Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Smart energy networks: innovation, regulation and market competition

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 15th October 2015

Venue: Royal Aeronautical Society, No.4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ

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8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee	WESTMINSTER ENVIRONM TRANSPORT
9.00 - 9.05	Chair's opening remarks Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan	IRANOIORI

9.05 - 9.25 Smart energy networks for Britain - opportunities for new technologies, business models and services

John Scott, Director, Chiltern Power and Member, Energy Policy Panel, Institution of Engineering and Technology Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 - 9.35 "What are the barriers to supply chain innovation and how can they be mitigated?"

Duncan Botting, Managing Director, Global Smart Transformation and Co-Chair, Workstream 9, Department of Energy and Climate Change/Ofgem Smart Grid Forum

9.35 - 10.25 Innovation in networks: Demand-Side Response, energy storage and project funding

As the Energy Systems Catapult begins its work - with the aim of encouraging commercial opportunities for technology-based energy system products - what are the main financial and regulatory challenges that need to be addressed to improve market access? Does more need to be done to encourage greater 'disruptive' innovation and ensure SMEs have the resources to operate and compete in the market alongside proprietary technology providers? What more should be done to establish a flexible energy system on the supply and demand sides of the network and what are the key lessons learnt from schemes such as the 'Low Carbon London' project? With highcost a barrier to the development of large-scale energy storage technologies, what are the policy priorities for cost-reduction and demonstrating the potential of integrating energy storage technologies across the network? What are the priorities for ensuring that available funding, such as from the Horizon 2020 or domestic research programmes, can be best utilised in the development of new technologies?

Dr Kathryn Magnay, Head of Energy Programme, Research Councils UK and Senior Universities Integrators Manager, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Chris Harris, Regulation Director, RWE npower

David Hill, Business Development Director, Open Energi

Gareth Brett, Chief Executive Officer, Highview Power Storage

Questions and comments from the floor with Duncan Botting, Managing Director, Global Smart Transformation and Co-Chair, Workstream 9, Department of Energy and Climate Change/Ofgem Smart Grid Forum

10.25 - 10.50 Next steps for the Energy Systems Catapult

Nick Winser, Chairman, Energy Systems Catapult Questions and comments from the floor

Chair's closing remarks

10.50 - 10.55 Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan

10.55 - 11.20 Coffee

11.20 - 11.25 Chair's opening remarks

Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Intelligent Energy

11.25 - 11.35 Opportunities for future development of the transmission network

Richard Smith, Head of Network Capability, Electricity, National Grid

11.35 - 11.45 'Network interactions with the Smart Energy Code'

Sarah Gratte, Senior Delivery Manager - Smart, Gemserv

11.45 - 12.35 Network priorities: modernisation, carbon-reduction and prospects for industry growth

What future role will DNOs have in the implementation and management of transformative change of the network? In light of a growing number of renewable energy generation projects, what are the key challenges to ensure they can connect seamlessly to the grid? How can a clearer 'direction of travel' for smart energy network policy benefit the industry?

Roger Hey, Future Networks Manager, Western Power Distribution

Dr Graham Pannell, Energy Networks, RES

Jamie McWilliam, Head of Futures, Energy Networks Association

Questions and comments from the floor with Richard Smith, Head of Network Capability, Electricity, National Grid and Sarah Gratte, Senior Delivery Manager - Smart, Gemserv

12.35 - 12.55 Regulatory priorities for smart energy networks

Andrew Burgess, Associate Partner, Transmission and Distribution Policy, Ofgem Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Intelligent Energy Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

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