

## Key points and summary of TO User Group (UG) questions/discussion sessions. NB: Not verbatim.

RIIO-T2 TO User Group – March		
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	9am to 5pm	SP HQ
Meeting called by	Rt. Hon Charles Hendry	
Type of meeting	TO User Group – Meeting 5	
Facilitator	SP Energy Networks	
Chair	Rt. Hon Charles Hendry	
Attendees	Rt. Hon Charles Hendry Julian Leslie Amanda Burgauer (Apologies) Rob Cormie Martin Kearns Angela Love David Ritchie Andrew Robertson Dan Thomas Prof. Karen Turner	<u>SP Energy Networks:</u> Gillian Hurding Craig McTaggart (update session only) Suzanne Taylor Martin Hill (Update sessions only) Jillian Price (Enviro session only) Grant Douglas (Enviro session only)
Agenda Topic: Introductions and Plans for Upcoming Meetings		
09:30-09:45	Gillian Hurding	
	Discussion and decision points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on future key dates – referred to upcoming meeting plan.</li> <li>• Public-facing focus groups which have been held to engage on certain aspects for the Business Plan</li> </ul>	
Agenda Point: UG Review of Report Structure		
09:30-10:00	Charles Hendry	
Discussion	Discussion and decision points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two reports (TO UG and SPEN Business Plan)</li> <li>• Feedback form TO UG on how to make it easy for the reader to understand previous performance and plan to build on this in RIIO-T2</li> </ul>	
Agenda Topic: Non-Load Plan Summary and UG Discussion		
10:00 – 11:30	Craig McTaggart	
Discussion	Discussion and decision points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non – load allocation of funding – proposed costs and volumes.</li> <li>• Ofgem / TO and investment decisions</li> <li>• Discussed whether there is a tension between Ofgem and the Network</li> <li>• Risk assessments and financial/social impact</li> <li>• Length of term of investment plans</li> <li>• List of planned investments – examples to be selected for further study</li> <li>• SPEN investment methodology and how this compares with industry best practice.</li> <li>• Benchmarking</li> <li>• T3 / T4 impact</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement schedule of SF6 covering T1 and T2 period</li> <li>• Physical security at 69 sites and the works ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Topic: SPEN Consumer Challenge Group Paper Update</b>	
11:45-12:05	Craig McTaggart
Discussion	<p>SPEN updated group on current activity pulling report together, with SPEN CEO for final review.</p> <p>Chair meeting with Ofgem Challenge Group.</p>
<b>Agenda Topic: Western Link Update</b>	
12:05-12:20	Martin Hill
Discussion	<p>The group discussed the Western Link and the contractual arrangements in place with the main contractor. The group were interested to hear how completion and sign-off will be delayed until issues are resolved, the 'cutting-edge' nature of the project and to see learning being taken onboard and applied to eastern link plans.</p>
<b>Agenda Topic: Cross-Sector Common View Update</b>	
12:20-12:30	Martin Hill
Discussion	<p>Discussion and decision points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority view is now consistent with the SPT view</li> <li>• Future of gas networks and related implications</li> <li>• Electrification of transport</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Topic: Environment and Sustainability Summary</b>	
13:15-14:15	Jillian Price and Grant Douglas
Discussion	<p>Discussion and decision points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy efficiency within substation environments</li> <li>• Solar panels at substations</li> <li>• Funding mechanisms and payback terms</li> <li>• Business carbon reduction activities and potential savings across the company overall</li> <li>• Climate change adaptation and resilience including topics such as increased growing seasons resulting in increased vegetation management around network assets</li> <li>• Flooding risk and impact</li> <li>• Landscape and visual impact assessments and Ofgem's visual amenity incentive</li> <li>• Tree planting in relation to mitigation and climate change</li> <li>• Current mechanism, value for and the link to Willingness To Pay</li> </ul>