



### Welcome to our Flexibility Services newsletter update

We want to provide you with information that's interesting and relevant, so we're interested in your feedback and what you'd like to hear more about.

Email us at flexibility@northernpowergrid.com

### Help shape our strategy for 2024-2026

The team are currently working on the Flexibility Services strategy for 2024-2026. We think it's important that both internal and external stakeholders have opportunities to provide their input and feedback. We'll be hosting a webinar in January and will provide more information in the coming weeks.

### **Our new Flexibility Animation**



We're excited to introduce the animation we've produced to explain the benefits of Flexibility Services. Watch it here

### **Flexibility First**

We've published our Flexibility First Policy, setting out our commitment to using flexibility solutions wherever possible to defer network reinforcement.

The policy demonstrates the principles that sit behind all our flexibility decision making processes, in order to give Flexibility Service Providers and our broader stakeholders confidence that we are promoting fair and open competition and demonstrating decision making transparency.

Read our Flexibility First Policy here.

### **Autumn Tender Survey**

Keep an eye out for our survey that will be landing this month! This will be focused on our Autumn tender and your experience of the Piclo platform, and we would love feedback from all our Flexibility Services Providers.

For any questions or queries contact the team at <a href="mailto:flexibility@northernpowergrid.com">flexibility@northernpowergrid.com</a>

### Piclo: 'Flex your power' webinar series

Piclo are hosting a series of webinars, delivered in partnership with the UK's leading energy trade associations; the Association for Decentralised Energy (ADE), the Renewable Energy Association (REA), RenewableUK and Energy UK.

This series is designed to help both established and new Flexibility Service Providers leverage their assets better and unlock opportunities.

All the webinars have been recorded and are available to watch. In case you missed them, you can catch up on the most recent in the series that focused on Commercial and Industrial and EVs and Storage here.





# Innovation Projects: Artificial Forecasting and Diversified Flexible Queue Management

We've secured £1.1m in funding to advance a number of innovation projects in our region.

Paul Glendinning, Northern Powergrid's Director of Energy Systems, said: "We're pleased to have been successful in securing funding for the second round of SIF Alpha projects, alongside our innovation delivery partners. This funding advances three ambitious innovation projects which will deliver significant benefits for site developers, connections customers and flexibility providers by giving them self-service tools for assessing connections, additional capacity to connect and better forecasts of flexibility needs".

Find out more here

### **Regional Decarbonisation Conference**

Our Distribution System Operation (DSO) team brought together regional leaders and stakeholders to discuss the opportunities and challenges presented by net zero.

Watch our <u>highlights</u> video and hear from our keynote speakers and find out how we're driving forward decarbonisation.



## Webinar: How to participate in Northern Powergrid's Flexibility competitions

Last month, we hosted a webinar with Piclo to explain what's involved in becoming a Flexibility Service Provider. The webinar covered flexibility requirements, platform for competitions, platform for dispatch and a Q&A.

If you missed it, you can watch a recording here

## Introducing our guide for Flexibility Service Providers

We've been working on our engagement activities and thought it was important to have some information to aimed at potential Flexibility Services Providers.

The <u>guide</u> explains what's required to contract with us and how to become a provider.



#### Meet the team

We have a new addition to the team Georgia Wilde who has joined us as the Innovation Project Manager for Community DSO. "For the past few years, the main focus of



my career has been on driving carbon reduction and electrification initiatives from concept, through to project mobilisation and solution implementation, so joining Northern Powergrid as an Innovation Project Manager is a brilliant opportunity for me to be able to continue my contribution to making the UK a 'cleaner' and 'greener' place to be. I'm really looking forward to getting the Community DSO live trials up and running, it'll be great to support local communities with reaching their sustainability ambitions, whilst also being part of a team who will be responsible for making a huge leap along the UK's journey to net zero!"

### Other stakeholder events

Check out upcoming Northern Powergrid events or catch up on past events <a href="here.">here.</a>

