

Connections Customer Forum

National Railway Museum

25 April 2017



Welcome

- General housekeeping
- Format of the day
- Filming and photography
- Ask questions
- Voting and green card feedback





Connections Update

April 2017

Mike Hammond

Head of Connections Services



Connections performance update – April 2017

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- Constrained Networks
- QMEC consultation outcomes



Connections BCMS scores by month

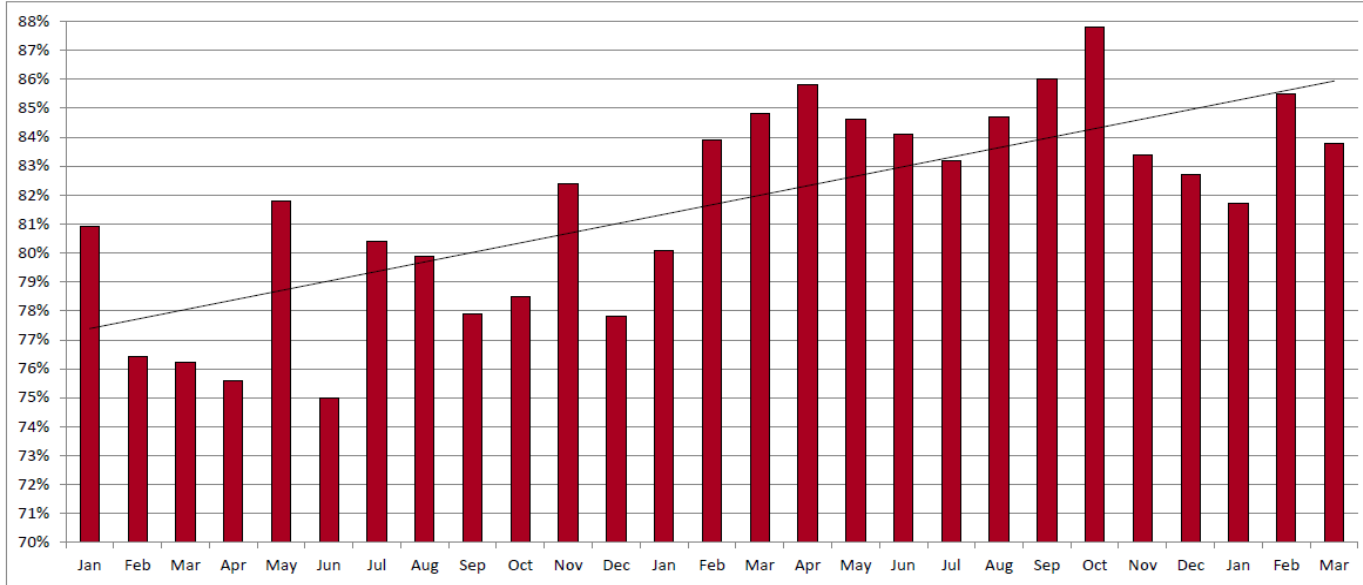
BMCS Weekly Scores - Connections - Week 16 2017



Connections - Overall score by month with position

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Month	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Connections	80.1%	83.9%	84.8%	85.8%	84.6%	84.1%	83.2%	84.7%	86.0%	87.8%	83.4%	82.7%	81.7%	85.5%	83.8%
DNO Position	5	4	2	1	3	2	3	3	2	1	5	6	6	3	4



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Industry Update

Jim Cardwell
Head of Trading and Innovation



Topics



- Smart, flexible energy system – consultation
- Network constraints – report
- Quicker and more efficient connections (QMEC) - update
- Second comer connections – implementation
- Assessment and design fees – consultation
- Northern Energy Taskforce – report



A smart, flexible energy system – call for evidence recap



Published November 2016

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The impact of system changes

The need for immediate action

Further future changes to arrangements

Innovation 2

48 questions;
over 200
responses

A smart, flexible energy system - our response, key messages



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& Industrial Strategy

- Global energy systems are experiencing change and this is particularly acute in the UK
- Roles and responsibilities in the UK system work well, but the challenge is to manage the system to allow for flexibility
- Policy needs to facilitate innovation, diversity and experimentation
- More customer engagement and regulatory innovation will be needed
- Strategic priorities for the development of distribution charges need much clearer focus
- The transition to a more active DSO merits careful consideration
- Both third party and network companies should be allowed to deploy and operate distributed energy resources
- There needs to be a re-think of the funding routes available to support a 'whole energy system' approach for innovation projects
- We are committed to bringing our broad experience to help policy makers to get the balance right and support economic growth

Our response in full is available online at:
<http://www.northernpowergrid.com/document-library/policies-reports-regulation>

Our position on embedded benefits



- As patterns of network usage change and new technologies are introduced, it is important that energy policy keeps pace
- The issue of charging for generators is a growing one and needs to be addressed
- However, unintended consequences from any remedy must be avoided so as not to transfer the market distortion and retain the inequity
- We would welcome a holistic review of any wider distortions in encouraging the efficient development of the energy system



Next steps – a smart, flexible energy system

- BEIS and Ofgem published a joint call for evidence on 10 Nov 2016



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- Ofgem will consider next steps on distribution constraint management and the interactions with the wider system in its forthcoming Spring Plan publication

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/11/a_smart_flexible_energy_system_a_call_for_evidence.pdf

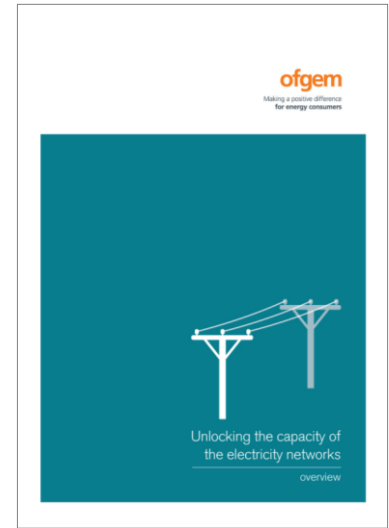
- In summary:

- The call for evidence considered how the management of the networks may need to evolve to meet the changing system needs
 - New technologies and approaches need to enable efficient and flexible use of the network
 - New approaches to help manage distribution network constraints and support an efficient wider system
 - Greater clarity needed on how storage connects to the network



