLOW THE GRID CODE SECTION OC2
- 3. TRANSMISSION OWNERS \ GENERATORS \ DISTRIBUTION NETWORK OPERATORS \ "T" CONNECTED CUSTOMERS ALL SUBMIT OUTAGE PROPOSALS TO SYSTEM OPERATOR (SO) AT YEAR AHEAD STAGE. SYSTEM OPERATOR CREATES THE OUTAGE PLAN
- 4. YEAR AHEAD OUTAGE PLAN IS REQUIRED TO BE SECURITY and QUALITY of SUPPLY STANDARDS (SQSS) COMPLAINT
- 5. WITHIN YEAR FOLLOW THE PLAN......
  - i. If the plan changes new communication process in place with SPEN Operational Control Centre to involve the stakeholder early in the new outage placement discussion
  - ii. The System Operator is the "FINAL" approver of outages on the network. Any outage will only go ahead when the System Operator has officially informed all parties of the outage



#### **Transmission Connections Summit**

- 1. OVER 52 DIFFERENT PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE PLAN FOR THE NEXT OUTAGE PLANNING YEAR (55 in this current year)
- 2. APPROX 650 OUTAGES IN 2018 19, PLACED TO MEET SPT's PROJECT & OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 3. MAINTENANCE OUTAGES ALIGNED WITH MAJOR PROJECT OUTAGES WHEREVER POSSIBLE
- 4. ONGOING NETWORK CONSTRUCTION & WINDFARM CONNECTION CONTINUING IN SW SCOTLAND
- 5. MASSIVE CAPITAL PROGRAM CONTINUEING TO MODERNISE AND REINFORCE THE SCOTTISH TRANSMISSION NETWORKS
- 6. NOW AT THE HALFWAY POINT IN RIIO-T1



- 1. DISTRIBUTION NETWORK BECOMING MORE "ACTIVE", REQUIREMENT TO ENHANCE THE OUTAGE PLANNING PROCESS
  - New outage planning process being developed involving Long Term year ahead plan and within Year Quarterly Plan
- 2. TRANSMISSION OUTAGE PLANNING PRINCIPLES TO BE IMPLIMENTED INTO DISTRIBUTION
- 3. IMPROVED CUSTOMER & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED
  - i. OCC planning working with various SPD districts to identify key customer s\ stakeholders that will be directly \ indirectly impacted by these works
  - ii. SPEN full focused on improving our customer engagement
- 4. £4.5 BILLION CAPITAL PROGRAM UNTIL 2023 TO MODERNISE & REINFORCE SPD's DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS NORTH & SOUTH





# Thank You Any Questions?

Milorad Dobrijevic
Outage Planning
Manager



# Load Management Schemes

Craig McTaggart
Transmission Network
Manager

# <u>Purpose</u>

- Refresh on the background to Load Management Schemes
- Description of LMS Schemes and operation
- Update from August workshop

#### What are 'Load Management Schemes'?...

#### **SPT** defined term:

"A system comprised of geographically distributed measuring devices and site specific customer interfaces to detect, in real-time, unacceptable overloading of transmission assets and disconnect the generation contributing to the overload in accordance with contractual agreements."

#### **Purpose of LMS:**

- To protect assets from unacceptable overloads allowing SPT to comply with its licence
- To permit connections in advance of necessary enabling works usually in areas of the network which are, at times, already operating at or beyond capacity.
- To facilitate enduring non-firm Transmission access.



#### **Load Management Scheme Applications**

- Meshed, radial and mixed network areas
- Complex, multiple 'LIFO' queue orders
- Large number of constrained circuits
- Constraints are significant e.g.
  - Some GSPs at or beyond non-firm capacity: e.g. 180MVA net export with 2x90MVA circuits
  - 275kV circuits and 400kV transformers are constraints



