



Distributed Generation Forum 2012

Ofgem hosted the first of the three DG Forum events on 22 October 2012 in London.

All presentations from the event can be found listed on the website below.

Notes from the event will be posted following the three events.

09.30	Registration
10.00	Introduction Ofgem - Hannah Nixon, Senior Partner, SG&G: Distribution
	Distribution Network Operators (DNO): Progress over the past year Energy Networks Association (ENA) – Steve Johnson, Chairman UK Power Networks - Basil Scarsella, Chief Executive Officer Electricity North West - Steve Johnson, Chief Executive Northern Powergrid – Phil Jones, President and Chief Executive
	DG Customers: Experiences in getting connected to the network Renewable UK – Zoltan Zavody, Grid Policy Team National Farmers' Union - Dr. Jonathan Scurlock, Chief Adviser, Renewable Energy and Climate Change
11.40	Coffee Break
11.55	Panel discussion and audience Q & A
13.00	Lunch and Networking
13.50 (X2)	National Grid National Grid will outline their role in enabling DG customers to connect to the network. They will also outline the results of a recent modification to the licence conditions regarding user commitment charges for embedded generation. National Grid - Steve Thompson, Future Transmission Networks
	Low carbon and Innovative Solutions The Low Carbon Network Fund has successfully identified a number of innovative solutions to enabling connections to smarter grids. This session will look at a number of these specific projects and will include how the DNOs share the learning from them and how these initiatives could become business as usual to meet the objectives of reducing the lead time and cost for connection. Electricity North West– Simon Brooke UK Power Networks – Sotiris Georgiopoulos Northern Powergrid – Stuart Brown
	Application process Following last year's DG Forum events, the DNOs agreed to identify ways to improve the application and connections process. This session will outline how the application process works including improvements that have been made. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions regarding the application process in general and what further improvements could be made. UK Power Networks – Stephen Bradley
	Charging Last year's events highlighted the need for DNOs to provide more transparency in charging to allow the DG customer to understand the differences in figures quoted and role of carrying out reinforcement works. DNOs were also asked to clearly signpost competitive alternatives. This session will allow Ofgem to outline the principles that apply to charging for connections. Ofgem – James Veaney, Head of Distribution Policy
15.20	Tea break
15.35	Round up and next steps Ofgem – James Veaney, Head of Distribution Policy
16.00	Close