

Extending Competition in Transmission Industry Group – Terms of Reference

Purpose of the group

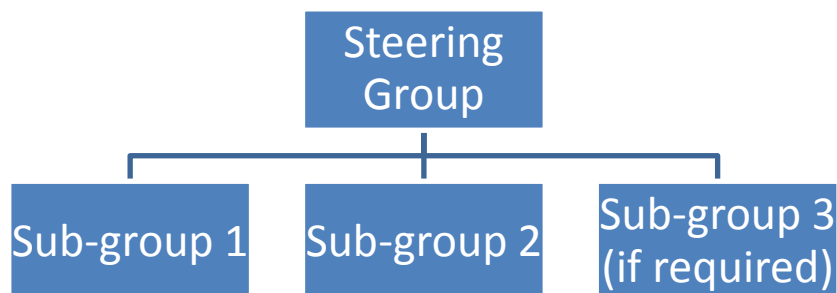
The Extending Competition in Transmission (ECIT) Industry Group brings together key stakeholders in electricity networks to support and inform Government and Ofgem in introducing competitive tendering for onshore transmission assets.

Objective

Provide guidance on the overall direction and focus for the introduction of competitive tendering onshore, including critically evaluating Government's/Ofgem's proposals, identifying potential barriers to meeting the Government's/Ofgem's objectives, and proposing possible solutions.

Structure

The Industry Group will be formed of a steering group and one or more sub-groups.



The steering group

The steering group will meet on an as-needed basis, as appropriate to the programme delivery (anticipated to be every 4-6 weeks).

The steering group will decide on the focus of work for the Industry Group. Ofgem and Government will inform the steering group of their ongoing work and steering group members may suggest policy areas for the Industry Group's forward work plan. The steering group will set the key deliverables for the sub-groups and their timescales.

It will consider the findings of the sub-groups and will be responsible for agreeing the presentation of those findings.

The Chair and Secretariat functions of the steering group will be discharged by Ofgem.

There is an open-door policy for membership to allow for extension of membership as necessary (subject to agreement by the steering group), but bearing in mind that;

- There is a core membership at these meetings
- There should be attendance at each meeting with the intention of contributing to the specific agenda items being discussed.

Core Membership:

Ofgem

Energy Networks Association

Department of Energy and Climate Change

National Grid Electricity Transmission (SO ~~& TO~~ functions)

[National Grid Electricity Transmission – TO function](#)

Scottish Power Transmission

Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission

Transmission Investment

Diamond Transmission Corporation

Scottish Government

Distribution Network Operator representative ([currently undertaken by the ENA\)on a rotating basis every 3 months](#))

Balfour Beatty

Generator community representative

Potential CATO bidder (John Laing initially; then on a rotating basis every 3 months)

ECIT sub-groups

Sub-groups will be formed to work on specific projects coming out of the steering group meetings.

Sub-groups have the general purpose of analysing policy questions and making recommendations related to the ECIT project.

Sub-groups will provide regular updates to the steering group.

Once the project has been completed, the sub-group may disband, or may focus on another project.

Sub-groups should agree their schedule of meetings within timescales set by the steering group for the deliverable.

Scope, deliverables, membership, Chair and Secretariat for these groups will be agreed at the steering group

Membership should support the particular work of a sub-group. Therefore representatives may be drawn on accordingly to provide experience, expertise, oversight and context.

Publication of the Industry Group's work

The results of the ECIT Industry Group's activities will be disseminated to the wider community of relevant stakeholders via the Ofgem website.

Minutes of the steering group will also be published on the Ofgem website.

Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed every 6 months, or as requested by members.

Quorum

The quorum is reached when the following members are present:

- Ofgem
- [System Operator – National Grid Electricity Transmission](#)
- One onshore Transmission Owner - National Grid Electricity Transmission, Scottish Power Transmission or Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission
- One Offshore Transmission Owner company – Transmission Investment, Diamond Transmission Corporation or Balfour Beatty.