#### **Transmission Connections Summit**



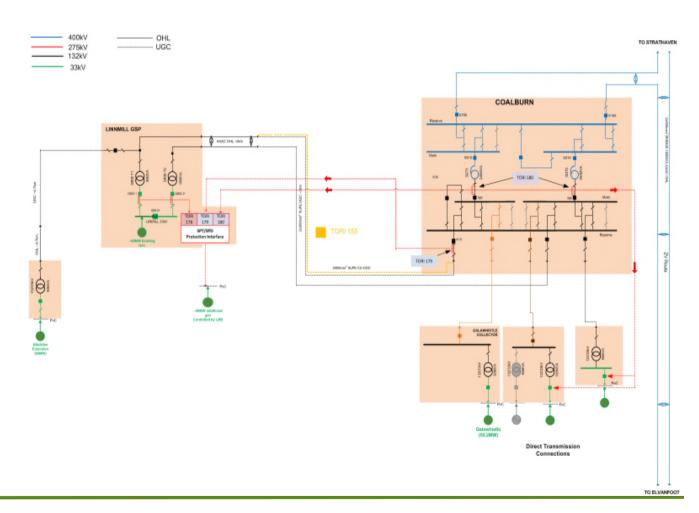




#### LMS Schemes: Coalburn - Linnmill 400kV/132kV

- LMS overcomes limitations at – GSP Txs, 132kV network & Coalburn SGTs
- Permits earlier connections instead of/or in lieu of reinforcements.
- 3 levels of transmission access
  - Firm
  - Non-Firm
  - Restricted Available Access (RAA)

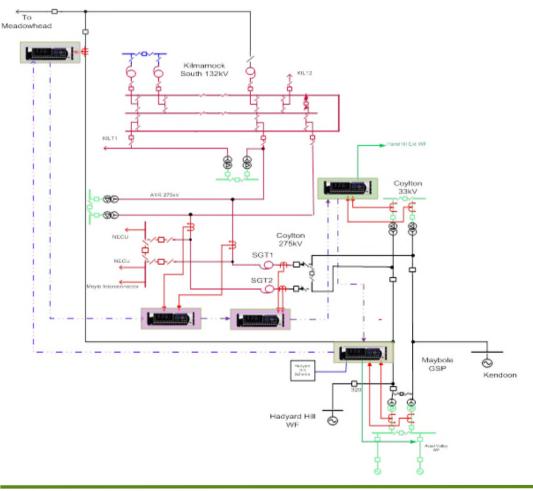
(TORI Transmission Owner Reinforcement Instruction)







#### LMS Schemes: Coylton/Maybole/Kilmarnock South 132KV & GSPs



- LMS overcomes limitations at GSP Txs, 132kV network & Coalburn SGTs
- Permits earlier connections instead of/or in lieu of reinforcements.
- 3 levels of transmission access
  - Firm
  - Non-Firm
  - Restricted Available Access (RAA)

(TORI Transmission Owner Reinforcement Instruction)

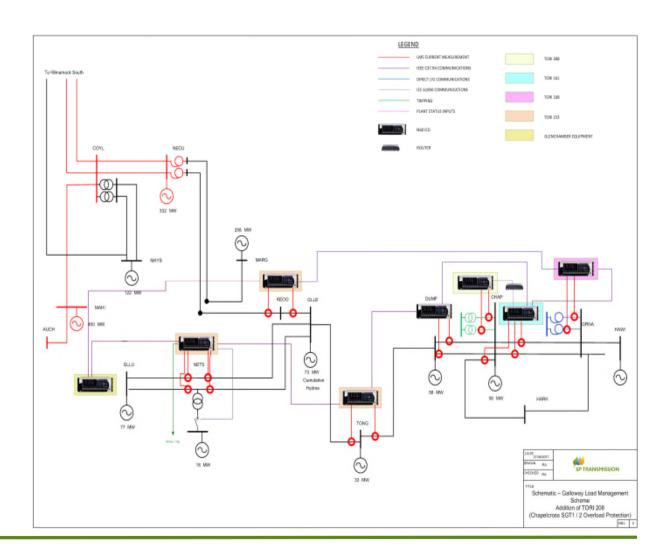


#### Existing LMS Schemes Cont.

Dumfries & Galloway LMS (TORI 153)

Chapelcross 132kV LMS (TORI 161)

Gretna SGTx LMS (TORI 168) Chapelcross GSP LMS (TORI 208)







#### LMS Summary

- LMS schemes to maximise utilisation of existing and future networks providing non-firm and RAA access, and provide earliest possible connection date.
- Approximately 10 individual LMS schemes commissioned to date on SGTs, 275kV circuits, 132kV circuits and 132/33kV transformers.
- Further LMS schemes planned (New Cumnock area and Galashiels)



#### LMS Workshop – August 2017

- Organised in response to feedback following commissioning of first schemes
- Aimed at front-line staff to ensure information provided at offer and contract stage was available to operations
- Covered the full life-cycle:
   concept ->design -> installation -> operations.
- SPT, SPD and NGET SO control engineers contributed.
- 10 companies attended, well received



#### LMS Workshop – Feedback and Actions

Irish market apportions constraints pro-rata rather than Q-based.
Applicable to GB?

