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| **Draft Determination Publication** | |
| **Network Queries** | |
| **Network Reference number** | NGN \_DDQ\_50 |
| **Licence** | Northern Gas Networks |
| **Topic/Activity:** | Net Zero |
| **Question:** | In the Core document, the Net Zero Advisory Group (NZAG) is described as follows:  *“A group set up but by Ofgem that is intended to strengthen strategic coordination among key government departments and public sector organisations involved in the energy system transition, including around the heat, power, and transport sectors.”*  Will there be an opportunity for networks to participate in or present at NZAG discussions/meetings?  Given one of the focuses of the NZAG is to discuss, *“any areas where Ofgem actions and policies may be counter to the achievement of net zero targets”*, when will the first NZAG meeting be held? (Prior to gas distribution businesses’ final determinations?) |
| **Confidential** | No |
| **DDQ raised by** | Ashley Muldrew |
| **Date query raised** | 14/08/2020 |
| **Expected response date** | 21/08/2020 |
| **Ofgem Response:**  The terms of reference for the Net Zero Advisory Group (which are now available on Ofgem’s website here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/08/terms_of_reference_-_net_zero_advisory_group_0.pdf>) state that there is scope to invite external participants to meetings of the Group but it will be for the Group to decide where it thinks that is appropriate. The Group had its first meeting in June and agreed that it would meet on a six-monthly basis. Minutes of this first meeting are also available on the Ofgem website here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/net-zero-advisory-group-minutes-june-2020> | |
| **Attachments:** | |