

Response template – Incentive on Connections Engagement July 2016

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2. Which DNO's ICE submission is your response related to (see Annex 2 for DNO map)?	SSE POWER DISTRIBUTION.																																																												
	<p>Please indicate clearly in your response to the questions below whether your comments refer to the DNO's plans as a whole, or to one of the DNO's licence areas.</p> <p>If you wish to provide a response to the ICE submission of more than one DNO, please use a separate template for each DNO.</p>																																																												
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Section 1: Looking Back report 2015-16

We want your views on how well the DNOs have performed over the last year

1. Are you satisfied that the licensee had a comprehensive and robust strategy for engaging with connections stakeholders? Do you consider that the licensee implemented its strategy? If not, are you satisfied that the licensee has provided reasonable and well justified reasons?
SSE has implemented many Stakeholder events.
2. Are you satisfied that the licensee had a comprehensive work plan of activities (with associated delivery dates) to meet the requirements of its connections stakeholders? Do you consider that the licensee delivered its work plan? If not, are you satisfied that the licensee has provided reasonable and well justified reasons?
Delivery dates need to be coordinated with the developer programme.
3. Do you consider that the licensee's work plan provided relevant outputs (eg key performance indicators, targets etc.)? Are you satisfied that the licensee has delivered these outputs? If not, do you view the reasons provided to be reasonable and well justified?
Implementation requires no coordination working with the developer.
4. Do you agree that the licensee's strategy, activities and outputs have taken into account ongoing feedback from a broad and inclusive range of connections stakeholders? If not, has the DNO provided reasonable justification?
I accept that the developer programme to make improvements.

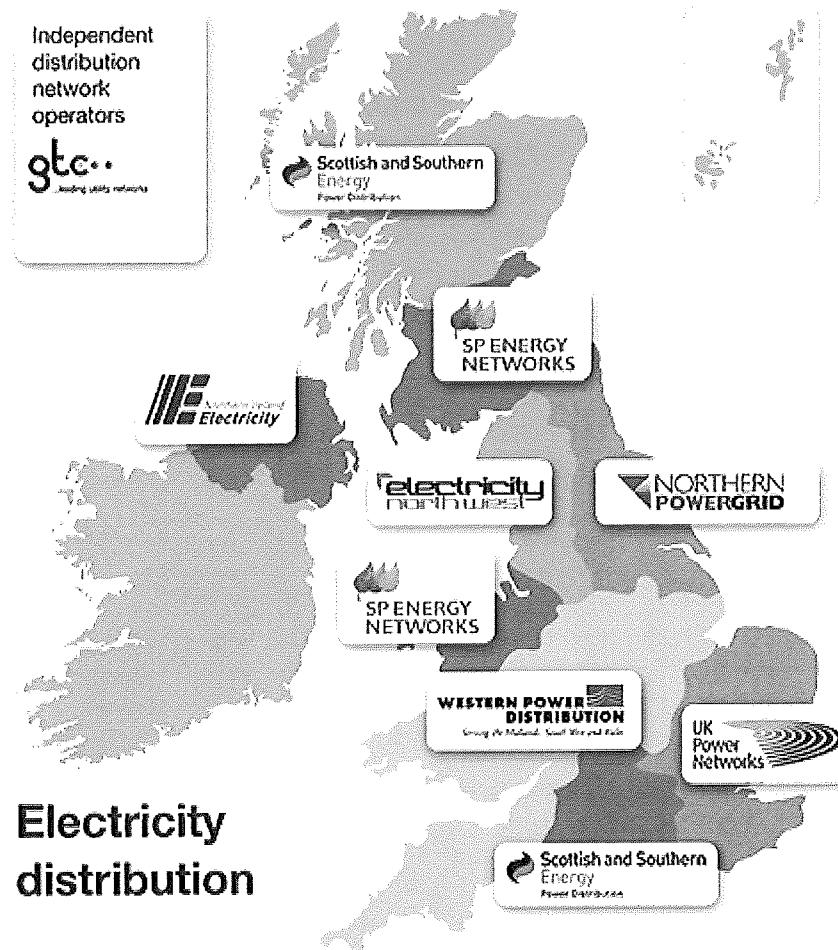
Section 2: Looking Forward plans 2016-17

We want your views on what the DNOs aim to achieve in the coming year

5. Are you satisfied that the licensee has a comprehensive and robust strategy for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate?	<i>YES</i>
6. Do you agree that the licensee has a comprehensive work plan of activities (with associated delivery dates) that will meet the requirements of its connection stakeholders? If not, has the licensee provided reasonable and well-justified reasons? What other activities should the DNOs do?	<i>Delivery programme needs more clarity. Incentives are low.</i>
7. Do you consider that the licensee has set relevant outputs that it will deliver during the regulatory year (eg key performance indicators, targets, etc.)?	<i>Delivery dates need to be coordinated and incentives strengthened.</i>
8. Would you agree that the licensee's proposed strategy, activities and outputs have been informed and endorsed by a broad and inclusive range of connection stakeholders? If they have not been endorsed, has the licensee provided robust evidence that it has pursued this?	<i>A case.</i>
We also want your views on how DNO plans will address issues for new connections in constrained areas	
9. Where flexible connection offers are available, do you consider that the DNO's work plan for 2016-17 sufficiently addresses concerns about the uncertainty of curtailment levels? For example, do their plans ensure that stakeholders have access to the data they require for an investment decision?	<i>Some new wind.</i>
10. Where consortium connections are available, do you consider that the DNO's work plan for 2016-17 reflect	<i>Such as marine infrastructure.</i>

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11. Where consortium connections are available, do you consider that the DNO's work plan for 2016-17 reflect requirements for clear and detailed information about where, how and under what conditions such projects can proceed?	I Agree.
12. Do you consider that the DNO's work plans include appropriate engagement to ensure that network investment plans are well communicated to stakeholders, including when new capacity will become available?	I Agree.
13. Do you consider that the DNOs' plans include appropriate activities to improve, where necessary, the provision of information on constrained areas of the network to provide better data about where connections may be viable?	I Agree. Not a priority at the moment.
14. Are there particular additional activities or outputs which you consider should be included in the work plan of activities to better facilitate grid connections?	

Annex 2 - Map showing DNO licensee areas¹



¹ Image from Electricity Networks Association (ENA)