How will D&G System
Work on LIFO Stack

Improve operation. Allow more time to de-load. Condition tripping if fully de-loaded

Formalise re-connection process. Investigate reconnection at OMW

Continue dialogue, continuous improvement

Enquiries continuing but may be difficult due to complexity of constraints, generator effectiveness and multiple LMS interactions.

Next Item on today's agenda

Modification governance complete for first two schemes. Moving to delivery.

Progressing development

Next workshop planned Q1/Q2 2018







# Load Management Schemes Backup Slides

Craig McTaggart
Network Transmission
Manager

#### LMS Development for Future Schemes

## **Purpose: Reminder**

- To permit connection in advance of necessary enabling works
- To enable enduring nonfirm connections
- To protect network assets from unacceptable overloads

# **ENA ANM Good Practice Guide Definition**

"Using flexible network customers autonomously and in real-time to increase the utilisation of network assets without breaching operational limits, thereby reducing the need for reinforcement, speeding up connections and reducing costs."





#### Where is ANM Applied?

# **ENA ANM Good Practice Guide**

- "ANM should only be used on radial elements of the network, where its impact on network operation can be easily understood"
- "On more complicated meshed transmission networks, the effect of ANM actions are thought to be too complex and unpredictable to implement safely"

# **SPT Applications - Reminder**

- Meshed, radial and mixed network areas
- Complex, multiple 'LIFO' queue orders
- Large number of constrained circuits
- Constraints are significant
- Some GSPs at or beyond non-firm capacity: e.g. 180MVA net export with 2x90MVA circuits





#### LMS & ANM

#### **LMS Schemes**

- Less sophisticated control actions
- May result in more trips than ANM

## **SPT Applications - Reminder**

- Uses protection hardware for speed and dependability: protect the assets
- Uses protection-class comms
- Multiple LIFO stacks
- Multiple, geographically distant circuit measurements











#### **LMS & ANM – Future Plans**

#### **SPT Proposals**

- ANM hardware, architecture and comms to satisfy LMS requirements
- Develop supply chain to facilitate solution for interconnected transmission
- Interface with EBS to co-ordinate with balancing actions
- Challenge the ENA guide

#### Requirements

- Substation grade hardware & comms
- Real-time contingency analysis
- Wide Area control with PMU and R-GOOSE

#### When and How

- Dovetail with SPD innovation project
- KTR application







# Dumfries and Galloway Smart Zone

**Deborah MacPherson**Lead Commercial Analyst
SP Energy Networks

#### <u>Dumfries and Galloway – Distribution Award 2017</u>

#### **Design & Deliver:**

- First multi GSP ANM Scheme of this scale in the UK
- First geographical ANM Scheme designed to alleviate transmission constraints
- First ANM Scheme designed with capability to interface with the GBSO in real-time

# To Northern Ireland Mendon Right Right Representation of the part of the part

#### **Outstanding Opportunity for SP Energy Networks**

- Only successful IRM bid in UK (2017)
- £8m award allows wide scale ANM on Distribution and Transmission Networks in D&G
- Funded to deliver an industry leading ANM project, wider in scope and ambition than any project to date
- Building the capability and skills required for future flexible networks
- Scalable ANM solution for SPEN and other IBE networks

