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# Visualisation of Real Time System Dynamics using Enhanced Monitoring (VISOR)

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# Project Progress Report July 2014 – December 2014

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## **Executive Summary**

ScottishPower Transmission Ltd (SPTL), supported by other transmission licensees and the academic partner, made a full proposal submission for Visualisation of Real Time System Dynamics with Enhanced Monitoring (VISOR), under the Network Innovation Competition (NIC) mechanism in 2013, the first year of RIIO-T1 transmission price review period. Ofgem (the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets) approved the proposal and issued the Project Direction on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2013, which forms part of the electricity transmission license as per the Special Condition 3I.

This report covers the second six months of the project delivery (July - Dec 2014). It fulfils the Project Reporting obligation for SPTL as the funding licensee.

#### **Project Highlights**

The project delivery so far is in line with the original proposal regarding project programme, resources, budget, risk management, intellectual property rights (IPR) and knowledge sharing. The project has made significant achievements by the following activities:

- ✓ Concluded the full procurement activity and contracted Alstom Grid as the supplier (led through Edinburgh-based Psymetrix an Alstom Company): 31-July -2014
- ✓ Total 4xVISOR servers (including one VISOR Data Hub for GBSO) have been procured & received: 14-Nov-2014.
- ✓ SP & NG server hardware has been installed
- ✓ VISOR server software Psymetrix PhasorPoint FAT (factory acceptance test) completed and Training delivered: 14-16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014
- ✓ Total 10x WMUs ("Waveform Measurement Units" or 'SSO outstation devices') for detection of Sub-Synchronous Oscillations (SSO) have been manufactured and received by each TO partner: 6-Nov-2014
- ✓ FAT (factory acceptance test) and technical evaluation were completed: 28-Nov-2014
- ✓ SSO outstation device installation onto SPT network: 15-December-2014
- ✓ Further outstation device installations scheduled for NG on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Over this reporting period, VISOR has met three more specific conditions outlined in the Successful Delivery Reward Criteria (SDRC):

9.1.1 in the Project Direction: by making the SSO Outstation Device qualification report available in December

9.6.1in the Project Direction: Establish an online portal and keep up to date throughout project (WP5.2, Sept 2014)

9.6.1 in the Project Direction: Presentations and show-casing at the annual innovation conferences (WP 5.4, Dec 2014)

#### Project Risks

The most significant project management risk during this reporting period was commitment, coordination and communication between each project partner. This risk was identified in the

original proposal, and covers the potential inconsistent understanding of the project scope, level of commitment and the potential difference in the internal governances among partner organisations. This risk is still obvious and can be referenced in every stage of the development over the past twelve months: the latest evidence is the installation of servers and outstation devices. Both National Grid and ScottishPower have installed the server, and identified appropriate network outages to install SSO outstation devices onto their transmission network before the commissioning of the Series Compensation reinforcement. SHE Transmission are planning to install the WAMS server in February 2015, approximately eight weeks behind NG TO and SO and SHE Transmission's infrastructure requirements, physical location and data sources have been agreed. Such an imbalance of delivery pace poses the risk of meeting one specific SDRC:

# Visualisation of data in SPT, NGET, SHE Transmission including real-time and historic (WP 4A, Dec 2015)

In that case, pro-active engagement activities have been planned including a dedicated meeting with an individual organisation on 18-December. The Project Manager will continue to monitor this risk and update the Project Steering Committee regularly.

The most challenging technical risk over the past six months has been the development and production of a fit for purpose device for monitoring Sub-Synchronous Oscillations. This device, the Waveform Measurement Unit (WMU) is to cover the wide range of frequency (4 Hz to 46 Hz), production of such a device requires expertise in power system as well as information communication technology. This device has been provided by Reason, an Alstom Grid company based in Brazil due to technical consideration. Such an approach came with risks including different industrial standards and potential delays in shipping. Mitigation measures were put in place by Alstom Grid and the project team to ensure that project milestones would not have been comprised even under those scenarios. Those measures included an early shipment of one sample device and the advancement/adjustment of project programme. All the 10 WMUs arrived in the UK on 6-November, and the factory acceptance test was completed on 28-November; such a timely and satisfactory result safeguarding future delivery could not have been achieved without the vision and strong support from Psymetrix, Alstom Grid.

