

EUA response to the Ofgem Consultation on SGN's proposed LTS Futures Project

About us

The Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) provides a leading industry voice helping shape the future policy direction within the sector. Using its wealth of expertise and over 100 years of experience, it acts to further the best interests of its members and the wider community in working towards a sustainable, energy secure and efficient future. EUA has eight organisational divisions - Utility Networks (UN), the Heating and Hotwater Industry Council (HHIC), the Industrial & Commercial Energy Association (ICOM), the Hot Water Association (HWA), the Manufacturers' Association of Radiators and Convectors (MARC), the Gas Vehicle Network (GV Network) the Manufacturers of Equipment for Heat Networks Association (MEHNA) and Energy Services and Technology Association (ESTA)

EUA is a key association that provides a leading industry voice helping to share future policy direction for the future of energy and heat. EUA is made up of a variety of companies operating across the gas network, wider utilities and supply chain and supports members in working towards a sustainable, energy secure and efficient future. EUA are committed to ensuring the gas network plays a critical part in providing at scale decarbonisation of the energy system and ensure climate targets of net zero can be realised. We see the LTS Futures programme assessing the viability for the repurposing and uprating of LTS pipelines and assets as a critical step within the committed pathway to hydrogen transition.

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Response:

Question 1: Do you agree that this project should be approved, and at the value proposed?

EUA agrees that this project should be approved. It is vital that as many live trials of transporting and utilising hydrogen through the grid are run early this decade to allow the government to make a fully informed decision on the future role for hydrogen in 2026. Therefore we strongly support the need for this project to go ahead.

Question 2. Do you agree with our assessment of and additional requirements for SGN's project plan?

EUA agrees with any assessment that will facilitate the approval of this project.

Question 3. Do you agree with our proposals on how we will hold SGN to account for the project deliverables?

EUA agrees with any assessment that will facilitate the approval of this project.

Question 4. Do you have any views on the appropriate funding approach for this project?

EUA agrees with any assessment that will facilitate the approval of this project.

Question 5. Do you agree with our assessment of SGN's proposed level of contribution and treatment of benefits in kind?

EUA agrees with any assessment that will facilitate the approval of this project.