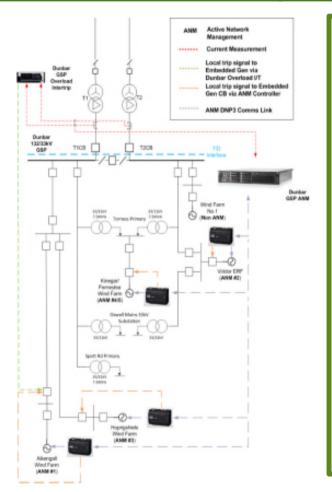


#### Paving the way towards becoming a DSO

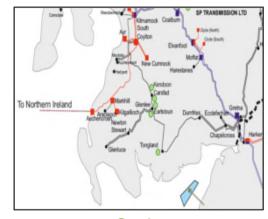




#### <u>Dumfries and Galloway – Distribution Award 2017</u>



#### Significant Increase in **Complexity**



Scale 11 GSPs

Interaction SO/TO interface

Volume Up to 300MW

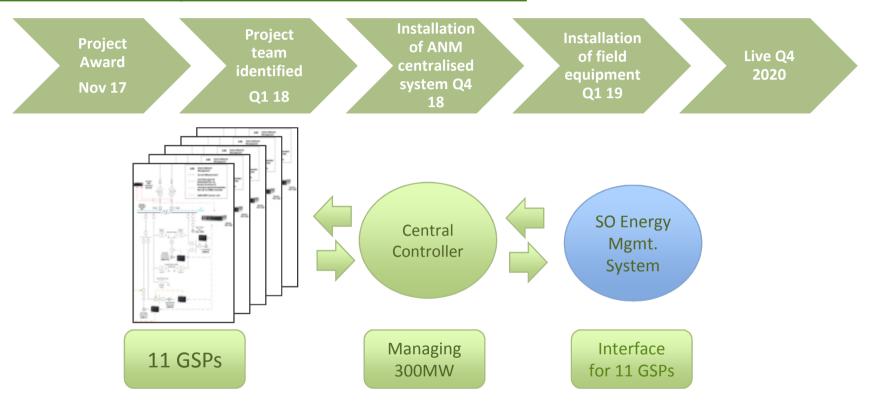
#### **Future Proofing**

- Central controller not capped on MW that it can control
- Further 500MW identified across 13 GSPs as potential future ANM managed capacity
- Functionality built in to notify customers of curtailments





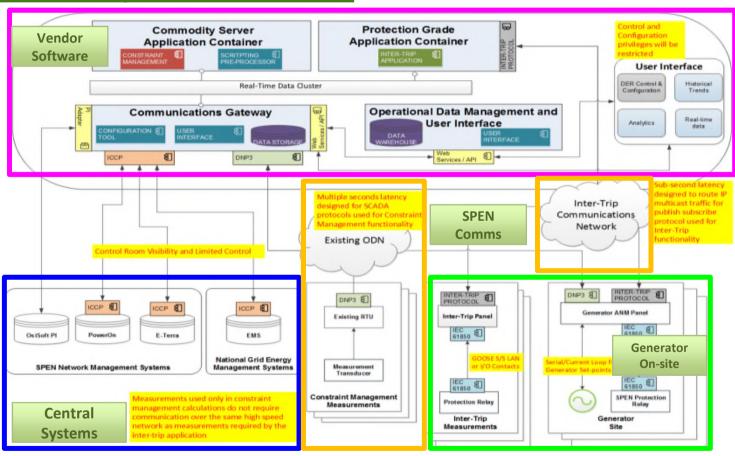
#### <u>Dumfries and Galloway – Distribution Award 2017</u>



- Complex ANM managing 11GSPs across each other and across T-D boundary
- Managing principles of access across 11GSPs in real time co-ordinating with SO



#### **Dumfries and Galloway – IT Architecture**

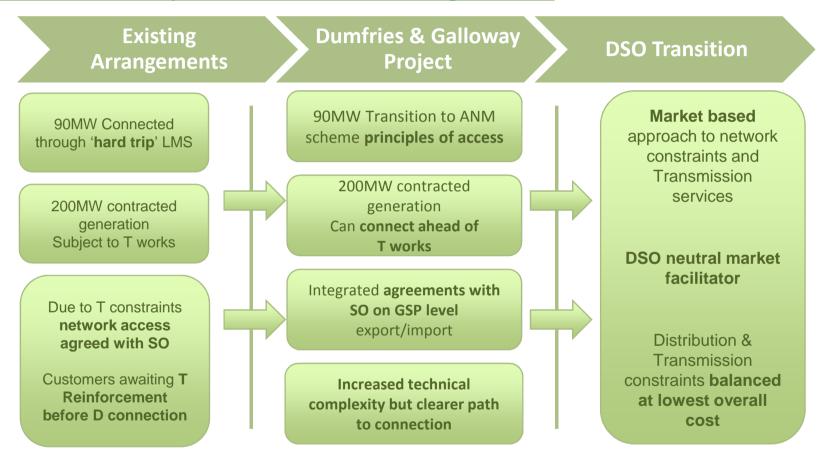


Central Controller – most cost effective solution if ANM deployed at scale





#### <u>Dumfries and Galloway – Commercial Arrangements</u>



#### Commercial arrangements at the heart of the Dumfries & Galloway





#### **Summary**

- Wide scale ANM solution covering entire Dumfries & Galloway area
- Complex interaction with Transmission SO to manage network constraints on a real time basis

Solving network challenges through innovation and paving the way towards a DSO





# RIIO T2 Preparing for the Future

John Rodger T2 Programme Manager Martin Hill
Network Development
Manager

#### What is the T2 Price Control?

The T2 price control determines the amount of revenue that SPT can recover from 2021-2029 for providing network services to our customers.