In addition, there are risks in the interfaces between project partners and the same supplier, as this will involve different legal and commercial approaches by individual organisations. The details of Risk Management including Technical Risk and Project Management Risk can be found in a dedicated section on page 13.

#### Summary of Learning Outcomes

From the technical view point, the past six months witnessed most significant activity, where VLF (very low frequency) and SSO application specifications were approved and the outstation device and Server Software FATs were completed. Those specification documents would inform the industry and help plan the future roll out.

The first deployment of WMUs on the GB transmission network has been completed at transmission substations of Eccles (within SPT area). National Grid is planning to install WMUs at Hutton within January 2015. The key risks will be the timescale of completed deployment of the all monitoring devices and the successful data transfer. Important technical learning in device, network modelling

and information communication technology are ongoing within such a complicated project. Such learning forms part of the VISOR contribution to the industry.

Regarding project management, the key learning is to ensure that all risks can be identified in the early stage with clear ownership and specific mitigation measures. The mitigation actions for these risks should be built into the project plan and tracked like any other project milestone. The evolving nature and the interactions between technical and management challenges require regular review (weekly rather than monthly) over the past six months.

The knowledge sharing and effective engagement with stakeholders can be found in our presentation at the Low Carbon Network Innovation Conference in Aberdeen in October 2014.

## **Project Manager's Report**

This report covers VISOR project the key activities, milestones, risks and knowledge learned over the past six months (July-December, 2014).

VISOR is on course for a satisfactory delivery over this reporting period regarding the project programme over the past six months. The most significant achievement during this reporting period is:

✓ First SSO outstation device installation onto GB network: December-2014

To achieve such a milestone, the following key pre condition elements had been completed:

- ✓ Concluded the full procurement activity and contracted Alstom Grid as the supplier: 31-July -2014
- Total ten SSO outstation devices have been manufactured and received by each TO partner: 6-Nov-2014
- ✓ 200 Hz IEEE C37.118 Stream Processing specification approved
- ✓ SSO outstation device FAT (factory acceptance test) and technical evaluation were completed: 28-Nov-2014
- ✓ SSO outstation device Training delivered: 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014

Other achievements include:

- ✓ Total four VISOR servers (including one VISOR Data Hub for GBSO) have been procured and received 14-Nov-2014
- ✓ VISOR server software Psymetrix PhasorPoint FAT (factory acceptance test) completed and Training delivered: 14-16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014
- ✓ Very Low Frequency (VLF) Oscillation Management Application specification approved
- ✓ Sub-Synchronous Oscillation (SSO) Management Application specification approved

In addition to the positive technical contributions named above, two elements set out in SDRC were completed, including a dedicated online portal for VISOR and the active participation of Low Carbon Innovation Conference in Aberdeen. Both were associated with knowledge sharing and knowledge transfer (as explained in the later SDRC section).

Application Specification:

#### VLF (Very Low Frequency) Oscillation Management

Common mode oscillations usually have a frequency under 0.16Hz. These oscillations can be seen in the grid frequency across the whole system with approximately the same amplitude and phase.

The Very Low Frequency (VLF) application analyses PMU measurements in order to provide realtime alarming on, and also identify sources of, common mode oscillations in the range 0.002 – 0.16Hz. From this information, the user can identify a course of action to resolve the issue, either as a short-term operational response by generation re-dispatch, or by longer-term governor tuning.

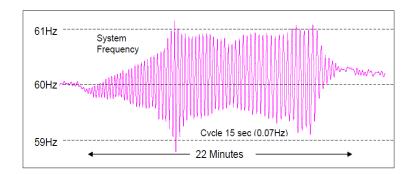


Figure 1. Sample of VLF at South American Transmission Network (Psymetrix/Alstom Grid)

Source location is done in two steps:

1. Voltage angle measurements are used to find the substation or region which is the closest to the main sources of oscillations. The minimum requirement for this step is a small number of PMUs covering the main regions of the network.