Unlocking the capacity of electricity networks

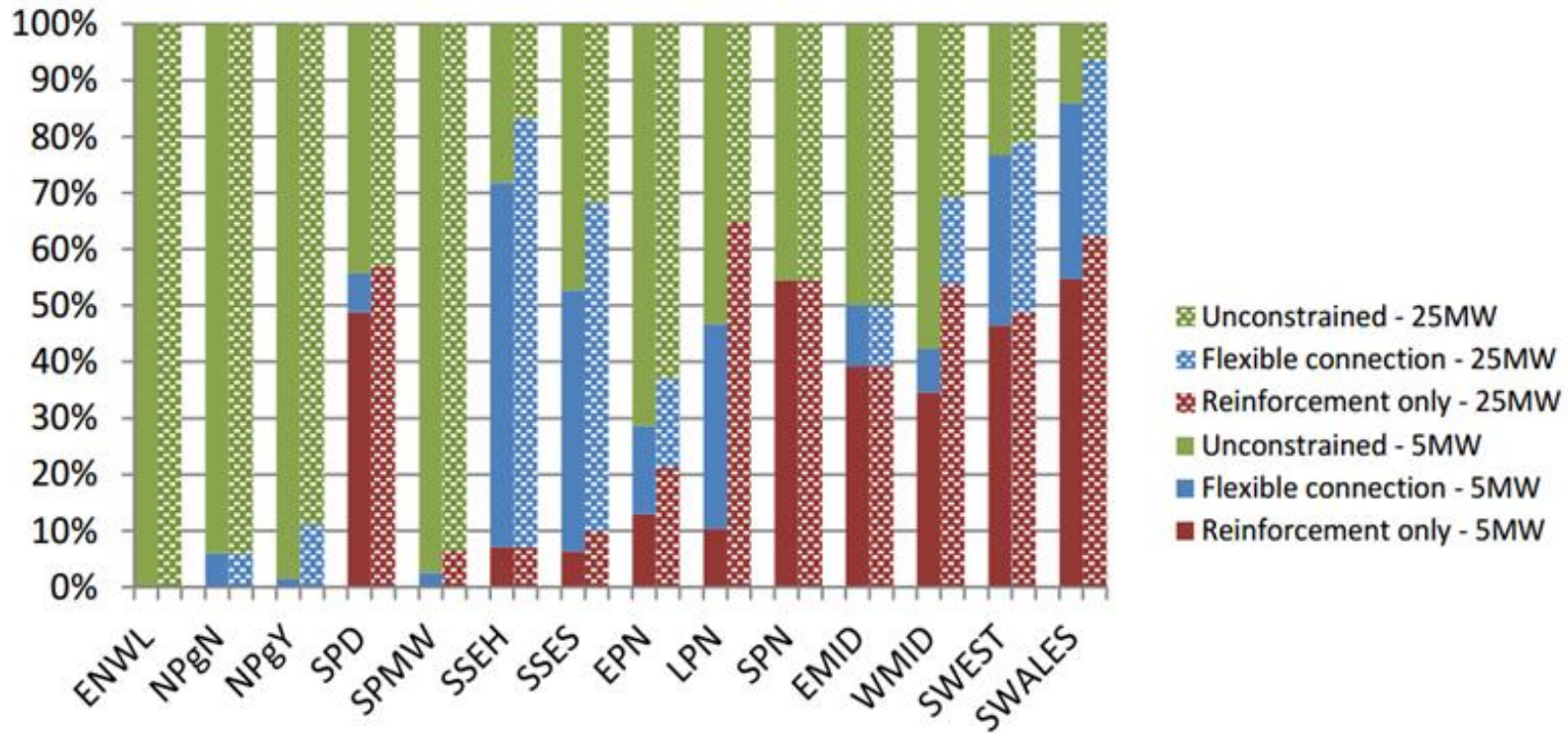
- Ofgem alerted by a constraint in the South West that created a connections queue, particularly for new generation
- Seeking to understand the national picture, whether DNOs are fulfilling their duties and if the regulatory framework needs change
- Consultations through 2016 and Ofgem status report in Q1, 2017
- Ofgem reports:
 - www.ofgem.gov.uk/node/111071
 - www.ofgem.gov.uk/node/111056



Ofgem report, February 2017



Well positioned for generation capacity



Constrained areas for generation

- The bulk of our substations have spare capacity
 - ✓ 2/3 of higher voltage circuits have material capacity for new generators
 - ✓ 91% of larger substations can accept 25MW of new generators
- In four locations generators have accepted more flexible, innovative offers instead of paying for upstream reinforcement
 - ✓ Blyth – constraint on NGET equipment
 - ✓ Seal Sands – constraint on our equipment
 - ✓ Hull East to Roos – single customer constraint on the circuit
 - ✓ Driffield – constraint on our equipment (at Driffield and Beverley)
- In 2015/16, the flexible connection of 130MW EHV generation saved £4m in connections costs



Engaging with Ofgem on Quicker More Efficient Connections (QMEC)



- Ofgem published its update on industry progress on 29 January 2016
- It summarised the progress DNOs have made on the actions Ofgem set out in QMEC September 2015
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2016/01/quicker_and_more_efficient_connections_jan_2016_-_final_29.01.2016_0.pdf
- Key areas of development include:
 - Improved visibility and availability of flexible connections, flexible payment terms and consortia for connecting customers
 - Development of a set of principles and rules for the introduction and enforcement of milestones in connection offers
 - Development of an action plan for industry to progress more effective queue management
 - Ofgem invited DNOs and stakeholders to propose trials that might enable reinforcement to take place in anticipation of future connection customer requirements



Engaging with customers on QMEC

- Releasing capacity - reducing the need for reinforcement through discussion with;
 - existing connected customers to relinquish unused contracted capacity
 - customers in receipt of connections offers where the work is not progressing (queue management using milestones principles)
- Progressing trials for investment ahead of need - Ofgem will continue to work with DNOs and stakeholders and publish periodic updates



New regulations for second comer rules



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- New second comer rules went live on 6 April 2017
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/potential-changes-to-the-electricity-connection-charges-regulations-2002>
- Second comer regulations
 - These regulations protect connections customers by securing refunds if 'second comers' connect to assets they have paid for
 - The repayment period increases from 5 to 10 years from the date of the first connection



Assessment & Design fees - supporting BEIS



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- BEIS published call for evidence 24 March 2016
 - Sought responses by 6 May 2016
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/assessment-and-design-fees-call-for-evidence>
- In summary:
 - DNOs should charge the customers requesting the services to create a fairer allocation of costs
 - Following the call for evidence BEIS has been working on its impact assessment and we have provided additional connections data
 - BEIS plan to consult in 2017 on draft regulations



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Sponsoring the Northern Energy Taskforce

- An ambitious programme of work through 2017 that will develop an energy strategy for the Northern Powerhouse
 - ✓ Develop a plan for the northern energy system to 2030
 - ✓ Create a vision and a roadmap for a northern energy system
 - ✓ Set out a plan for 'energy devolution'



<http://www.ippr.org/publications/northern-energy-taskforce-a-call-for-evidence>



Northern Energy Taskforce roundtables

Roundtable	Topics
Tees Valley	Energy supply: What is the future of energy supply in the North? What are the impacts of this for businesses and residents?
North East	Research and development: How to develop research in the North and ensure products get to market
Yorkshire & Humber	Supply chain: How to develop the jobs and GVA associated with energy generation and align other core northern industries to supply domestic and international energy markets
North West	Finance: How to finance an energy strategy for the North
Yorkshire & Humber	Decentralised energy: Examining the opportunities presented by the transition to localised power and heat systems. Thinking about strategic ways of working in this transition
Manchester	Devolution: How to ensure the North has the powers it needs to implement a northern energy strategy



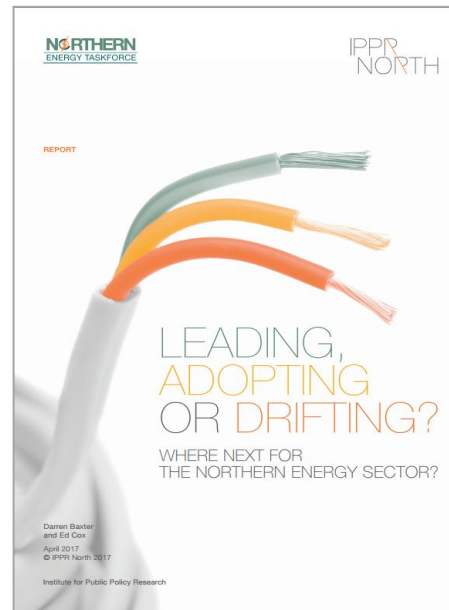
Northern Energy Taskforce initial reports

- Opportunities

- ✓ Geological, geographic and historical assets to power and heat the nation
- ✓ The low-carbon economy and assets needed to deliver new sources of generation

- The North of England could:

- ✓ Act as a pathfinder for unlocking the energy trilemma
- ✓ Generate significant economic benefits
- ✓ Successfully demonstrate a new whole energy system approach and pioneer implementation regionally



Acting on your Feedback

Mike Hammond

Head of Connections Services



Topics

- Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE)
- How we delivered on our commitments in 2016/17 (Looking Back)
- How we developed our improvement plans for 2017/18 (Looking Forward)
- Your opportunity to tell us what you think

Incentive on Connections Engagement

- The Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) drives DNOs to continually improve services to major connections customers
- Each year we produce a detailed work plan of service improvement actions
- Our work plans are developed together with our connections stakeholders, all actions are based on their feedback and ideas

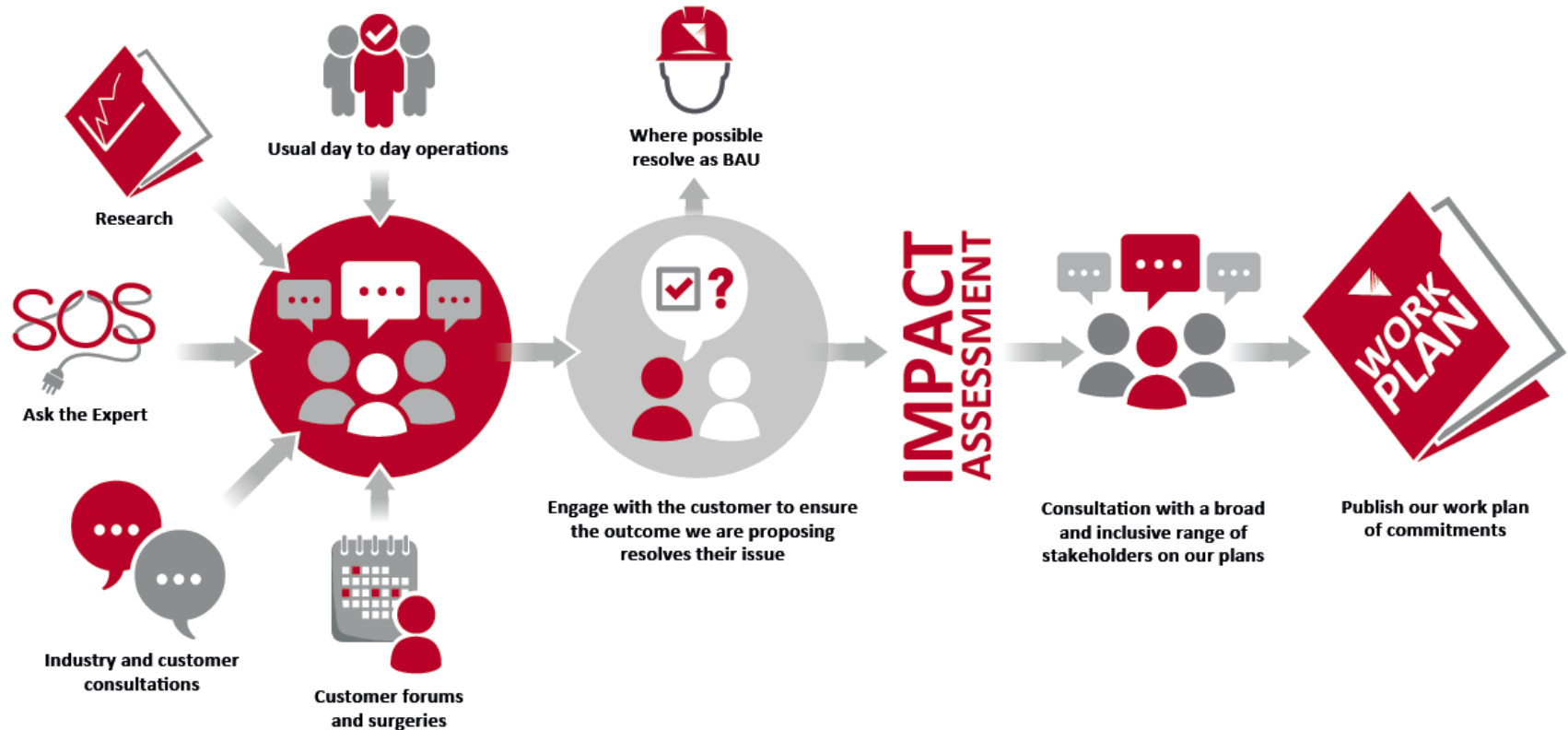


Delivering on our 2016/17 commitments

- Our plan for 2016/17 consisted of 31 service improvement commitments
- All actions were derived from our stakeholders comments and feedback
- We have delivered on all the commitments within our gift to complete and will be carrying two over into our Looking Forward plan

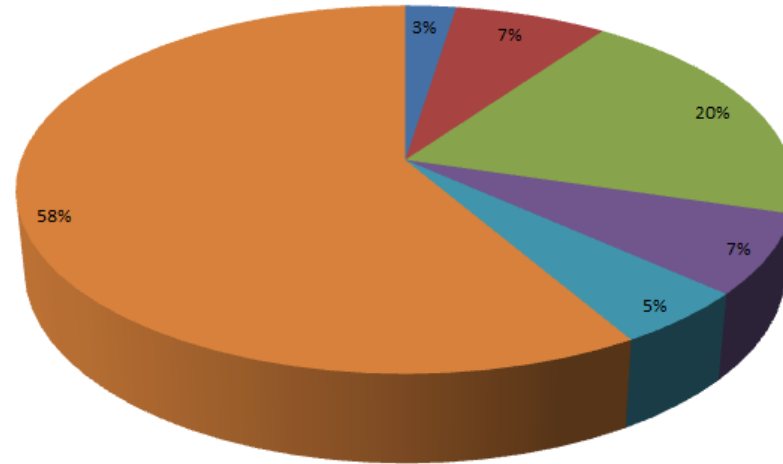


Preparing our 2017/18 work plan



Seeking your feedback

- 243 stakeholder comments collected from a range of different sources considered in the preparation of our work plan



- Comment translated into a new action added to the plan in October 2016
- Comment translated into a new action in the 2017/18 plan
- We will maintain a watching brief on the issue and act when appropriate
- An action in the 2016/17 ICE work plan already addressed the comment
- Following an impact assessment we concluded that the action was not suitable for the 2017/18 plan
- We considered the comment and responded where necessary but concluded it was not suitable for ICE

Examples of the feedback we received

"Is there a 'simple' guideline for the new connections milestones? I would like to issue to some of our developer/landowner clients so they can understand the process and associated risks"

"Have small workshops on various emerging topics - storage, DNO service procurement, flexible connections...and anymore you think would be relevant."

Attending these events is costly for SMEs - why don't you provide live webinar of the presentations for stakeholders?

"What are you doing to become a DSO as SSE are starting to set out plans and consult with stakeholders on the items required?"

"Can you alter the online application form to include battery storage, or maybe have an 'other' option with the ability to input the technology type?"

"UKPN provided a commitment and timeframe to provide protection settings, and other design-related detail including fault level. Please consider."



Our review of customers comments

- A number of comments generated actions in our 2017/18 plan
- Some stakeholder comments related to non-connection issues
- Some comments related to specific customer projects and are dealt with through BAU
- Some identified emerging issues which we will maintain a watching brief on
- Some issues we will address through normal business operations
 - Emergency response cover for IDNO networks
 - Inventory management services for unmetered supplies

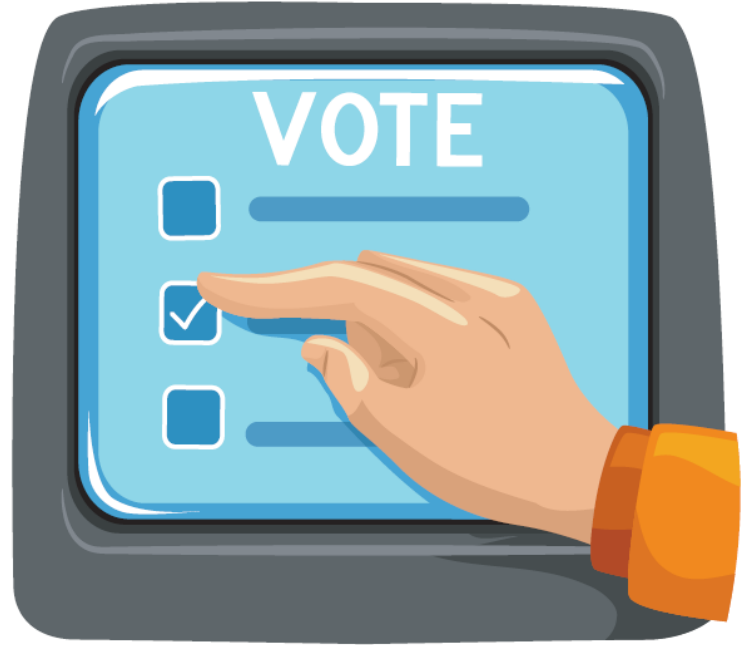
“Information on land availability around substations would be helpful”



Seeking your feedback

- Do you agree these actions will improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

1/**YES** 2/**NO** 3/**DON'T KNOW**



Provision of information



- 1.1 We will trial recording the content of our connections forums and workshops and posting it to the web.
- 1.2 We will trial social media 'Ask the Expert' Q&A sessions on topics identified by our connections customers.
- 1.3 On timescales for providing protection settings and other design-related detail; we will conduct a formal business review.
- 1.4 We will produce a simple guide to the implementation of new contract milestones.
- 1.5 We will hold a workshop for connections customers on how to access Northern Powergrid's mains records.



Provision of information



- Do you agree these actions would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

83% 1. Yes

3% 2. No

13% 3. Don't know



Improving our application and delivery process



- 2.1 We will modify the G59 application form on our website to include an option to connect energy storage.
- 2.2 We will create a quick cost calculator for generation connection applications and make it available on our website.
- 2.3 We will create a new page on our website that promotes our multi-optioneering (Quote+) service and explains the process to customers.
- 2.4 We will benchmark our find my MPAN online service against other DNOs and make improvements as required.



Improving our application and delivery process



- Do you agree these actions would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

89% 1. Yes

4% 2. No

7% 3. Don't know

Improving our communication and engagement

- 3.1 We will hold targeted workshops on emerging connections topics suggested by our customers.



Improving our communication and engagement

- Do you agree these actions would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?



93% 1. Yes

0% 2. No

7% 3. Don't know

Technical and commercial developments



- 4.1 We will continue to contribute to the national debate on A&D fees and keep our customers informed of the outcomes. On conclusion of the BEIS consultation, we will implement any changes to our existing policies or practices required and communicate these to our customers.
- 4.2 We will continue to support customers through the T/D interface and engage on their behalf in the activities of the national working parties. Where necessary, we will implement changes to our existing policies and working practices to reflect best practice recommendations.
- 4.3 We will engage with Ofgem on behalf of our stakeholders on the treatment of the costs for undergrounding of rural network in AONB.



Technical and commercial developments



- Do you agree these actions would improve the connections service Northern Powergrid provides?

76% 1. Yes

10% 2. No

14% 3. Don't know

Enabling competition



- 5.1 We will develop an end-to-end process map that covers all aspects of our input services and explains how ICPs can interface with us more effectively.
- 5.2 We will publish a schedule of rates for the input services available to ICPs so that they can 'pick and mix' the services they require.
- 5.3 We will update our standard design matrix rules to include unmetered connections and simplify the technical specification.
- 5.4 We will publish the average time it takes us to issue ICP point of connection and design approvals on our website.



Enabling competition

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93% 1. Yes

0% 2. No

7% 3. Don't know

NEW Innovation



- 6.1 We will continue to support and contribute to the national working party on the development of TSO/DSO roles and keep customers informed of the outcomes.
- 6.2 We will share our vision for the transition of DNOs to DSOs. We will describe the work taking place at Northern Powergrid and seek our customers views on how to shape the outputs of this work.
- 6.3 We will engage with storage developers to create a suite of standard storage service offers.
- 6.4 We will develop and publish case studies that share future use cases and applications for energy storage.



Innovation continued



- 6.5 We will engage with customers on the progress of our first replicable ANM scheme in Driffield, South East Yorkshire.
- 6.6 We will develop and launch a new 'Low Carbon Connection Gateway' on our website that provides information on different types of LCTs, how to apply for a connection and when to notify us about their installation.



NEW Innovation

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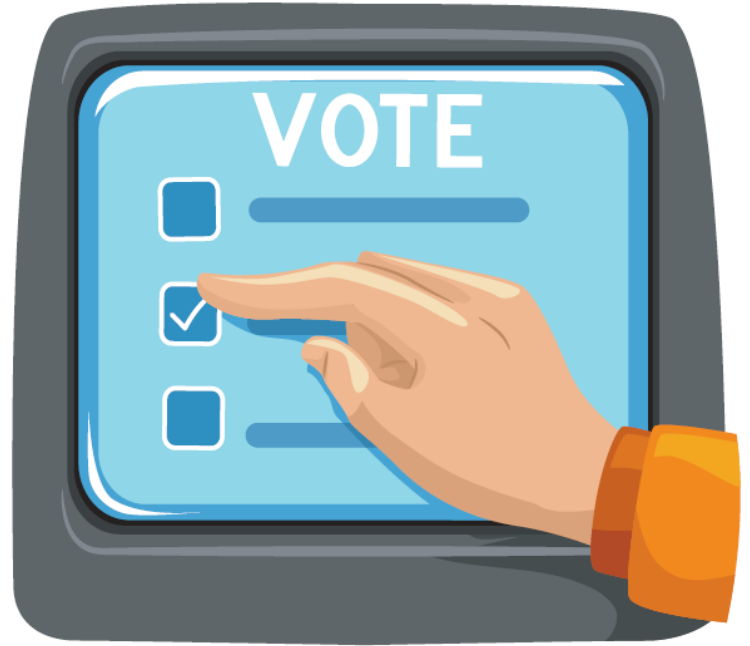
87% 1. Yes

3% 2. No

10% 3. Don't know

We would also like your view on...

- Overall, would you agree that Northern Powergrid has a comprehensive work plan of service improvement commitments that meets the needs of it's connections stakeholders?



Overall



- Overall, would you agree that Northern Powergrid has a comprehensive work plan of service improvement commitments that meets the needs of it's connections stakeholders?

60% 1. Yes

3% 2. No

37% 3. Don't know





Helping you to Get Connected

Kendra Burrow
Connections Quality Assurance Manager



Topics

- Your online experience
- Applying for a connection
- Your online account
- Availability heat maps

Your online experience – get connected



Guide Price



Get a guide price

Take a look at our handy guide to prices and time scales.