Ofgem's RIIO price control framework:

#### **Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs**







#### **RIIO T2 Indicative Timeline**

2017 2018 2019 2020 2021-29

Ongoing engagement with stakeholders

Development and planning

Ofgem development on the structure of T2

Business plan submission

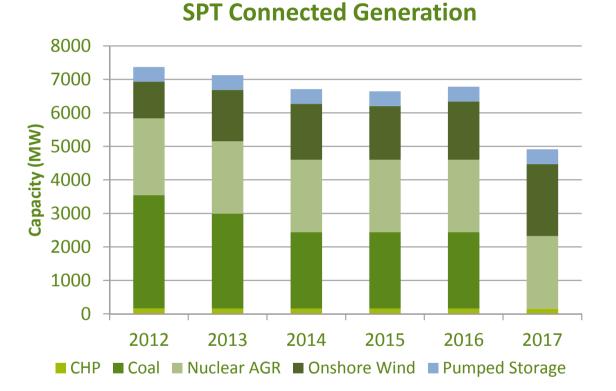
Ofgem review and decision

Delivery





### **Increasing Uncertainty – Generation**



SPT network is vital to facilitating ongoing system security

- More extreme variations in power flow
  - 5600MW swing over 44 hours in November 2016
- Large power station closures
  - Reduced system inertia

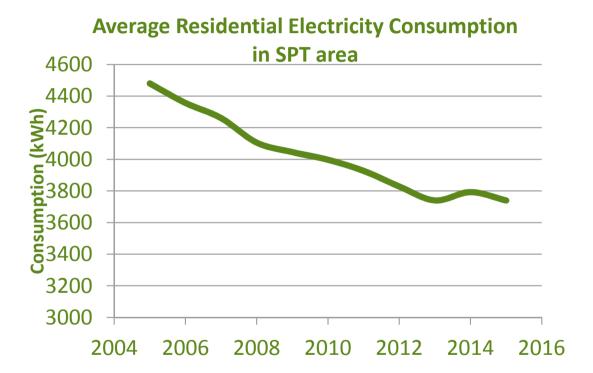
#### SPT/NG boundary transfer – Nov '16







#### <u>Increasing Uncertainty – Demand</u>



SPT network will be designed to accommodate this transition.

- Ambitious government targets
- More customer choice and engagement
- Changing technology
- Distribution System Operator





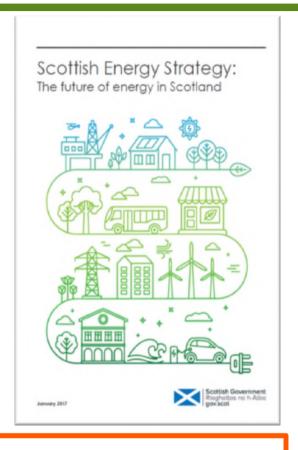
#### **Our Approach for RIIO-T2**

Justified by local requirements

Informed by stakeholders



Flexible and smart solutions



Coordinated with Distribution, DSO and other parties





#### **Group Discussion on T2 Challenges**

What are your views?

Group discussion for 15 minutes, 2 questions per group:

#### What is the future role of storage?

How will renewables evolve in the next decade?

How do we ensure investment in the network aligns with customer need?

What is the appetite for more SMART network solutions?



