

Response template for NIC and NIA informal governance consultation

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No.	Electricity or Gas and NIC or NIA	Chapter Name	Page/Paragraph Ref	Comments	Suggested alternative drafting
1	Gas NIA	2 Collaboration & Project Partner Awareness	2.4 Point 2	Is this paragraph necessary as networks are interested in the ideas companies have and how they can support the industry	A function which enables potential partners to record their name, contact details and brief summary of their <i>idea, proposal or service</i>
2	Gas NIA	2 Collaboration & Project Partner Awareness	2.11	This paragraph is essentially duplicating paragraph 2.7	Suggest removing
3	Gas NIA	2 Collaboration & Project Partner Awareness	2.12	Adds very little in terms of requirements	Consider incorporating in Para 2.7
4	Gas NIA	3 Network Innovation Allowance Projects	3.3	Projects often carry over a number of years particularly those at the lower TRL levels. This could result in little incentive to start early TRL level projects after 2018, without some clarity of likelihood of being completed.	Ofgem will review and discuss options for early TRL level will take place in 2018
5	Gas NIA	3 Network Innovation Allowance Projects	3.6 Point 1	"will have a Direct Impact on the Pipe Line System." This appears to be very specific on pipelines and apparatus. The network business is very much broader especially in the low carbon arena and customer benefits	Suggest: "will have direct benefits on the Networks performance and clear customer benefits"
6	Gas NIA	3 Network Innovation Allowance Projects	3.30	A Licensee can still register a NIA Project even if it does not expect to incur any Allowable NIA Project Expenditure. In doing so, it will still be eligible to receive Allowable NIA Expenditure if the outturn costs and benefits are different from expectation.	Can Ofgem give a example or thoughts behind this para for clarity
7	Gas NIC	7 Funding Direction	7.3	Ofgem will usually issue the Funding Direction to each Network Licensee once a year, to allow sufficient time for the impact of NIC funding to be reflected in [NTS/DN Charges] from 1 April of the following year.	Ofgem will issue the Funding Directive by 31 st October. This will align to the timetable we have for setting our charges.