

Response template – Incentive on Connections Engagement

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1. What is the name of your company?	Quintas Energy																																				
2. Is your response confidential? Please explain which parts and why. For a fair process, we prefer the DNOs to be able to respond to any comments made, particularly if they are negative. So please consider carefully before marking any part of your response confidential.'	Not confidential																																				
3. Which DNO's ICE submission is your response related to? If you wish to provide a response to the ICE submission of more than one DNO group, please use a separate template for each group.	SP Energy Networks																																				
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Section 1: Looking Back report 2018/19

We want your views on how well the DNOs have engaged with connections stakeholders over the last regulatory year

1. How many of the DNO's stakeholder engagement events have you been invited to this year? (This can include engagement outside official events.) Please tick a box.	none	1	2	3	4	5	6	>6
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2. How many DNO Stakeholder events have you been to? This can also include meetings outside of official engagement events. Please tick a box.	none	1	2	3	4	5	6	>6
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3. Tell us about how the DNO engaged with you: a) What did the DNO do? b) How did the DNO do it? c) Did the DNO have a robust engagement strategy?	Although the number of sites is small to analyse the engagement strategy of SPEN with PV generators, it can be confirmed SPEN has weekly communications regarding network constraints efficient generators. If there are no upcoming constraints, we are nonetheless sent an email stating this, which is appreciated to manage communications efficiently. Other than being sent grid disconnection notifications, SPEN does not engage with us other than replying to our queries. Anyway, their level of involvement and quick response is very appreciated.							
The DNO's work plan								
4. <i>Objectives:</i> Have you seen the DNOs work plans and the objectives they outline? a) Does it take into consideration your needs? If so, how? b) If it doesn't please explain why.	<p>- SPEN engages with us on a weekly basis regarding network constraints affecting PV generators. That has not the most comfortable view to understand – usually it looks like a usual email with texted report, sometimes there is a file attached - in this case it is a bit more useful. By the way there is not so much information in that file – in general, it is an excel document with the name of Site, start date, end date.</p> <p>- Positive thing – they send as well “no outage” notifications - the information that is good to know.</p> <p>- Other than being sent network constraint notifications, SPEN does not engage with us other than replying to our queries.</p>							

5. <i>Actions:</i> Do you think the DNO has delivered its work plan? a) How has the DNO done this? b) If you do not think the DNO has delivered its work plan, please explain why.	Network constraints and work plan are notified via the Weekly Email Notifications. Work plan does not provide much detail apart from the constraint start and end date and the reason for the constraint. Additional details on the works performed would be useful to better understand how reasonable the constraint is.			
6. <i>Outputs:</i> Were the outputs (KPIs, targets etc) in the DNO's work plan appropriate? Did the DNO meet these outputs? Please explain why.	The main output is the actual vs planned duration of the network constraint. Actual constraint duration is usually shorter than planned. It might be the case that additional time is planned for constraints to ensure actual works are fixed in the planned constraint duration.			
Your feedback on the DNOs stakeholder engagement performance				
7. Do you think the DNO's strategy, activities and outputs have taken into account ongoing feedback from a broad and inclusive range of connections stakeholders?	Due to the small number of PV generators within SPEN area, we did not have much opportunity to provide feedback on SPEN engagement with generators. However, there are some points that need improvement and on which we would like to discuss with SPEN: - Consistent communication of planned and unplanned constraints. Further details on the constraint reasons. - More consistent categorisation and communication of reasons for the constraints. - Communication about options to minimise the effects of generation constraints. - Communication of information about SPEN network security and areas with more faults. - Network alterations to minimise constraints for specific PV sites.			
8. How satisfied are you with the DNO's overall engagement performance?	very unsatisfied	not satisfied	satisfied	very satisfied
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9. General feedback – please provide any further feedback on the DNO’s 2018/19 engagement performance not covered in your responses above.	Satisfied
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Section 2: Looking Forward plans 2019/20

We want your views on what the DNO aims to achieve in the coming year

10. Are you satisfied that the DNO has a comprehensive and robust strategy for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate?	We have been provided with looking forward plans for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate.
11. Do you agree that the DNO has a comprehensive work plan of activities (with associated delivery dates) that will meet the requirements of its connection stakeholders? If not, has the DNO provided reasonable and well-justified reasons? What other activities should the DNO do?	We have been provided with looking forward plans for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate.

12. Do you consider that the DNO has set relevant outputs that it will deliver during the regulatory year (eg key performance indicators, targets, etc.)?	We have not been provided with a list of relevant outputs that will be delivered during the regulatory year. We would expect SPEN to provide some key performance indicators showing their performance with respect to PV generators. They should be related to network constraints and their effect on PV generators.
13. Would you agree that the DNO's proposed strategy, activities and outputs have been informed and endorsed by a broad and inclusive range of connection stakeholders? If not, has the DNO provided robust evidence that it has pursued this engagement?	We have been provided with looking forward plans for engaging with connection stakeholders and facilitating joint discussions where appropriate.

Annex 1 - Consultation on the Incentive of Connections Engagement (ICE)

- 1.1. We would like to hear the views of interested parties in relation to any of the issues set out in our open consultation letter.
- 1.2. The questions we have asked are directly linked to the minimum criteria set out in the ICE guidance document. You can find this on our website.
- 1.3. If you have any questions on this document, please contact:

ICE Team
Ofgem, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, E14 4PU
0207 901 7000
Connections@Ofgem.gov.uk
- 1.4. **Responses should be sent by e-mail by 22 July 2019 to the address above.**

- 1.5. Unless marked confidential, all responses will be published by placing them in Ofgem's library and on its website www.ofgem.gov.uk. Respondents may request that their response is kept confidential. Ofgem shall respect this request, subject to any obligations to disclose information, for example, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
- 1.6. Respondents who wish to have their responses kept confidential should clearly mark the document/s to that effect and include clear reasons for confidentiality. Respondents are asked to put any confidential material in the appendices to their responses.
- 1.7. Next steps: We will consider the responses to this consultation and these will be used alongside other evidence for our assessment of the ICE plans.
- 1.8. Each of the questions asked by this consultation is set out in the template above.
- 1.9. Please ensure that you **indicate the DNO or specific licence area** to which your experiences relate. You can refer to annex 2 for a map of the DNO's licence areas. Please note, Northern Ireland is not subject to this consultation.
- 1.10. When considering your responses to these questions, please consider your experiences, the actions that the DNO has undertaken or committed to undertake, and the actions that you consider it could reasonably undertake.
- 1.11. Please make sure you highlight which year a specific event happened in. The regulatory year runs from 1 April to 31 March.**

Annex 2 – DNO's Licence Areas Map and List



ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS

- Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks
 - SP Energy Networks
 - Electricity North West
 - Northern Powergrid
 - UK Power Networks
 - Western Power Distribution
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	Distribution network owner	Distribution network operator
1.	Electricity North West Limited	Electricity North West Limited
2.	Northern Powergrid	Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited
		Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc
3.	Western Power Distribution	Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc
		Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc
		Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc
		Western Power Distribution (South West)
4.	UK Power Networks	London Power Networks plc
		South Eastern Power Networks
		Eastern Power Networks plc
5.	SP Energy Networks	SP Distribution plc
		SP Manweb plc
6.	Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks	Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc
		Southern Electric Power Distribution plc