#### **Next Steps**

- Discussion points and questions will be documented to inform our T2 plans.
- Further T2 stakeholder events planned in 2018 to provide updates on our plans and seek feedback.
- For further information or share any other comments:
- Email: RIIO\_T2@spenergynetworks.co.uk



## **National Grid Electricity System Operator: Update**

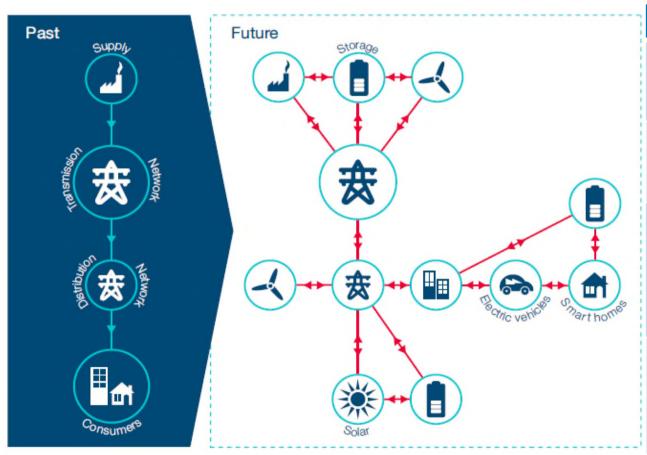






SPT Connection Summit 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### We are in a period of fundamental change



#### Did you know?

#### 21 April 2017

Great Britain goes without coal generation for the first time since 1880s

#### 26 May 2017

Solar power accounts for 25% of GB electricity generation

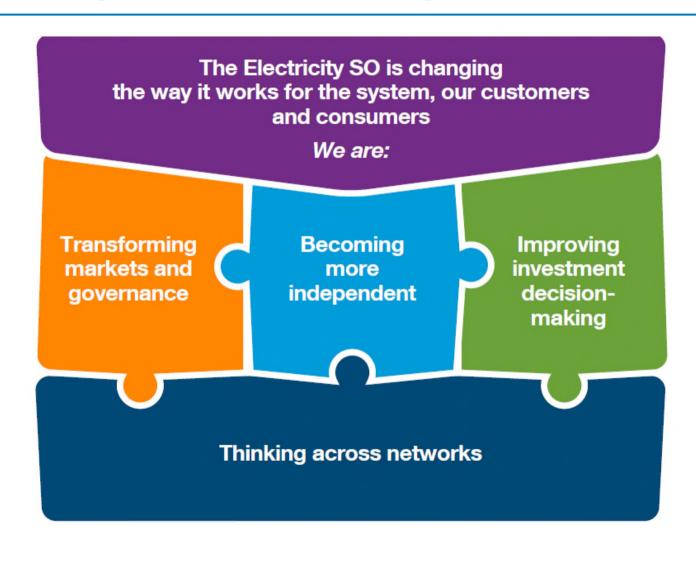
#### 7 June 2017

Lunchtime – renewables providing over 50% of GB generation 2pm – low carbon generation accounts for 70% of total

#### 11 June 2017

"Stunning Sunday" - 70% low carbon generation and carbon intensity below 100g CO<sub>2</sub>/kwh for first time ever

#### What are we doing to rise to this challenge?



#### How are we working to deliver this?

#### **AREAS OF WORK**





Field

#### **ACHIEVING GREATER INDEPENDENCE**

#### **Practicalities**

- Creation of new licence
- Separate ESO Board
- ESO managers incentives based on SO
- Separable premises

#### **Behaviours / Ways of working**

- Create distinct ESO & ETO identities
- Showing independence
- One SO: Gas & Electricity

#### What does this mean in a Scottish context?

### New challenges to enable efficient connection processes, network management and system operation

Enabling Distributed Energy Resource connections

- Visibility & Controllability
- Market Opportunities
- Balancing Services Opportunities

Balancing operability (non-build) vs investment in assets (build) solutions

- Getting the most out of existing assets
- Realising the value of flexibility
- Efficient trade-off with asset build

Focusing on regional issues, and associated solutions

- Understanding 'whole system' capability
- Clearly articulating regional system needs
- Encouraging innovative solutions

#### What are we doing about it?

### Engaging with industry to improve 'whole system' understanding and develop new capabilities/processes

'Whole system' approach to ops and investment

- Collaborative network modelling across T/D
- Understanding cross-network impacts
- Seeking D solutions to regional T issues

New approach to Connections

- Streamlined connections process
- Extension of 'connect & manage' principles
- Broader pool of SO balancing tools

Enhancing participation in flexibility markets

- Simplifying Balancing Services
- Opening up routes to market (incl. T&D)
- Greater provision of relevant information

#### Continuing the conversation...



#### **ENA's Open Networks project**

- Focus for developing a 'whole system' approach
- Informing the DNO-DSO transition
- http://www.energynetworks.org/electricity/futures/open-networksproject/



#### Ofgem's Charging Futures Forum

- "The primary place for users of the electricity network to learn, contribute and shape the future of charging arrangements."
- http://www.chargingfutures.com/