2. Power measurements are used to differentiate between buses which are very close, or to differentiate between generators connected to the same bus.

The second step is optional and is only done if power measurements are available at the location identified by the first step. This can be particularly useful in governor and system tests.

#### **Specifications to Enable the Detection of Sub-Synchronous Oscillations**

Conventional WAMS (Wide Area Monitoring Systems) use phasor data to provide visibility of the fast dynamic behaviour of the power system which allows for more precise and faster system stability analysis and detection of developing problems before they become a failure.

A traditional Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU)-based WAMS utilises phasor data at 50Hz to provide visibility of dynamic behaviour up to 4-10 Hz. The SSO Outstations deployed as part of VISOR provide waveform samples at 200Hz. This extends visibility of dynamic behaviour up to 46Hz, facilitating the detection of Sub-Synchronous Oscillations. By the end of 2014, the following specifications to enable the detection of SSO have been approved:

Enhancement Specification:200Hz IEEE C37.118 stream processingApplication Specification:Sub-Synchronous Oscillations

#### 200Hz IEEE C37.118 Stream Processing

It should be noted that as this data contains waveform samples rather than phasors (magnitude & angle), its usefulness in other WAMS applications such as live data charts, alarms and other displays is minimal. Hence, the functionality focuses on:

- Receiving the data via IEEE C37.118-2005
- Forwarding the data to other PDCs via IEEE C37.118-2005
- Storing the data
- Retrieving the data for historical review
- Debugging e.g. connection, data quality, or data availability issues

#### **SSO Outstation Device Production, Shipment and FAT**

The supply contract with Alstom Grid-Psymetrix completed negotiation by the end of July. This left four months for the manufacture of the Waveform Measurement Units (WMUs) and development of the required firmware enhancements. This activity was performed by Reason, an Alstom Grid company based in Brazil. Project partners worked closely with Psymetrix & Reason to ensure the risks associated with the production, shipping and deployment could be captured and mitigated. The measures included the mapping exercise of industrial standards this device needed to satisfy so that it could be accepted to be installed onto GB transmission network. Original project plan designed three shipments, which was combined into one cohort to reduce the shipping time.

Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT) is an effective measure to reveal potential technical issues. FAT procedures had been prepared for this newly developed device and approved by the Project Delivery Team (PDT) prior to FAT being carried out in Edinburgh. FAT covered a relevant subset of the WMU functionality, in particular the streaming of 200Hz data. The FAT involved replaying waveform signals through the SSO Outstation and recording the output of the SSO Outstation, and included:

Tests to validate the frequency response bandwidth that was proposed

- 50Hz waveform with a modulated amplitude, with selected modulating frequencies in the range 1 to 46Hz
- 50Hz waveform with an added frequency component with selected frequencies in the range 1 to 200Hz
- > Tests to prove rejection of higher frequency harmonics

The FAT set-up included a single SSO outstation, waveform generation facilities e.g. an Omicron Test Set, and means to observe data output via the IEEE C37.118 protocol.

Project partners witnessed and approved the SSO outstation FAT on 28-November, with no major or critical issues having been observed.

#### **Waveform Measurement Unit and Server Installation**

A total of ten "Waveform Measurement Units" (WMUs - SSO outstation devices) have been procured under VISOR. Apart from the one unit sent to the University of Manchester to facilitate hardware-in-the loop test (which will monitor the enduring performances of the unit with simulated network signals), all other nine devices would have been installed onto the GB transmission network by the end of 2015. The proposed locations can be found in Table 1.

#	VISOR Partner	Locations (circuits) -Proposed	Status
4	Scottish Power	Eccles (Stella West 2) Torness (Eccles 2) Hunterston (Inverkip 2, to be Strathaven) Coylton (Auchencrosh)	Completed Completed Others tbc
2	National Grid	Hutton 1 & 2	Scheduled 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015
2	Scottish Hydro Electric	Peterhead, Blackhillock	Tbc
1	University of	Manchester	Received by University of

	Manchester		Manchester 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
1	Spare	To be confirmed during course of project.	Ready to be shipped to appropriate VISOR Partner.