[View our guide prices >](#)



Connection services



Apply for a connection service

Apply now for a new connection and to make changes to your existing connection.

[Apply here >](#)



Getting your new home connected

Building a new home or an extension to an existing property and need a power supply? Watch our helpful video.



FAQs

Have a question? You may be able to find the answer in our FAQs



You have a choice...

There are other companies out there who can carry out many aspects of the work, find out more...

- ✓ Improved prominence of services
- ✓ Limited number of navigational links
- ✓ Improved 'click ability'
- ✓ Improved search engine
- ✓ Better document library
- ✓ Enhanced FAQs

Connections Information...



Alternative Connection Providers

You can compare our prices and service levels with other companies, called Independent Connections Providers, who provide connections services, and decide who is best for you.

[Find Out More >](#)



Demand Availability Map

Our demand availability map is here to inform you of the network's capability to connect large-scale developments to major substations.

[Find Out More >](#)



Generation Availability Map

Our generation availability map is here to inform you of the network's capability to connect large-scale generation developments to major substations at Extra High Voltage and High Voltage.

[Find Out More >](#)

Connections Services...



[Connections quick calculator](#)



[Moving my electricity supply \(Service Alteration\)](#)



[Connecting generation \(G83/G59\)](#)



[Increase the size of your existing supply](#)

Online applications vs. other formats

- Guides you through the online application process
- Our online system has a pre-defined format that helps us better understand your requirements
- The system has been tried and tested for security purposes which means Northern Powergrid and the user are protected




? Unsure of which Connections
Service you need?

LET US GUIDE YOU
THROUGH THE PROCESS



Applying for a new connection


 **A NEW CONNECTION FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL UNIT**


If you need a connection to your new commercial unit we will work with you to provide the most cost effective connection to meet your requirements.


GUIDE PRICE £11,645 plus VAT

Guide price is based on 1 standard connection
View all of our Guide Prices & Timescales [▶](#)


WHAT DO I DO NEXT?


 **Use our quick calculator** [▶](#)
Find out a more precise cost using our calculator...

 **Apply for a budget cost** [▶](#)
If you are not ready to proceed with work on site then apply for a budget cost...

 **Apply** [▶](#)
If you are ready to apply for a connection click here

Applying online will only take you approx. 30 mins

Before you start to apply, you will need... 


 **CONNECTING LARGE SCALE GENERATION (ABOVE 3.68KW)**


If you want to install generation above 3.68kW then you need to make an application to connect so we can understand the impact your generation may have on our network & existing customers.


GUIDE PRICE £109,080 inc VAT

Guide price is based on 1 standard connection
View all of our Guide Prices & Timescales [▶](#)


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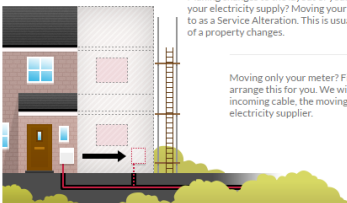
Before you start to apply, you will need... 

- Application for a new connection
 - ✓ Quick cost calculator
 - ✓ Budget estimate
 - ✓ Firm quotation
- Before you apply you will need:
 - ✓ Contact details
 - ✓ Site details
 - ✓ Requirements

Altering an existing connection



MOVE MY SUPPLY (SERVICE ALTERATION)



Making changes to the layout of your property? Need to move your electricity supply? Moving your electricity service is referred to as a Service Alteration. This is usually required when the layout of a property changes.

Moving only your meter? Find out **who your supplier is** and they'll arrange this for you. We will move the cut out (fuse unit) and the incoming cable, the moving of the meter is the responsibility of your electricity supplier.

GUIDE PRICE **£600**
ex VAT

Guide price is based on 1 standard connection
[View all of our Guide Prices & Timescales](#)

Apply
If you are ready to apply for a service alteration click here

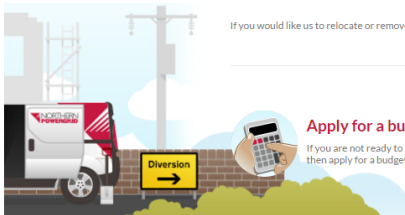
Applying online will only take you approx. **25 mins**

Before you start to apply, you will need...

- Moving an existing connection – single/three phase less than 60kw



MOVING OUR EQUIPMENT



If you would like us to relocate or remove our existing cables, overhead lines or other equipment we're here to help.

Apply for a budget cost

If you are not ready to proceed with work on site then apply for a budget cost...

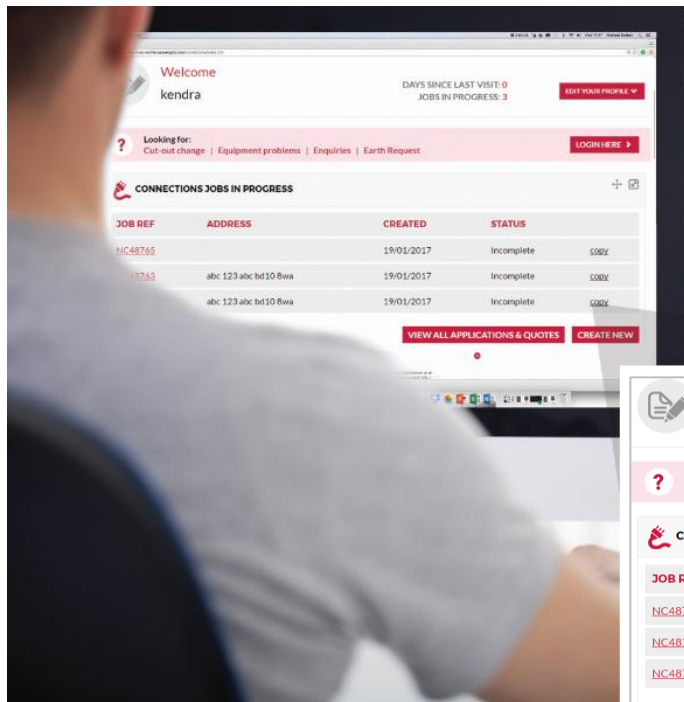
Apply
If you are ready to apply click here

Applying online will only take you approx. **20 mins**

Before you start to apply, you will need...

- Moving an existing connection – single/three phase greater than 60kVA

Online account



Duplicate connections application

Application type

- New Connection
- New Connection
- Additional Load
- Point of Connection
- G59 Generation
- G83 Generation
- G83 Generation Multiple
- Unmetered Connection
- Disconnection
- Moving Our Equipment

- ✓ View all applications submitted
- ✓ Create a new application
- ✓ Copy an existing application

Welcome kendra

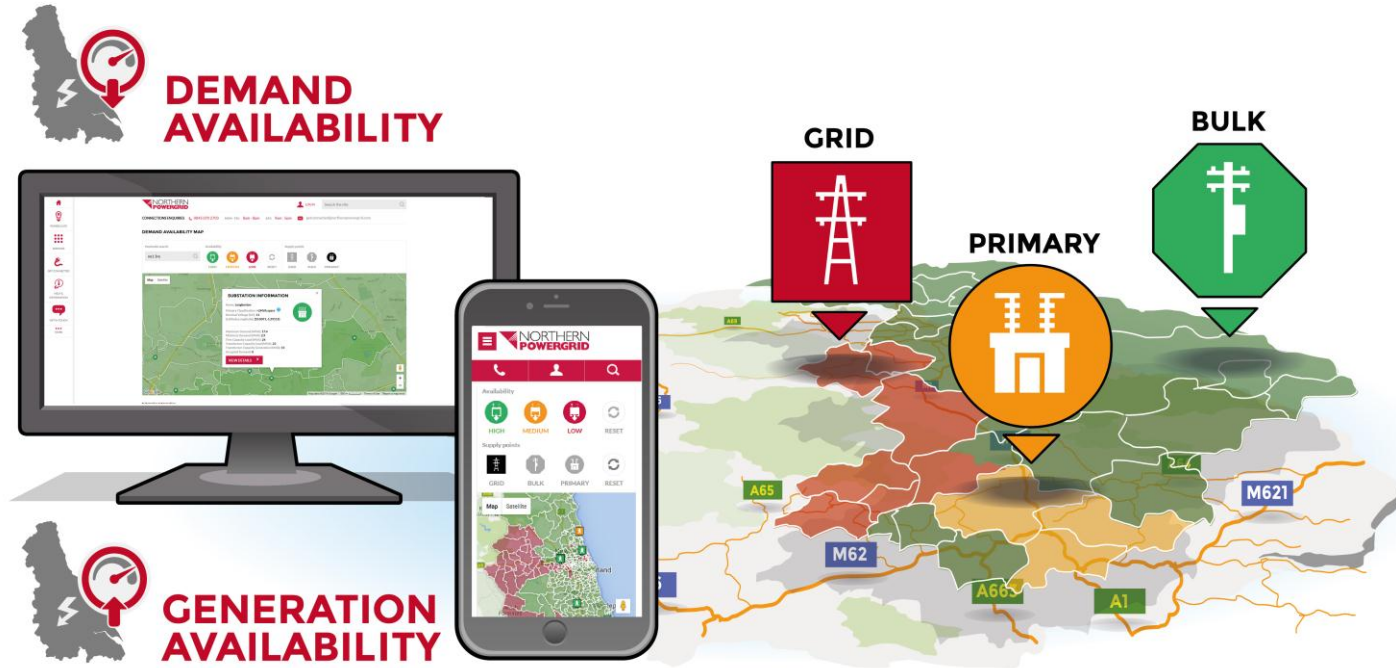
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JOBS IN PROGRESS: 3

Looking for:
Cut-out change | Equipment problems | Enquiries | Earth Request

CONNECTIONS JOBS IN PROGRESS

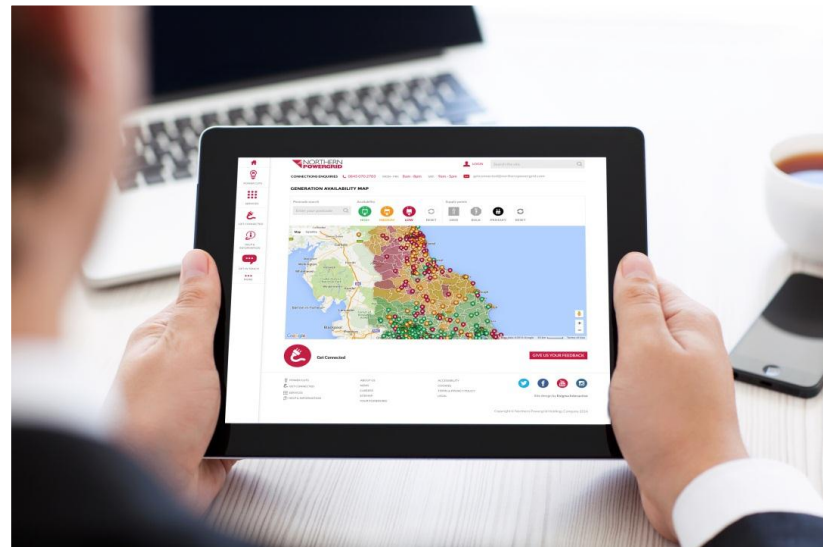
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Improved availability heat maps



Generation availability

- Our generation availability map is here to inform you of the network's capability to connect large-scale generation developments
- Information available:
 - Fault level
 - Voltage constraints
 - Reverse power flow capabilities
 - Physical constraints
 - Quoted but not accepted schemes
 - Accepted but not connected schemes



Demand availability

- Our demand availability map is here to inform you of the network's capability to connect large-scale developments to major substations
- Information available:
 - Spare capacity value
 - Maximum demand
 - Minimum demand
 - Transformer rating
 - Accepted but not connected schemes



Flexible Network Connections

David van Kesteren

Senior Asset Management Engineer



Topics

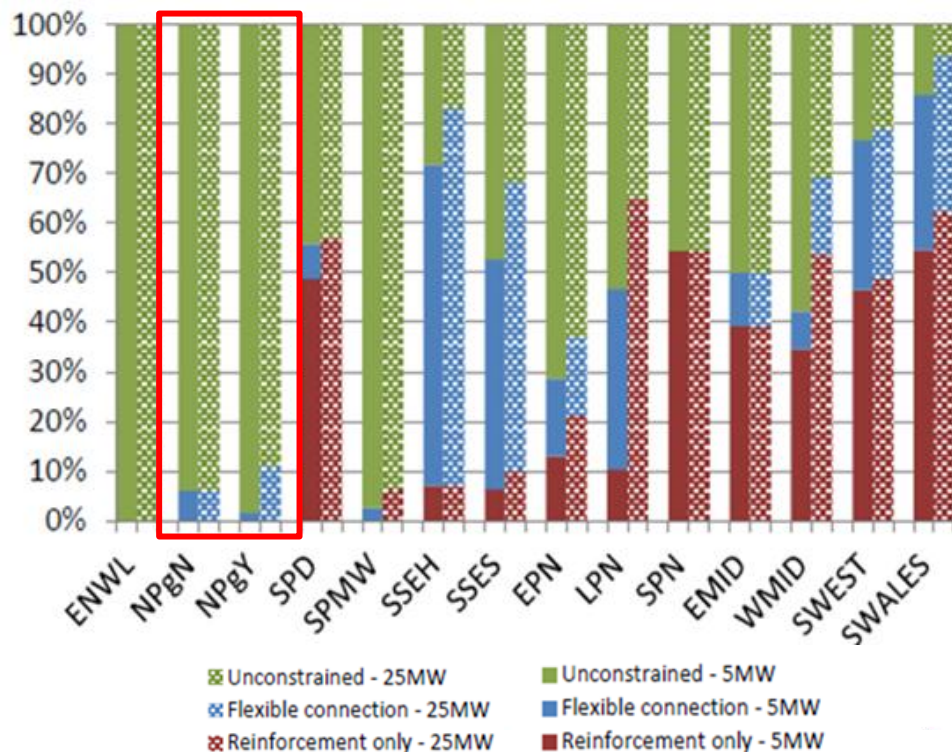


- How constrained is Northern Powergrid's network?
- Update on the progress of our first replicable Active Network Management (ANM) scheme

