

LCN Fund Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Project code:	SSET205	Question Number	SSES021
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Topic	Knowledge Dissemination.		
Question	Could EA Technology clarify the basis on which DNOs will have access to the Esprit technology, including licensing fees and discount arrangements (given that the technology will be trialled through the LCN Fund, which distribution customers fund)?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p><u>Access to the Esprit Technology</u></p> <p>Throughout the duration of the I2EV project, two streams of IP will be developed in relation to the Esprit Technology. It should be noted at this stage that the invention, research and development of the Esprit Technology to date has been undertaken by EA Technology, at our own expense without technical input or funding from the LCN Fund. As such, all IP relating to the Esprit Technology, generated before the I2EV project starts is wholly owned, and will continue to be owned, by EA Technology.</p> <p>The two streams of learning, and hence IP, related to the Esprit Technology are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Applicability: The relevant foreground IP relating to the use of the Esprit (or equivalent) Technology on the UK network, including perceived and actual impacts to end consumers, operation of connected devices such as EVs and Heat-Pumps, and data transmission problems on specific local networks will be provided to all project partners, the LCNF and GB Licence Holders in line with the default LCNF IP Terms. This is due to the LCNF funding all elements mentioned above as part of the I2EV Project and hence owning the relevant Foreground IP. 2. Technical Development: The IP relating to further research, development and technical improvements to the Technology will be undertaken, (as is underway at present), by EA Technology, at our own cost. As such, IP generated in relation 		

	<p>to the technical improvements (eg development of algorithms to improve efficiencies) will not be made available beyond the limited 'non-exclusive licence' to the relevant background IPR to other participants (reference SSES004).</p> <p>In summary, the learning results following the addition of Esprit (or equivalent) technology to the network will be disseminated to all parties, but the internal workings of the Esprit Technology, how it operates both now, and following any future improvements, will remain the IP of EA Technology.</p> <p><u>Licensing Fees & Purchasing Discounts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is too early to make commercial judgements on pricing policy decisions. • Esprit Technology is being trialled under LCNF just as many other technologies are being trialled in other LCNF projects. • Customer money is for the network trial not development.
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	