Table 1. Proposed WMU outstation device locations and status

Those outstation devices will then transfer the data to a local data centre (installed at each TO control centre) before going to a national VISOR hub (installed at the GBSO control centre).

#	Description	Responsible VISOR Partner	Location	Status	
1	Data Centre	Scottish Power	Kirkintilloch	Hardware installation complete. Networking and VPN estimated Jan 2015	
1	Data Centre	Scottish Hydro Electric	Perth	Server procured & received. Estimate installation Feb-Mar 2015	
1	Data Centre	National Grid (TO)	Wokingham	Hardware installation complete. Networking and VPN estimated Jan	
1	Data Hub	National Grid (SO)	Wokingham	2015	
1	Study Platform <b>Software only</b>	University of Manchester	Manchester	University of Manchester server procurement under way	

Table 2. Location & status of VISOR data centres

#### Knowledge Sharing and Stakeholder Engagement

The VISOR Team has a strong commitment in knowledge sharing and effective stakeholder engagement. This is to ensure that VISOR can adopt the latest technology advancements, share the lessons learned by/with other stakeholders, facilitate new entry to the market and disseminate the key learning captured along the VISOR delivery.

The following are meeting/events that the project team have organised or been part of during the reporting period:

- CIGRE: Biannual meeting, August, Paris; where Douglas Wilson, Chief Scientist at Alstom Grid-Psymetrix presented the technical findings of SSO outstation device (200Hz specifications) to a dedicated working group
- Interactions and engagement with OFTO and Offshore Renewable Developers 11<sup>th</sup> September, Glasgow
- Hub Net Engagement, Manchester, 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct
- Low Carbon Network Innovation Conference, Aberdeen, 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct
- Engagement with EPRI, Cumbernauld, Scotland, 4<sup>th</sup> November, where software development information was exchanged
- Top Tail Engagement, Southampton, 17-18<sup>th</sup> Nov

#### **Outlook to the Next Reporting Period**

The project has been focused on the software enhancement specifications and hardware development over the past six months and will hopefully complete the hardware installation (including outstation devices, data hubs and communication links) within the coming six months. Those WMUs in SPT and NGET area should have been commissioned before the series compensation commissioning (currently scheduled for completion summer 2015) so that network performance can be baselined by using data captured from the current network configuration. This performance baseline will be delivered as part of a System Behaviour Report & workshop to be provided in early 2015.

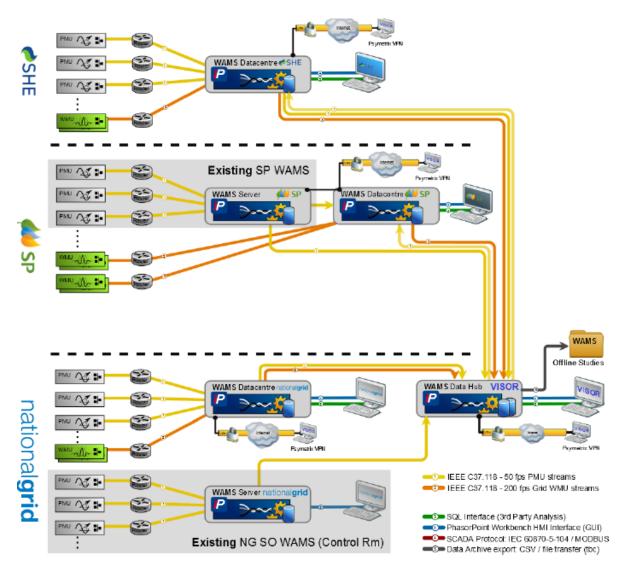


Figure 2. VISOR Infrastructure Configuration

IT and communication experts from the GBSO are working on the communication infrastructure between three TO and the GBSO. Those WMUs, data hubs and the communications associated form the VISOR supporting infrastructure, which would capture, transfer and store the data from the transmission network. It should be noted that there are both technical risks and project management risks associated with this task in that:

- 1. The outstation device and data hub need to pass the site acceptance test at system level before formally commissioning;
- 2. The installation resources are limited and the appropriate network outage needs to be coordinated- it is possible that some of the sites named in Table 1 might change subject to the availability of those conditions.