#### SPEN's Dumfries & Galloway Developer Forum

- Next event: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- Opportunity to discuss issues specific to South West Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway

#### ...one more thing...

#### nationalgrid

Nedonal Grid House Warelet Technology Por Gallous FIE, Warelet CITM EDA

Open Letter to Key Stakeholders Procuring and Connecting Generation, Demand or HVDC Equipment to the GB Electricity Transmission and Distribution Systems Julian Leelle Head of Network Capability Electricity National Grid Warwick Technology Park, Cathors Hill Warwick CV34 GDA.

sww.nationalgrid.com

5° November 2017

Dear Industry Colleagues

#### **European Network Codes Requirements**

If you will be connecting new equipment to the GB electricity Transmission or Distribution system from 2018 onwards, you will most likely be affected by the new requirements from the three European Connection Codes Requirements for Generation (FRG), HAVIC and Determat Connection Code (DCC). This stend with the highest three dampers of the European Connection Codes, how existing connections could be affected and explains what you need to dis.

#### Applicability

You will be affected by these Codes if you:

- Here not connected to the electricity network (on Transmission or Distribution system) before Entry into Force\*; or
- Have not concluded a signed final and binding contract by Date of National Implementation" for main plant items and submitted evidence of this to the relevant system operator before Date of National Implementation + 6 months".

\*For specific dates please refer to the table below

For example, in the case of a generator, the Interin plant' would be defined as one or more of the principle learns of experient requised to convert the primary source of energy into electricity such as the attenuator or the generator transformer, and which once ordered will determine the ability of plant to meet technical requirement.

Phase also note that if the criteria above does not apply to you but you significantly modify equipment, you may also be required to comply with the EU Commodion Codes. Any proposed modifications must be discussed with the relevant system operation is advance.

For instructions on how to evidence your contract to the relevant system operator please refer to the section below.

- Please note the Open Letter issued on 5<sup>th</sup> November regarding the impact of European Network Codes on T and D connections from 2018 onwards...
- https://www.nationalgrid.com/sites/default /files/documents/Open%20Letter%20-%20European%20Connection%20Codes .pdf



# Transmission Connections Summit

30<sup>th</sup> November 2017



# Reacting to Your Feedback

**Cheryl Blenkinsop**Senior Commercial Analyst

#### Areas We Do Well In:

#### Areas for Improvement:

 Good communication & updates  More consultation feedback

 Professional & well run organisation

D/T interface

Events are hitting the mark

 More construction information





#### **More Personalised Approach**

- Bi-annual newsletter
  - Provides updates in between events
  - Personal updates on key topics
- Face to face meetings
- Connections Leaflet to explain the process



#### Enabling Low Carbon Generation from Cradle to Grave

Welcome to this edition of our Connections newsletter. As the wave of onshore renewable generation connections that have been in development start to connect we want to demonstrate our commitment to the full lifecycle of these projects. We recognise our engagement and relationship needs to evolve with customers throughout this lifecycle. This newsletter gives us the chance to check in with you and let you know what we have been doing to make this happen.

Read on to find details on some of these areas. Please let us know what you think? What else can we do? What can we do better?

Also if there are any topics you would like me to cover in future editions or would like any further information on any of the items featured, please let me know by contacting me at transmissionconnections@spenergynetworks.com

Look out for forthcoming events including the Annual Transmission Connections Summit.

Alan Kelly

Transmission Policy & Commercial Manager

#### Stakeholder Engagement

SPEN have been engaging with our Developer Community in lots of different ways and received some really good and some really challenging feedback. In response to this we have been developing our customer engagement over the last year including:



How many of you have taken part in a Pre-Application Meeting?

A) Yes

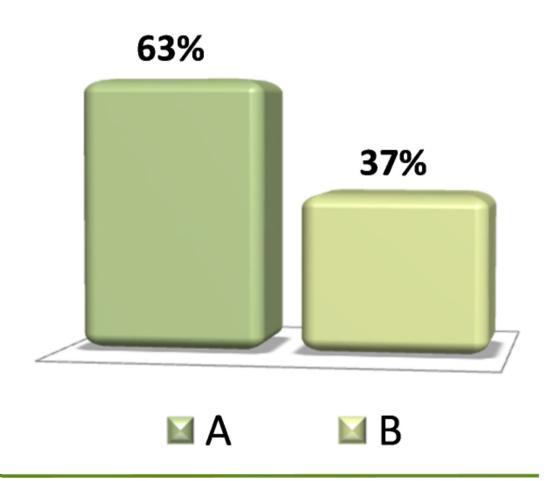
B) No





How many of you have taken part in a Pre-Application Meeting?

