Name and Qualifications (where relevant)

Judith Ward.

Director. Sustainability First.

M.Sc. Energy Resources Management.

Honorary Fellow. Energy Policy Group. University of Exeter.

Fellow. Energy Institute.

Knowledge and Expertise

Sustainability First is leading a major three-year multi-partner project, (LCNF-funded in its first year (2011-12): 'GB Electricity Demand – realising the resource'. The project seeks to evaluate and understand the GB electricity demand-side - its economic potential and other benefits - across all sectors of the economy – including the scope for demand reduction and demand response – and the demand-side role of distributed generation. Customer, consumer, commercial, regulatory and policy issues are a main focus – with a stress on practical solutions - in a 10-15 year time horizon. The project is co-ordinated through a Smart Demand Forum, made up of project partners, colleagues from DECC & Ofgem and four consumer bodies.

Also through Sustainability First, multi-sponsor studies and published papers on commercial, regulatory and policy aspects of household smart meters, smart tariffs and demand response (2006-10).

Worked National Grid 1990 - 2004, including six years as Group Head of Public Affairs. Policy Adviser. UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy. 2005-2012. Invited member. Which? Panel of Energy Experts. 2011-12. Early career. 5 years with the National Electricity Consumers' Council.

Current organisation

Director. Sustainability First. (part-time). www.sustainabilityfirst.org.uk.

Customer-Led Network Revolution LCNF project. Challenge/ knowledge-share role (as required).

Key interests

Work Streams 5 (Lessons learned, knowledge-share) & 6 (commercial, regulatory and policy).

Particular interest in the role of the electricity demand-side – both demand response and electricity demand reduction. A particular focus on the consumer, customer, regulatory, commercial and policy issues over the next 10-15 years - both at a system-wide and at a local distribution network level.