Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for energy system flexibility in Great Britain
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Priorities for *Clean Power 2030* delivery - industrial and consumer flexibility**
Cathy McClay, Commissioner, Flexibility, Clean Power 2030 Advisory Commission; and Managing Director, National Grid DSO
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Scaling consumer-led flexibility - demand-side response, smart assets and consumer engagement**
expanding consumer-led flexibility | implementation of Clean Flexibility Roadmap commitments | smart meter rollout and Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement migration | smart tariffs and time-of-use arrangements | retail innovation and price cap design | smart appliance interoperability and the Smart Secure Electricity Systems programme | data security | aggregation and routes to market for smaller assets | passive flexibility | flexible tariffs for recipients of low-carbon technology support | consumer trust, awareness and advice | equitable access and protections for vulnerable households | reducing upfront costs and managing split incentives | participation beyond early adopters among households, small businesses, and industrial and commercial users | different consumer ability to shift electricity use | export and demand turn-up incentives
Karen Barker, Principal Policy Manager, Citizens Advice
Dr Alastair Martin, Chief Strategy Officer, Flexitricity
James Johnston, CEO, Piclo
Senior representative, supplier
Senior representative, industrial user
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Regulating flexibility markets - governance, consumer protection, digitalisation, smart assets and grid management**
Marzia Zafar, Deputy Director, Digitalisation and Decentralised Energy, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Delivering low-carbon flexibility - market operations, grid planning and net zero**
Becky Hart, Head, Flexibility and Electricity Markets Development, National Energy System Operator

11.15 **System-wide flexibility - storage, security of supply and Capacity Market reform**
short and long-duration storage | interconnectors and progress towards 2030 capacity | flexible generation | low-carbon dispatchable power | hydrogen-to-power business model ahead of primary legislation | minded-to decisions and the LDES cap-and-floor scheme | eligibility and technology definition | requirements for awarded projects to reach final investment decision, construction and connection | supply chain capacity and future application windows | revenue stacking | operational obligations and consumer exposure | Capacity Market changes for Prequalification 2026 | technology neutrality | delivery assurance | interconnector de-rating | treatment of battery storage and demand-side response | emissions limits | skip rates and whether flexible assets are dispatched | security of supply, investment and consumer protection
Andrew Enzor, Head, Regulation, Field Energy
Ben Guest, Managing Director, Energy Transition, Gresham House
Senior speaker confirmed from **SSE Thermal**
Senior representative, interconnector

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

12.00 **Flexibility, market reform, network coordination and strategic planning**
balancing and settlement reform | constraint management | network charging and distribution use of system reform | Reformed National Pricing | implications of the Energy Independence Bill | investment and infrastructure upgrades | grid connections reform and arrangements for large demand users | flexible-demand and storage project viability | smart asset integration and visibility | RIIO-ED3 and the build and flex approach | use of flexibility in distribution network planning and lessons from the current ED2 price-control period | local and national flexibility markets | DSO flexibility procurement | Elexon's Market Facilitator role and coordination across flexibility markets | community energy and storage project viability | strategic siting | locational and temporal pricing signals | role of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan, Centralised Strategic Network Plan and Regional Energy Strategic Plans | treatment of flexibility within future network planning | grid planning and buildout | regional equity | tackling bottlenecks and oversupply
Alex Howard, Head, Flexibility Markets, UK Power Networks
Senior representative, market operator
Senior representative, local planning
Senior representative, infrastructure

12.20 Questions and comments from the floor

12.45 ***Clean Flexibility Roadmap* - next steps for delivery, coordination and measuring progress**
Niall Murphy, Head, Clean Flexibility, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor

13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum