

Standard Special Condition D23. Regional Energy Strategic Plan

Introduction

1. The purpose of this condition is to set out the obligation of the licensee to support the ISOP to meet its obligation under the ISOP's Electricity System Operator Licence and Gas System Planner Licence to develop the RESP Methodology and a RESP for each of the RESP nations and regions.

Part A: Participation

2. The licensee must use its best endeavours and in accordance with the RESP Guidance to:
 - (a) Participate in the development of the RESP Methodology;
 - (b) Subject to paragraph 3:
 - i. Participate in the development of the RESP for the RESP nations and regions for the licensee specified in Appendix 1.
 - ii. Provide appropriate representation on the Strategic Board for the RESP nations and regions for the licensee specified in Appendix 1.
3. On receipt of a request made by the licensee, and where sufficient information is provided by the licensee to justify such a change in accordance with the RESP Guidance, the Authority may direct changes to the level of the licensee's participation in the development of relevant RESPs and representation on relevant Strategic Boards.

Part B: Provision of RESP Information

4. The licensee must use its best endeavours to provide the ISOP with RESP Information, as the ISOP may reasonably request, within a reasonable number of Working Days of receipt of a request from the ISOP, taking account of the complexity, volume and availability of the RESP Information sought.
5. The RESP Information provided under paragraph 4 must be of appropriate quality and format as the ISOP may reasonably request.

Part C: Procedure for issuing and revising the RESP Guidance

6. In satisfying the requirements of this condition the licensee must have due regard to the RESP Guidance.
7. The Authority may issue and amend the RESP Guidance by direction.

8. Before issuing or amending the RESP Guidance, the Authority must publish on its website:
 - (a) the text of the proposed or amended RESP Guidance;
 - (b) the date on which the Authority intends the RESP Guidance or amended RESP Guidance to come into effect; and
 - (c) a period during which representations may be made, which must not be less than 28 days.
9. After issuing or amending the RESP Guidance, the Authority must:
 - (a) Publish the RESP Guidance on the Authority’s website; and
 - (b) ensure that any amendments to the RESP Guidance are promptly incorporated into a consolidated version maintained on the Authority’s website.
10. The steps required to issue or amend the RESP Guidance may be satisfied by action taken before, as well as action taken after, this condition comes into effect.

Part D: Interpretation and Definitions

11. For the purposes of this condition:

Consistent Planning Assumptions	means a single set of assumptions developed by the ISOP which drive coherent derivation of network requirements resulting from the RESP Pathways.
Distribution Services Provider	means any Electricity Distributor in whose Electricity Distribution Licence the requirements of Section B of the standard conditions of that licence have effect (whether in whole or in part).
RESP Information	means such information (other than information subject to legal privilege) to be provided by the licensee to the ISOP which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Relates to the licensee’s Distribution System; (b) Is in the possession or control of the licensee; and (c) the ISOP considers necessary to develop the RESP Methodology or the RESPs.
RESP Pathway	means a component of each RESP which provides a spatially modelled projection of energy demand and supply

over the RESP nations and regions developed by the ISOP in line with the RESP Guidance.

- Nations and Regions Context** means a component of each RESP which provides a long-term view of regional conditions and priorities in the relevant RESP nation or region developed by the ISOP in line with the RESP Guidance.
- Regional Energy Strategic Plan (RESP)** means a whole-system energy plan developed for RESP nations and regions by the ISOP comprised of a Nations and Regions Context, a single 10-year RESP Pathway and multiple longer-term RESP Pathways, a Spatial Context, a Specification of Strategic Investment Need, and Consistent Planning Assumptions. The plural acronym RESPs is used to refer to multiple Regional Energy Strategic Plans.
- RESP Guidance** means the document of that name issued and amended by the Authority from time to time pursuant to condition D23.7.
- RESP Methodology** means the methodology of that name describing how the ISOP will develop RESPs, approved by the Authority and the Secretary of State, in accordance with condition C19 of the ISOP’s Electricity System Operator Licence and condition C13 of the Gas System Planner Licence.
- RESP nations and regions** means a geographic area, listed in Appendix 1 and as described in more detail in the RESP Guidance, for which a RESP is developed.
- Spatial Context** means a component of each RESP which provides a geospatial view of RESP Pathways against network data indicating network capacity requirements over the RESP nations and regions developed by the ISOP in line with the RESP Guidance.

Specification of Strategic Investment Need

means a component of each RESP developed by the ISOP in line with the RESP Guidance which identifies areas of investment need within the RESP nations and regions which are of high economic and/or system value and necessary to the delivery of regional priorities as set out in the Nations and Regions Context.

Strategic Board

means a governance body for the oversight of the delivery and approval of each RESP that involves Distribution Services Providers and relevant holders of a Gas Transporter Licence with Distribution Networks¹; devolved and local governments, and regional cross-sector bodies to provide oversight and steer to the RESP development process and strategic outputs, established by the ISOP in accordance with condition C19 of the ISOPs Electricity System Operator Licence and condition C13 of the Gas System Planner Licence.

¹ as listed in Appendix 1 to Standard Special Condition D23 of the Gas Transporter Licence

APPENDIX [1]
(see Part A of this condition)

A1.1 Great Britain – Relevant RESP nations and regions for each Gas Transporter

RESP nations and regions	<u>Gas Transporter</u>
<u>England</u> Central England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • SGN Southern England • WWU
<u>England</u> East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • SGN Southern England
<u>England</u> East Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent
<u>England</u> Greater London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • SGN Southern England
<u>England</u> North East & Yorkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • NGN • SGN Scotland
<u>England</u> North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • NGN
<u>England</u> South East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGN Southern England • WWU • Cadent
<u>England</u> South West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGN Southern England • WWU
<u>England</u> West Midlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadent • SGN Southern England • WWU
<u>Scotland</u> Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGN Scotland
<u>Wales</u> Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWU • Cadent