It is envisaged that enhanced functions can then be installed, updated and loaded to the data hub remotely. In that case, there is one specific delivery over the next reporting period set out in SDRC:

#### 9.3.1

Report on PMU based line parameter estimation and variability (WP 2.1, March 2015)

This period will see further engagement activities with stakeholders and knowledge sharing, namely:

- Interactions with other NIC projects following the latest Ofgem decision, Jan 2015
- ENTSO-E Horizon 2020 Proposal Contribution, March 2015

## **Consistency with full submission**

Twelve months into the project delivery, VISOR has been consistent with the original full submission with regards to resources allocation, project management and project programme.

It has been recognised that there was one month delay in completing the procurement activity: the procurement contract was not finalised until the end of July while the original project programme within the full submission estimated the end of June. This was due to the complexity of interface between individual project partners with a single supplier.

Such a delay could have knock on effects in the project delivery. However, this risk was mitigated by effective communications between the project team and the supplier. The project team informed the preferable supplier in May and dedicated legal and procurement resources were allocated to safeguard the legal agreement conclusion. Psymetrix, Alstom Grid recognised the importance of this project. They made necessary arrangements of resources allocation and technical development so that the delay was minimised and the overall project programme is still on course.

These consistencies demonstrate the level of detail of the original submission, robust project management currently in place and set a solid foundation for the future delivery.

### **Risk Management**

In the case of VISOR, the complicated technical nature and multiple interfaces between TO/SO, project partners and suppliers present as the most significant challenges. The VISOR Project Delivery Team has taken a proactive approach of reviewing the risk register regularly (on the monthly PDT meeting), allocating clear ownership of each risk, and putting in place appropriate mitigation measures. In addition, there is a mechanism within the project management team to highlight and act on any new risks in a timely and efficient manner.

For Project Delivery, involvement and corresponding interfaces between each project partner and suppliers are critical to the success of the project. Dedicated project managers have been appointed within each organisation to coordinate the project delivery resources. The risk should also take into account the interfaces and governance within each organisation.

One way of capturing the risks is to group them in the different categories. The following details the key risks identified and addressed in the past six months.

#### **Project Management Risks**

The original full proposal highlighted the resources risk and proposed an interim team as an effective mitigation measure. The previous six months witnessed the setup of an enduring project management structure.

While National Grid completed the recruitment exercise in the previous six months, both SHE-Transmission and SPT have been under resourced during this reporting period. Mikel Urizarbarrina Cristobal joined the SPT as Project Engineer in September, 2014. Preferable candidate has also been identified for the Project Manager role at SPT. However, the candidate could not formally take over the role until 2015. The difficulty in the recruitment is associated with the specific requirements and technical competent level of the role.

#### **Technical Risks**

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Significant risks are associated with the development of this SSO Outstation device, for example the soundness of this 200Hz specification. There are other alternative frequencies suggested during the suppliers engagement stage. The early engagement and evaluation from the project team supported the conclusion that 200Hz is a balanced choice.

The next technical challenge will be the site acceptance test (SAT) to confirm software and hardware can working well at system level in the actual field environment.

## Successful Delivery Reward Criteria (SDRC)

The Successful Delivery Reward Criteria set out in the Project Direction links with the Project Milestone and the identified targets directly. This SDRC can be used to check the progress of the project delivery and position the progress against the original proposal.