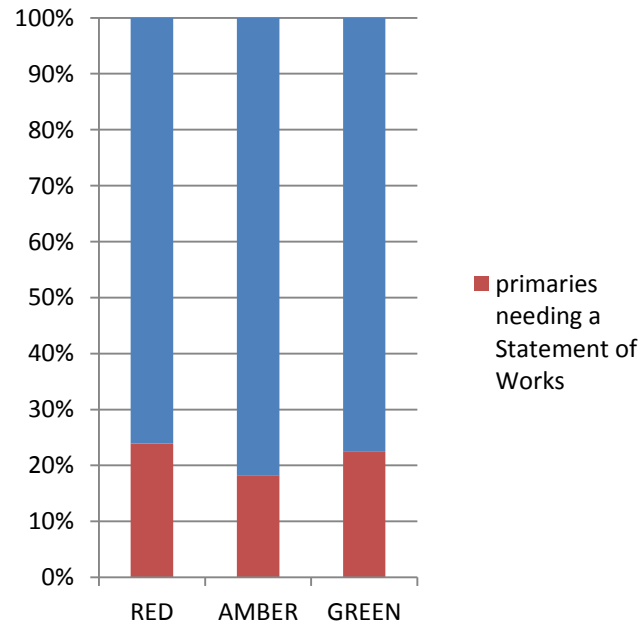
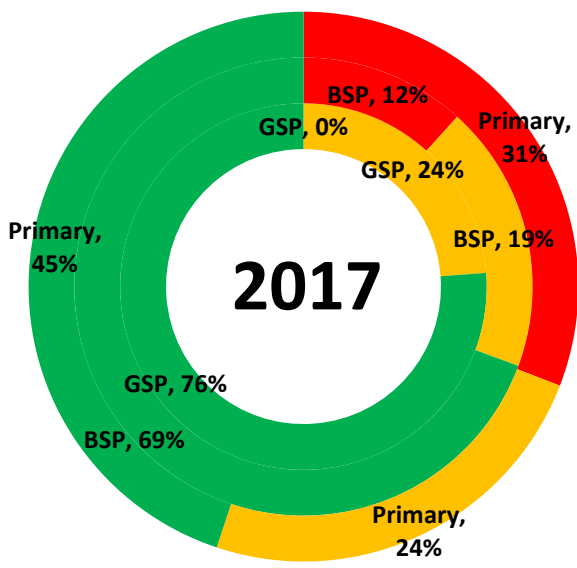
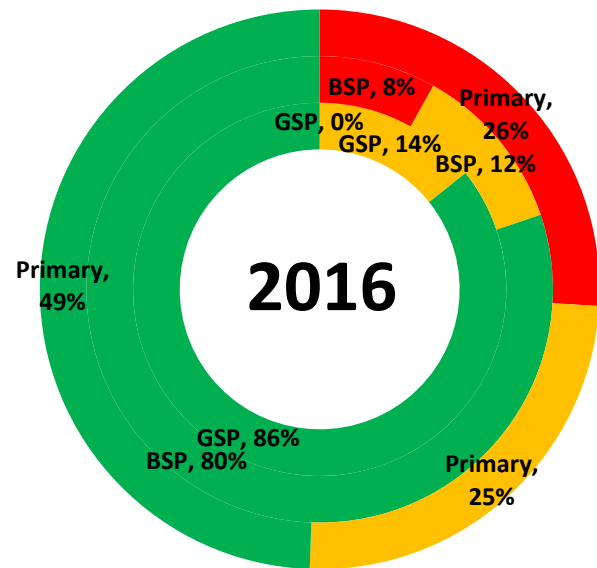


Ofgem report – significant constraints

- Results primarily reflect constraints on the transmission network (NGET) at the GSP
- Cost of traditional GSP reinforcement in the region of £20-50m
- Connecting at 132/33kV substations
- Does not reflect constraints at primary substations



Northern Powergrid network constraints by s/s



Main reasons for constraints



- 37% • Network over-voltages
- 27% • Thermal issues
- 15% • Physical constraints
- 10% • Fault level issues
- 10% • Upstream issues

Active Network Management (ANM)

- 129MW of generation in the Driffield group
- Network full at key times;
 - Early Summer mornings
 - Network outages
- ANM will release headroom outside of key periods
- Last In, First Off principle



Active Network Management (ANM)

- Six connection offers made to date;
 - Two accepted
 - One lapsed
 - Three still valid
- Project initiation - Summer 2017
- Completion - Autumn 2018
- Ability to use ANM anywhere - 2019 onwards

Requirements for ANM participation

- Connections at LV are excluded but limited to <250kW at existing sites
- All new HV and EHV connections into the Driffield network must participate
- Modifications to existing connections will often affect curtailment levels for existing ANM participants. The following are examples of where a modified connection may be required to participate;
 - ✓ Increase in export capacity
 - ✓ Increase in installed capacity (with or without a change to export capacity)
 - ✓ Changing the type of generation (with or without a change to export capacity)
 - ✓ Changing the operating regime (where a customer has an existing connection agreement for a specific operating regime)
- A customer requesting a generally more expensive conventional connection will not be required to participate in ANM

Releasing Network Capacity

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Major Connections Proposals Manager



Quicker More Efficient Connections

Ofgem requested development of regimes to withdraw capacity from customers where it is not being used

Does a customer requested change impact on their queue position?

Develop 'best practice' milestones in connection offers

Introduce a time limit to 'build out' once connected

Seek reductions from existing customers using <75% capacity

Investigate use of diversity factor when assessing peak export capacity

Material changes

Construction milestones

Build out timescales

Unused capacity

Diversity

Efficient use of capacity



In our 2016/17 ICE plan we made a commitment to;

- Continue to participate in the actions being driven by the DG-DNO steering group under Ofgem's QMEC work
- We said we would communicate the outcomes to our customers and implement any necessary process or policy changes resulting from these actions



Efficient use of capacity



In October 2016 we added further commitments to;

- Contribute to the ENA best practice guide on fair contract milestones
- Implement standard contract milestones into connection offers
- Implement standard contract milestones to claw back capacity from projects after a maximum build-out period
- Proactively contact all EHV and HV customers utilising less than 75% of their maximum export capability



Implementation of milestones

Feb 2015:
Ofgem Consultation -
Quicker More Effective
Distribution Connections

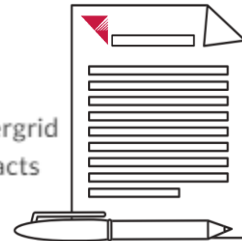
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Dec 2015:
DG-DNO Steering Group
Agree High Level Queue
Management Principles



Sept 2016:
Outputs from ENA
Consultation
Communicated at 3x
DG-DNO Fora Events

Mar 2017:
Northern Powergrid
Amend Contracts



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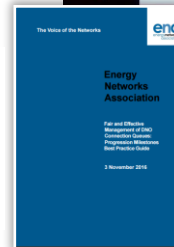
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Apr 2016:
ENA Fair and Effective
Management of
DNO Connection
Queues – Progression
Milestones

Nov 2016:
ENA Best Practice
Guide Published



Nov 2016:
Northern Powergrid
Inform Customers
About Milestone at
Connections Forum



Underutilised capacity



- We contacted 170 customers in total – this included all EHV and HV generators who underutilise capacity at levels $<75\%$
- We had 79 responses
- We recovered an additional 18MW of export capacity in 2016/17
- This exercise continues as business as usual, we will report our success rates back via the DG-DNO Steering Group and Ofgem



Terminated connections offers

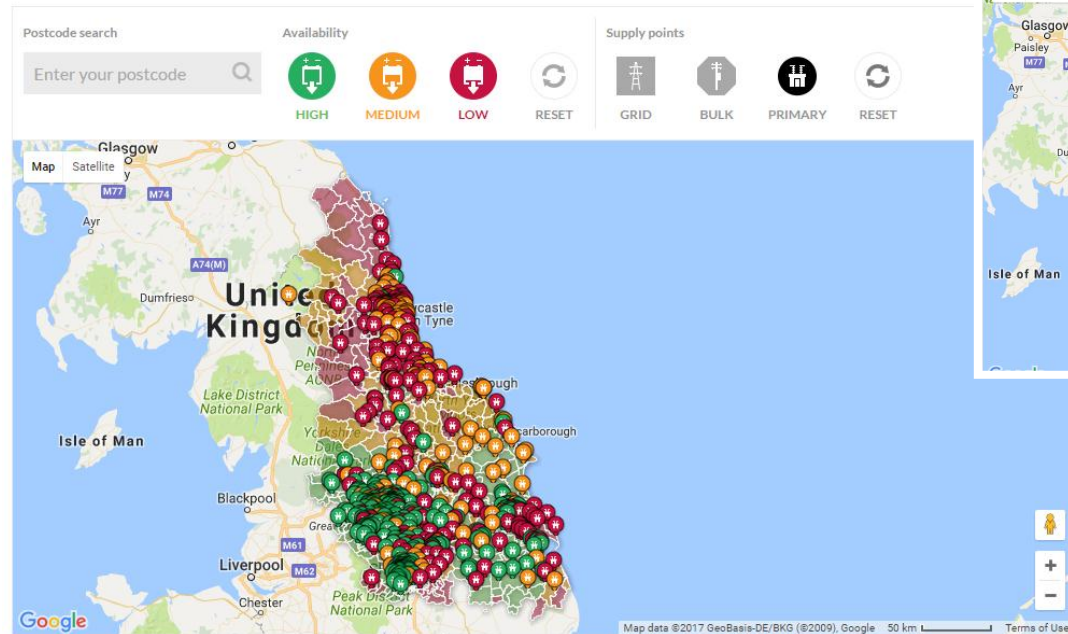


- In the past 24 months, terminated connections offers have released 329MW of distributed generation capacity
- Sizes ranged from 5MW to 49MW
- New milestones should improve the efficiency of this activity

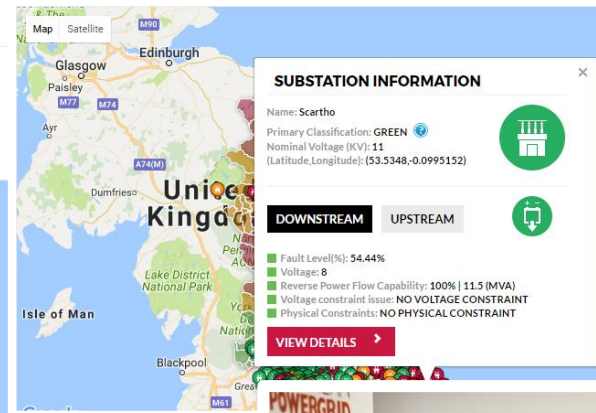


Identifying spare capacity

GENERATION AVAILABILITY MAP



DOWNLOAD HEAT MAP DATA



Distribution System Operator (DSO) Update

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Industry collaboration on TSO/DSO in full flow



Our emerging DSO programme

1. Scoping the future through innovation

- ✓ Exploring appropriate market design and industry architecture to optimise customer and network distributed energy resources
- ✓ Demonstrating micro-grid resilience

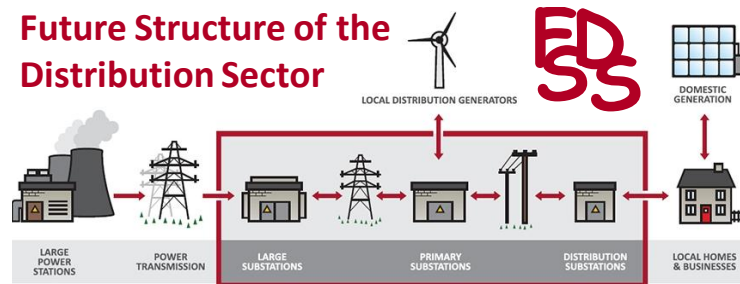
2. Getting on with it

- ✓ Trading grid services using CLNR energy storage
- ✓ Developing forecasting processes
- ✓ Exploring new commercial propositions

3. Building required capability

- ✓ £83m smart grid enablers to become 'DSO ready'

Future Structure of the Distribution Sector



Developing our definition of the DSO role



Northern Powergrid's definition of the potential Distribution System Operator role - Draft for discussion

DSO Definition:

On the assumption that a distribution network operator (DNO) will transition to a distribution system operator (DSO) (i.e. that DSO will be DNO¹). The role and responsibilities described below encompass both longstanding electricity DNO responsibilities as well as newer and potential future responsibilities of a DSO.

The DSO is not necessarily the owner of the network that it operates, for example independent DNOs or private networks connected to the licensed DNO's network.

Role of a DSO

Over and above the role of a DNO, a DSO enables and optimises the use of distributed energy resources² and integrates the actions of users on a distribution network to advance the security, sustainability and affordability of the whole electricity system³.

DSO Responsibilities

These responsibilities include existing DNO responsibilities and new/potential future DSO responsibilities:

- Deliver reliability (i.e. keeping the lights on);
- Provide fair and cost-effective network access;
- Operate the electricity distribution network in an efficient, co-ordinated and economical manner;
- Coordinate work with the System Operator (SO) and Transmission Operator (TO) (and energy system authority) to explore options for addressing capacity needs on the whole electricity system;
- Ensure and enhance whole system security⁴ by supporting the optimisation and resilience of the whole electricity system;
- Operate the electricity distribution system to maintain system balance⁵. This encompasses both managing constraints on the electricity distribution network and also coordinating with the SO who manages system frequency⁶;
- Manage supply and demand as a form of regional aggregator for electricity, ensuring that trade-offs between system balance and supply margin are managed appropriately;
- Provide and maintain a stable physical and ICT platform on which the various parts of the energy system can trade and operate and innovate; and
- Be a major data provider to facilitate new markets, services and innovations by third parties.

¹ Distributed energy resources means distributed generation and demand side response (DSR).

² Other electricity system means transmission, generation, transmission and distribution.

³ Resilient and resilient to existing and future developments of technology, skills, tools, markets, assets, skills, the whole electricity system, demand made in 1987, the Green Deal, existing state of the art, innovation, and 'for Green Deal' innovation.

⁴ In maintaining system balance a DSO would consider ICT and target methods (eg. traditional reinforcement) and flexibility / operational methods (eg. DSR, operational switching storage, smart batteries, etc.) to maintain the use, but also might be able to recover or re-balance the system (eg. to manage demand or DSO operational generation).

⁵ It is assumed that the DSO will be responsible for system frequency, system frequency is system wide not local generation.

⁶ SO is SO in context of section 2.2 of [Electricity System Operator \(ESO\) and Distribution Network Operator \(DNO\) Roles](#)

⁷ Examples of enabling and facilitating innovation by others could include new trading/traditional system for distributed energy (small networks).

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- DNOs have a key role to play providing a stable and secure base for the energy system on which others may compete
- As DNOs become DSOs they become the physical trading platform for energy markets
- Ensuring that the DNOs can play that role effectively is an important part of keeping the lights on
- The owner of a network is best placed to operate it



Workshop Sessions



Workshop discussion topics



1. Our 2017/18 ICE Looking Forward plan
2. What more could Northern Powergrid do to;
 - (a) help you get connected;
 - (b) improve your project's viability
3. What do you consider to be the emerging technologies in connections and what new challenges will they bring?
4. What do we do well and what could we do better?



Workshop Feedback



Closing Remarks

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