

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME



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for energy consumers

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – PART 1 SUBMISSION ENTRY FORM

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THE RULES:

1. Refer to the accompanying guidance notes for your Stakeholder Engagement Incentive Scheme.
 2. Fill out this entry form and attach it to your overview of evidence. The overview of evidence and all supplementary information should be referenced to this entry form.
 3. Entry form should not exceed four A4 pages in total. Overview of evidence should not exceed ten A4 pages.
- Complete applications must be received at Ofgem by **no later than 5pm on the final Friday in May, the year following the regulatory year in question**. They should be sent to Victoria.low@ofgem.gov.uk electronically, with 6 hard copies sent to: **Victoria Low, Ofgem, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS																				
Please provide supporting evidence and high level overview of how your company has met the minimum requirements set out below:	Evidence submitted within application (ie, evaluation, assurance report, survey, etc.)	Overview of your arguments demonstrating compliance with requirement. Clearly signpost as to additional relevant evidence/information within submission																		
<p>The network company has a comprehensive and up to date stakeholder engagement strategy, which sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- how the network company keeps stakeholders informed about relevant issues, business activities, decision-making and other developments;- how the network company enables timely input and feedback from stakeholders via appropriate mechanisms to inform decision making.	<table><tr><th>Part One: Page</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Introduction</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Strategy Engagement Strategy</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Framework</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>RIIO2 engagement</td></tr><tr><td>3/4</td><td>Power of Partnerships</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Governance</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Stakeholder priorities</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Topic-specific/stakeholder-specific engagement</td></tr></table>	Part One: Page	Section	1	Introduction	2	Strategy Engagement Strategy	2	Framework	3	RIIO2 engagement	3/4	Power of Partnerships	4	Governance	8	Stakeholder priorities	8	Topic-specific/stakeholder-specific engagement	<p>Stakeholder engagement strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder engagement strategy clearly aligns to our business strategy and priorities and values, with stakeholders feedback supporting our delivery programme• Evolving and reviewed annually for continued relevance• Annual delivery programme revised so is on track to deliver short, medium and long-term goals• Enhanced engagement activities to help shape and hone RIIO2 Business Plan• Stakeholder team again benefiting from increased resources <p>Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder Engagement Standard AA1000SES used as a guiding framework, and engagement principles based on AA1000APS and guide engagement• Strategy and delivery programme scrutinised by stakeholders <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing strategic partnerships and building on existing form key focus of engagement strategy, with strong partnership management in place• Provide access to hard to reach stakeholders and customers for
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		<p>engagement and support service delivery (eg Care & Repair, Citizens Advice, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB))</p> <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong governance process, directed from the top, with engagement responsibility embedded throughout the business • Governance structure ensures a clear line of sight to aid colleagues' engagement • Headlines channels and frequency and highlights strategy, co-ordination and delivery responsibilities • Business as usual engagement fed into relevant steering group to ensure consideration by the business • Two new steering groups this year, review quality and effectiveness of engagement programmes (Social Obligations Steering Group and Future of Energy Steering Group) <p>Stakeholder priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders annually rank our business areas in their priority order, results and delivery programmes scrutinised by our Critical Friends Panel <p>Topic specific and stakeholder-specific engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We use multiple channels to engage with our stakeholders, including business as usual data such as customer survey responses, social media contacts and face to face meetings • Stakeholders are engaged with in relation to the topics in which they are interested – alternative gas/vulnerability and in relation to stakeholder type – eg future
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		<div>bill payers workshop sessions</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual regional workshop programme and Critical Friend Panel sessions (twice yearly and adhoc contact)										
A broad and inclusive range of stakeholders have been engaged.	<table><tr><th>Part One: Page</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Engagement Tools and Techniques</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Case Study – Political engagement</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Building a Culture of Engagement</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Part One: Page	Section	5	Engagement Tools and Techniques	8	Case Study – Political engagement	6	Building a Culture of Engagement			<div>Engagement Tools and Techniques</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder mapping ensures effective identification of stakeholders, agendas and relevant engagement channels• Stakeholders themselves scrutinise relevance, appropriateness and breadth of our stakeholder identification – ranging from domestic customers to major gas users, highways authorities and power stations• New stakeholder engagement management system, Darzin, securely records engagement feedback, assigning actions to colleagues and follow up notifications• Partnerships aid access to hard to reach stakeholders – eg FSB• Engagement progressed with shippers – and to be continued collaboratively with other GDNs• Political engagement programme underway with expert support <div>Culture of Engagement</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleague stakeholder engagement toolkit rolled out and day after reports• Colleague facilitator training workshops started• Colleagues support community events to engage face-to-face with stakeholders• Chief Executive run colleague stakeholder engagement focused roadshows,
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		including GD2 conference with three engagement sessions								
The network company has used variety of appropriate mechanisms to inform and engage their stakeholders – these have been tailored to meet the needs of various stakeholder groups, and are fit for purpose in allowing a detailed analysis of a breadth of stakeholder perspectives	<table><tr><th>Part One: Page</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Stakeholder groups and engagement channels table</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Engagement channels</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Evaluationg and measuring engagement</td></tr></table>	Part One: Page	Section	7	Stakeholder groups and engagement channels table	8	Engagement channels	9	Evaluationg and measuring engagement	<p>Stakeholder engagement channels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Engagement channels are tailored appropriately to stakeholder groups - stakeholder groups and engagement channels table shows examplesOur annual formal engagement programme is in addition to business as usual engagement, customer feedback via customer app, general correspondence and social media <p>Engagement channels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Face-to-face with customers and other stakeholders via our work in communities, meetings, partnership meetingsVia partners – surveys to reach hard to reach customers and stakeholders via Care & Repair and FSB (see Part Two)Newsletters – e-newsletters and publications to CFP members, politicians and other stakeholders signed up to our databaseStickyworld online platformWebinars to reach stakeholders conveniently and reduce travelSurveys – for stakeholders we know wellCollaborative with other GDNs – to reach national stakeholders and avoid duplication of effortEnhanced, strategic social media programmes – targeting specific stakeholders with bespoke designed materials eg recruitment information, CO advice and Codebreakers engagement
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		<p>(see Part Two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference presenting (see Part Two)• Best practice sharing events (see Part Two)• Consumer engagement and consultation programme for RII02 (Part One, Page 3) <p>Evaluating and Measuring Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independently produced engagement reports from our CFP, regional and topic-specific workshops for evaluation in the business (at director level and then cascaded) and reporting back to stakeholders on our plans, programmes and progress• Post engagement surveys – future of energy webinar – 100% of attendees said they understood our role in that area																		
The network company can demonstrate it is acting on input / feedback from stakeholders.	<table><tr><th>Part One: Page</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Benefits/outcomes table</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Accreditations and Independent Evaluation</td></tr><tr><th>Part Two: Page</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Driving outstanding service</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Demanding safety always</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Provide a reliable supply and promote sustainability</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Delivering value for money</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Designing our future</td></tr></table>	Part One: Page	Section	10	Benefits/outcomes table	9	Accreditations and Independent Evaluation	Part Two: Page		1	Driving outstanding service	4	Demanding safety always	6	Provide a reliable supply and promote sustainability	8	Delivering value for money	9	Designing our future	<p>Benefits/outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our table of engagement activity across our business priority areas provides examples of what we have done as a result of stakeholder feedback and the benefits/outcomes this is providing for the business and stakeholders <p>Accreditations and independent Evaluation</p> <p>Stakeholders told us we should benchmark ourselves outside our industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institute of Customer Service – distinction• BS 18477 Inclusive Service Provision – first GDN to gain standard and only for whole business accreditation• Investors in People – Silver Award at first attempt, now re-accredited• IGEM – Company of the Year 2017/18
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		<p>Acting on stakeholder feedback</p> <p>Part Two of our submission details the results of our stakeholder engagement and how we have used feedback to influence and shape our business plans, to provide stakeholder and customer benefits and positive outcomes.</p> <p>Driving outstanding service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships deliver PSR referrals, 559% up on last year • FSB partnership enables access to 25,000 SMEs across our area – hard to reach stakeholders, and many are customers • Community Energy Champions trial saves people in fuel poverty an average of £386 per home • New Customer Support Officers improve customer communication, queries and complaints down 35% and 20%, respectively <p>Demanding safety always</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of Codebreakers – animated films seen 300,000 times • RoSPA 5th Gold Award – GDN record • Load shedding success as a result of engaging with major gas users • Gas emergency protocol improved due to increased engagement with 40 resilience forums <p>Provide a reliable supply and promote sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2050 Energy Pathfinder demonstrates effectiveness and cost of any energy scenario • Green Gas team increases biomethane
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		<p>connection capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longterm development plans improved by better understanding gas use of major consumers <p>Delivering value for money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement timescales improved • Best GDN performance for recouping money lost through theft of gas • Time and travel costs saved through Microsoft hub use <p>Designing our future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid heating project Freedom impresses BEIS and National Energy Action with a lower cost route to decarbonise home heating • Skills prioritisation with Energy & Utility Skills removing barriers to apprenticeship entry • Innovation projects improving performance and reducing costs and disruption through collaboration with acamedia, smart meter innovation, new sealant trials, and gas main content 'ultrasound' project.
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