

LCN Fund Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Project code:	ENWLT2003	Question Number	9
Question date	1 September 2011	Answer date	6 September 2011
Submission section question relates to	3		
Topic	Project Business Case		
Question	Project cost includes £6.5m spend on hardware and software. Is the majority of this spend attributable to GE and PB? How have you ensured that this is cost competitive?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>The majority of the £6.5M of project costs is the field hardware costs which represent the retrofit installation of remote control actuators to distribution HV switchgear. These devices are key to the application of HV closed rings and therefore central to the C₂C Project. The application of remote control is a common business activity within Electricity North West and as such, the procurement of plant items and installation and commissioning contracts are subject to our normal competitive tendering processes. Prices were most recently re-tendered in January 2010. The costs used within the C₂C Project therefore reflect current framework rates. The field hardware will be procured and installed by Electricity North West; these costs are not attributable to GE or PB.</p> <p>The software costs represent only a minor proportion of the £6.5M project costs. The majority of the software costs relate to the software services which are to be provided by our technology partner, GE. GE were specifically included as their specialised applications, inherent within the PowerOn Fusion software, are not readily available elsewhere. PB Power is not involved in the implementation of the hardware or software for the C₂C Project.</p>		

Attachments	None.
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	None.