

# *Network Innovation Competition Full Submission*

## *Supplementary Answer Form*

Tick if this answer is Confidential: ☐

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Project code:	NGETEN01	Question Number	6
Question date	20/08/13	Answer date	22/08/13
Submission section question relates to	MSB - Full Submission Pro-forma – Section 4.4, Page 19		
Topic	Innovation and Risk		
Question	<p>In section 4.4 it is stated that "Process, safety rules and operational procedures related to substation installation, maintenance, replacement and operation are based on international standards and best practice. These are limiting factors in the effective use and deployment of temporary bays. This project will be the first of its kind to develop the alternative processes and documents and will require the risks from such changes to be thoroughly assessed". Do you envisage getting agreement to the changes being part of the project? If so do you foresee any problems in getting agreement to such changes? Please indicate the nature of such difficulties and how you intend to prevent them from disrupting the project timetable (where relevant).</p>		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>This answer should be read in conjunction with the response to Q5 submitted on 19/08/13.</p> <p>National Grid will internally approve any new or policy change before it can be implemented into business as usual. There are a series of processes to manage the introduction of new technology and other policy change related activities which this project will follow. Changes to any existing National Grid specification or procedure, or where a new one is developed, require approval through an internal governance process which will determine the voracity of the proposal. This is evaluated using a whole life value framework which incorporates a risk management process and cost benefit process to ensure it remains within legislative requirements. Subject to this being agreed the new or revised concept can then be implemented through the usual business channels.</p> <p>In the event of any suggested changes or more likely deviation from IEC specifications, National Grid will communicate and inform the community via the CIGRE and IEC channels, however change or approval will be outside of</p>		

	this project scope and timeframe.
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants )	