LCN Fund Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Question	How will you build sufficient confidence in the network model tool to ensure that it is (a) adopted and maintained by other DNOs and (b) integrated with other accepted planning tools?		
Notes on question			
Answer	We recognise that early involvement of stakeholders is key to getting sign on and the necessary confidence in our project work and the final model. The development of the Network Investment Tool will utilise existing experiences from a range of existing projects that have carried out or are carrying out network analysis and modelling. We recognise that the following LCNF projects have elements that will be used to inform this tool: New Thames Valley Vision (SEPD); LV Network Templates (WPD); Project Falcon (WPD); Low Carbon London (UK Power Network); CLASS (Customer Load Active System Services, Electricity Northwest). The SAVE project team will engage with the teams involved in the above projects and research to gain further insight, avoid duplication and ensure the Network Investment Tool builds on previous learning. The project team will liaise with SEPD planners and key staff from other DNOs to ensure that queries, concerns and recommendations are shared and considered within the overall design of the tool. To ensure ease of implementation into Business As Usual, the tool will have a structured design methodology and training workshops will be held, allowing DNOs to gain an understanding of the learning achieved and how to apply it in practice we feel this is key to ensuring confidence in the tool. Successful use of the tool to address network challenges in Business As Usual scenarios will give the confidence to maintain the tool with data on		

	new technologies, processes and customers. Previous experience in LCNF and other similar projects has demonstrated that involving stakeholders early in order to incorporate their needs is more likely to result in acceptance of new approaches. As detailed in the Knowledge Dissemination section of the SAVE Full Bid Submission we intend to disseminate learning through relevant academic and industry conferences. Small, focussed workshop series targeted to academics, e.g. recent TVV Clustering Workshops, and industry specialists have proved a useful means of knowledge exchange which builds networks across stakeholder groups and promotes ongoing dialogue. We intend to use the experience gained in the NTVV to utilise these methods further. Practical training of industry participants is also recognised as core part of the dissemination and integration plan. Effective training ensures that the audience will simultaneously gain an understanding of the learning achieved and how to apply it in practice. We will use outputs from our NTVV project's training development to inform a selection of training methods to embed SAVE project outputs. Through the process the SAVE project will be incorporating previous learning from multiple projects and then designing a clear route to pushing out the learning from the project to the wider DNO community and beyond.
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	