A) Yes







How many of you have taken part in a Portfolio Review Meeting?

A) Yes

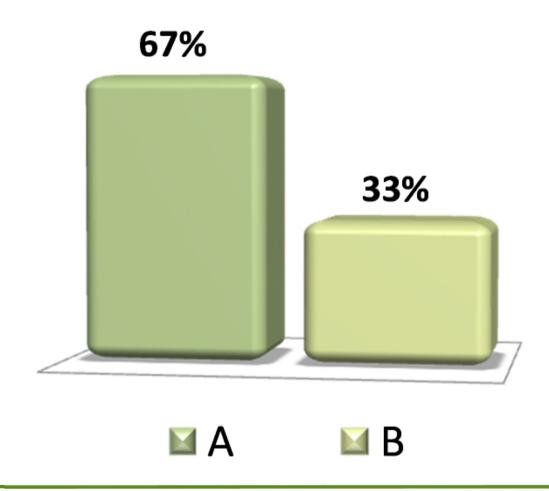
B) No





How many of you have taken part in a Portfolio Review Meeting?

A) Yes





How many of you have taken part in an Interface Meeting?

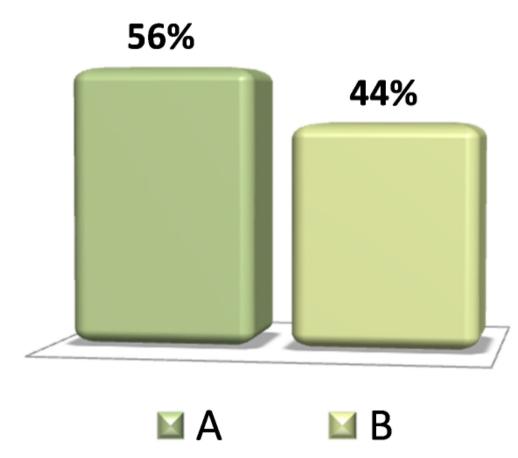
A) Yes

B) No



How many of you have taken part in an Interface Meeting?

A) Yes





How many of you are aware these meetings are available?

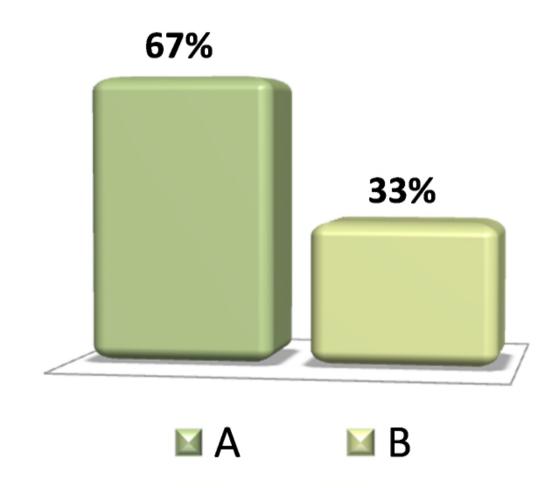
A) Yes

B) No



How many of you are aware these meetings are available?

A) Yes





#### **Engagement Activity**

Between April and October we have held:-

- 23 Pre-Application Meetings
- 36 Portfolio Review Meetings
- 105 Interface Meetings
- 3 Developer Events
- Issued SPT Newsletter
- Issued 2 TORI Quarterly Reports.



SP Transmission - Getting Connected

A guide for applying to connect to the GB Transmission Network



#### **Transmission/Distribution Interface**

- SPEN are participating in the Open Networks project.
- SPEN are committed to building upon the learnings from our SOW trials and network wide roll out programme.
- We have been revisiting internal processes to ensure teams are aligned on processes and tools.







#### **Questions for Discussion:**

- Do you know who to talk to if there are issues? Are there other ways we could improve that?
- Is the newsletter informative? What other topics would you like to see? Should we consider alternative approaches e.g. online community, webinars?
- What is the best way to give you updates on construction programmes?
- What more do you think we could do?



### SURVEY

### Please take part







# Transmission Connections Summit - Questions

Gareth Hislop

Commercial and Policy Manager