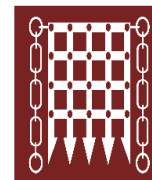


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy and implementation priorities for storage and flexibility in the UK**
Duncan Stone, Deputy Director, Electricity System Flexibility, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Thermal storage and flexibility - opportunities for system efficiency and decarbonisation**
Kevin O'Shea, Thermal Storage Policy Officer, Association for Decentralised Energy
- 9.40 **Priorities for developing demand-side flexibility and distributed storage**
overcoming barriers affecting households, offices and distributed storage participation in flexibility markets | aggregation, market access and incentives | practical considerations for widening participation across different storage models | flexibility market reform | system resilience | Clean Flexibility Roadmap delivery progress
Steven Gough, Head, Flexibility, Elexon
Senior representative, small-scale batteries
Senior representative, community
Senior representative, legal
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Scaling investment and deployment of system-level electricity storage**
implementation of the LDES cap and floor scheme, following the Initial Decision List for Window 1 | lessons emerging from the first application window, including technology neutrality and priorities for future allocation rounds | draft special licence conditions, technical requirements and revenue management | supporting investor confidence and long-term revenue certainty as projects move towards construction and operation | commercialisation pathways for emerging technologies | practical considerations around technology suitability, scalability and resilience | developments in the Capacity Market and Reformed National Pricing | implications of evolving market rules for investment decisions | future arrangements for cross-border electricity trading and wider market participation | supply chain capacity and materials availability
Senior speaker confirmed from **AFRY**
Senior representative, developer
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Planning, connections and system coordination**
implications of the DESNZ-Ofgem open letter and recent consultation on accelerating electricity network connections | approaches to reducing delays in the connections queue | priorities for network build, strategic coordination and balancing with demand | planning and permitting frameworks, including land use and siting considerations | implications of devolution | delivery of the Regional Energy Strategic Plan and Strategic Spatial Energy Plan, including implications for whole-system coordination | workforce capacity and skills for storage deployment and network build | battery safety, speculative development and environmental impacts | lifecycle and decommissioning responsibilities | assessing strategic approaches to community engagement and addressing local concerns
Senior representative, grid
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, batteries
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Regulatory priorities for enabling Long Duration Electricity Storage**
Gordon Hayward-Grant, Deputy Director, Long Duration Electricity Storage, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum