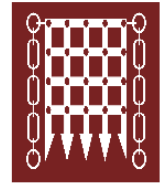


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Next steps for grid infrastructure in Great Britain**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The role of the grid in supporting clean energy, electrification, digitalisation and growth**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic spatial planning and coordination for electricity network development**
Dr Bless Kuri, Director, System Engineering and Investment, SSEN Transmission
- 9.40 **Next steps for the UK electricity network - priorities for planning frameworks, market reform and connections**
the Centralised Strategic Network Plan and coordination with the SSEP and RESPs | implications of TNUoS and connection charging reform for siting decisions, network capacity and consumer affordability | connections queue reform and mitigating delays | readiness criteria, strategic value and fairness | transparency and dispute resolution processes | coordinating connections with network reinforcement, queue reform, and delivery sequencing | managing rising demand for connections, including from large electricity users
Tim Dixon, Lead, Flexible Generation and Storage, Cornwall Insight
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, renewable energy
Senior representative, demand
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Regulatory considerations for delivering grid infrastructure and enabling connections reform**
Akshay Kaul, Director General, Infrastructure, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Delivering RIIO-T3 and the Great Grid Upgrade**
Senior representative, grid
- 11.25 **Priorities for the Electricity Networks Sector Growth Plan**
Senior representative, industry
- 11.35 **Delivering grid infrastructure - planning reform, investment, supply chains and workforce capacity**
implications of updated National Policy Statements for planning and consenting | consistency in CNP consents weighting | local and environmental considerations | delivering RIIO-T3 and the Great Grid Upgrade | the Electricity Networks Sector Growth Plan | support for domestic supply chains and manufacturing capacity | Ofgem Advanced Procurement Mechanism progress and visibility of procurement pipelines | coordination between network investment programmes, supply chains, and government to support delivery
Alex Minhinick, Partner, Burges Salmon
Iain Smith, Senior Director and Head, New Business, Power Transmission and Distribution, Balfour Beatty
Senior representative, skills
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Preparing the grid for future demand - digitalisation, AI and system resilience**
deployment of AI in electricity networks | digital tools for forecasting and system flexibility | use cases for planning and asset monitoring | data governance and interoperability | priorities for the forthcoming Energy Resilience Strategy | preparing for rising demand from data centres and electrification | cyber resilience | managing disruption risks and protecting asset quality | flexibility in system optimisation | skills and capability requirements for digital and AI-enabled network operations
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, resilience
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum