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| Network Innovation Competition 2021 Supplementary Answer form | | |

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| Project Name | EQUINOX | | |
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| Question summary | What is the anticipated ongoing cost for maintaining the WPD portion of the Equinox systems and platforms? Do you expect the Energy Supplier/retailer and Customer costs to be recovered through the flexibility payments? | | |

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## Answer (please retain document formatting and do not exceed 2 pages unless otherwise agreed with Ofgem)

The precise costs of the Flexible Power on costs are not known at this stage but the costs Flexible Power and it’s maintenance are shared across 5 DNO’s to ensure value for money for customers. WPD made the initial investment itself in it’s development and it’s ongoing expected maintenance costs are not expected to increase substantially during it’s evolution. The design is predicated on simplicity and as such we would not expect customers to be negatively impacted by increased development costs. Energy Suppliers costs will of course be either covered via the payments we make to them or through the costs customers pay in their energy prices, we would anticipate. The payment we make to the supplier in effect is for them to distribute accordingly and may well be increased if there are additional “stacked” payments that the customer may have earned.