

RIO-ED2 Decarbonisation and the Environment Working Group: session 8

From: RIO-ED

Date: 27 August 2020

Time: 13:00-16:30

Location: Teleconference

1. Present

Judith Ward, Sustainability First
 Sam Hughes, Citizens Advice
 Alison Scott, ENWL
 Jill Russell, WPD
 Gill Renwick, SPEN
 Phil Spiby, UKPN
 Ross Thompson, UKPN
 Michelle Chalmers, SSE
 Shirley Robertson, SSE
 Jim Cardwell, NPg
 Mark Norman, UKPN
 Steven Rymill, ENWL
 John Parsons, Beama
 Catalina Rozo, Zenobe

2. Approach to working group post-SSMC

2.1. Ofgem set out expectations and proposed running of the working group over September and October.

3. Overview of environmental framework proposals in the SSMC

3.1. Ofgem provided an overview of environmental framework proposals in the SSMC.

3.2. SPEN queried the terms annual environmental report (AER) and environmental impact report (EIR), which are both used in the SSMC. Ofgem explained the terms have been used interchangeably in the consultation, but that to align with other RIO sectors, the term AER will be used in all future documents.

3.3. ENWL, referring to the draft business plan guidance, asked for Ofgem to be clear about when, and how many, engineering justification papers (EJPs) will be needed in the business plans. Ofgem clarified that the EAP should bring together in one place the

relevant EJPs that DNOs will have completed as part of putting their business plans together, rather than asking for additional EJPs.

- 3.4. Sustainability First noted that it would be useful to see how the ED environmental framework proposals are the same as or different to other RIIO sectors. Ofgem agreed to circulate a note setting out key differences, as well as a summary of the environmental proposals that have provisionally been accepted in the recent draft determinations publication.

4. Priority areas for the SSMD

- 4.1. SPEN noted that an area to add to the list of priorities should be PCBs and that more clarity is needed on Ofgem's approach to PCBs including on the reporting of asset removal. Ofgem took an action to discuss with the Cost Assessment Working Group and to bring back an update to the next DEWG.
- 4.2. Ofgem set out proposed approach to refining EAP proposals, and assigned DNOs to coordinate actions and bring back findings to next WG.
- 4.3. Ofgem explained that questions to be answered and brought back to the group are on slide 9. Ofgem clarified that at this stage we want to understand from the group whether the proposed baseline standards in the SSMC are appropriate, or whether there are issues that need to be addressed/resolved. For the final two questions on cost implications, Ofgem clarified we are not looking for exact figures at this stage, and that we are more looking for the order of magnitude of likely costs. It is important to get a feel for whether activities DNOs will likely undertake in RIIO-ED2 can be achieved through baseline allowances. Ofgem agreed to provide more detailed clarification of expectations in a separate note.
- 4.4. Sustainability First noted that more thought needs to be given to ED2 arrangements for losses, including how a RIIO-ED2 losses appraisal could work most effectively.

5. ENA SF6 position paper (SSE)

5.1. SSE provided summary of ENA's SF6 position paper. All group members to provide feedback to SSE on ENA SF6 position paper.

5.2. Ofgem asked for clarity on the ENA's future milestones and timelines, and asked SSE to arrange a meeting to discuss and understand how the ENA's recommendations can be translated into actions and fed into the RIIO-ED2 process. SSE agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss.

6. AOB and next steps

6.1. Date of next meeting will be 17 September 2020.

6.2. All material for WG needs to be provided to Ofgem by 11 September 2020.

7. Table of actions

Action	Assigned to	Due
1. EAP Ofgem to circulate a note setting out key differences between ET2 and proposed ED2 EAPs, including differences in the functioning of the BPI. Provide summary of the environmental proposals that have provisionally been accepted in the recent draft determinations publication.	Ofgem	ASAP (by 3 Sep 2020)
2. EAP EAP actions to be completed for next working group - Ofgem to provide more detailed clarification of expectations in a separate note.	Ofgem	ASAP (by 3 Sep 2020)
3. EAP EAP actions (explained in detail in separate note)	All, coordinated by assigned DNOs	Provided to Ofgem by 11 Sep, for

		presentation 17 Sep
4. EAP Provide learnings from Ofgem assessment of EAPs in other sectors.		For presentation at future WG (provisional date 17 Sep 2020)
5. PCBs Discuss approach to PCBs with the Cost Assessment Working Group and to bring update to the next DEWG	Ofgem	To provide an update at next WG 17 Sep 2020
6. Misc. Provide Environment Committee dates, and any other relevant meeting dates and milestones to Ofgem.	All (WPD re Environment Committee)	4 Sep 2020
7. SF6 Provide feedback to SSE (David Nankivell and Shirley Robertson) on ENA SF6 position paper.	All	4 Sep 2020
8. SF6 Arrange separate meeting with Ofgem to talk through feedback received and discuss proposed approach to SF6 between now and SSMD.	SSE (David Nankivell and Shirley Roberston)	10 Sep 2020
9. BCF Arrange separate meeting with Ofgem to discuss proposed approach to BCF between now and SSMD.	WPD	10 Sep 2020
10. Losses	SPEN	10 Sep 2020

Arrange separate meeting with Ofgem to discuss proposed approach to losses between now and SSMD.		
11. Visual amenity Provide more detail on how ED1 and ET2 funding pots were established. To feed into discussion on how to ensure ED2 funding pots are appropriate.	Ofgem	For presentation 17 Sep 2020