One element of SDRC associated with this reporting period, based on the target dates, is

#### 9.1.1. SSO Device qualification report (WP 4C, Dec 2014)

This criteria is used to measure whether VISOR can develop a novel product which will fulfil the planned technical requirements in time. The targeted date is linked with existing project plan for series compensation reinforcement (which is summer, 2015) so that the device can be ready to capture the existing network data and baseline the performance. To enable this delivery, quite a few elements have to be completed including:

- Hardware Development: the device which can capture the data (waveform) in a much higher frequency
- Hardware/Software Interface: Software development to be able to accommodate the data captured and provide enhanced frequency coverage.

In addition to the developments named above, factory acceptance test has to be completed on the SSO outstation device. This element was met after TO partners approved the FAT and the SSO qualification report was issued on 04-December.

Two more elements in the SDRC have been met during this reporting period, both of which are associated with knowledge sharing:

9.6.1. Establish an online portal and keep up to date throughout project (WP 5.2, Sep 2014) A dedicated website has been set up to raise the awareness of the project and to facilitate effective knowledge sharing in a transparent and timely manner. The website is: <u>http://visor-project.org.uk/index.html</u>

This website is the communication window with any interested party and managed by the University of Manchester on behalf of the Project Delivery Team. Any information published on the website will have been approved by the PDT members.

9.6.1.Presentations and show-casing at the annual innovation conferences (WP 5.4, Dec 2014) The project delivery team participated the Low Carbon Network Innovation in Aberdeen. VISOR informed the conference by presentation and a poster, both of which were well received by participants from the industry.

The coming six months will hopefully see the transition from hardware development to software (enhanced functions) development where the supporting infrastructure including outstation devices, data hub and communication (WAN) are completed and tested at system level.

The following element from the SDRC reflects this logic and expectation:

9.1.1. Baseline and comparator report for SSO behaviour (WP 1, March 2015)

9.1.1. Visualisation of multiple SSO information sources at data centre (WP 1A, prior to the commissioning of series compensation reinforcement)

#### & 9.3.1.

Report on PMU based line parameter estimation and variability (WP 2.1, March 2015)

Both elements in 9.1.1 demonstrated the expectation that the at least part of the supporting infrastructure of VISOR is in place before March 2015. It further requires that the major part of VISOR hardware system should have been tested, approved and functioning before the summer of 2015.

The element of 9.3.1 is the first milestone of enhanced software function. It marks the fact that the VISOR project will enter into a challenging software development stage from March, 2015.

## **Learning Outcome**

Following the Authority formal approval in December 2013, VISOR made good progresses regarding project partner collaboration agreement, project management and governance establishment, procurement and knowledge sharing. There are challenges and risks (as detailed in the section above and the Risk Register in Appendix 2) along the development, and lessons are derived from every aspect.

#### **Project Management**

VISOR identified the project partners in the full proposal development based on the technical nature and the integrated transmission network. This has also been confirmed as part of the project approval. The project partners are:

- SPTL (Funding Licensee)
- NGET (as both the TO and GBSO)
- SHE-Transmission (TO)
- The University of Manchester

From August, 2014, Psymetrix Alstom Grid joined the Project Delivery Team as the supplier. Monthly PDT meeting is a forum to review, discuss and coordinate the project. Each company might have their own project programme and priority. It has been decided that there would be only one project programme clearing labelling all the milestones and key dates.

VISOR project was designed to be a collaborative proposal among the transmission licensees to maximise the benefits of network innovation. However the different paces of development among project partners remain one of the challenges for project management.

While this risk has been recognised in both the risk registration and project programme (by building in sufficient contingency), extra attention and efforts are useful to understand the problem and hopefully can address the challenges in a positive manner. If one project partner has difficulty in attending the delivery meetings, VISOR project manager takes initiative and should make regular visits to ensure the regular information exchange.

#### **Technical Learning**

The ambitious engineering target set in VISOR requires innovative and coordinated approach. From the hardware development perspective, the initial tendering procedure during the proposal stage (back in 2013 and Feb 2014) introduced the topic to the market. The project team was informed the potential suppliers and identified the data acquisition frequency range. Detailed functional specifications were included in the contract.

The specifications post contract award have been governed by a robust technical review procedure. By the end of 2014, the following specifications to enable the detection of SSO have been approved:

Enhancement Specification:200Hz IEEE C37.118 stream processingApplication Specification:Sub-Synchronous Oscillations

Communication infrastructure between outstation device and the local data hub (within each TO) and between the TOs (including GBSO) is the key enabler of the VISOR demonstration. The Wide Area

Network for the communication between the SPT Hub, the SHE Hub and the VISOR Data Hub will be supported by National Grid through its share of the NIC funding.

To support the data transfer rate between the SPT, and SHE T WAMS and the NG WAMS Data Hub, there will be a 2Mbps non redundant MPLS link between NG and each of the Scottish TOs. This should provide the bandwidth required to support the needs of the project.

An IPSec tunnel over the internet was initially considered, but it has been concluded that this would not be reliable enough or support sufficient bandwidth to guarantee reliable data transfer. OPTEL services have also been considered for this project, but don't currently support connections. Therefore the project intends to use Verizon as the WAN supplier between Wokingham and Kirkintilloch, and Inveralmond House.

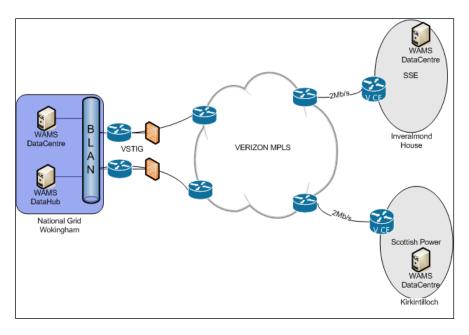


Figure 3 Inter Hub WAM (Nick Hird: National Grid)

	Activities	Lessons Learned
		Market dilligence; Detailed Specifications;
		Robust Review/Approval procedure;
Technical Aspects	Development of a new outstation device	documentation system
		Detailed Testing procedure; Clear success
	Outstation Device FAT	criteria
		Design optioneering; early engagement; data
	Communication Infrastructure	security considerations
		Effective Communication: Face-Face meeting,
Project Management	Imbalanced Development among Project Partners	Dedicated Visits; Escalating Route
		Early engagement with recruitment agency;
	Constraints of Resources	Effective communications with stakeholders
	Project Programme, Key Milestone	Single point of Project Programme with clear
	Review/updates	milestones and dates

Table 3 List of Key Learnings over the reporting period

# **Business Case Update**

N/A

#### **Bank Account**

In line with Section 8 of the NIC Governance Document, a dedicated bank account was made available by SPTL to act as the Project Bank Account. Upon receipt of Funding Direction from the Authority, NGET (as the GBSO) will make equal monthly transfers, for the entirety of the Regulatory Year commencing 1 April 2014 such that the total amount transferred over the Regulatory Year commencing 1 April 2014 equals the net amount set out in Table 2 in the Funding Direction. The enclosed bank statement confirms the compliance with this requirement.

As the Project Collaboration agreement was confirmed at the end of May 2014, the project spending is still at its early stage. It can be confirmed that the expenditure of each organisation is in line with the original plan.

The official bank statement can be seen at: Appendix 3

## Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Confidential

Knowledge transfer is one of the key aims of the NIC. The benefits of a project are maximised by the ability of other Network Licensees to learn from the project. In recognition of this, VISOR complies with the Ofgem default position regarding the IPR ownership. It is also part of the strategy (and made clear in the supplier's agreement) that the supplier can only own the IPR which they independently create.

# Other

N/A

## **Accuracy Assurance Statement**

I therefore confirm that processes in place and steps taken to prepare the PPR are sufficiently robust and that the information provided is accurate and complete.

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# Appendix 1Outstation Device Qualification Report

# Appendix 2 Project Risk Register

## Appendix 3Bank Account Statement (Confidential)

In line with the funding direction, a dedicated bank account was set to receive Ofgem NIC funding, as well as the financial contribution from SPT as the funding licensee. NGET, in its capacity as GBSO, is to credit the funding on monthly basis until April, 2015 according to NIC funding direction.

The following bank statement demonstrated the funding received by 30-Nov-2014.