



Invitation for applications to participate in the BEIS/Ofgem Smart Systems Forum

The Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Ofgem are looking to recruit members to participate in a new electricity networks stakeholder group - the Smart Systems Forum.

Following the publication of our joint [Call for Evidence](#) on a Smart, flexible, energy system and consultation with members of our two current stakeholder groups, the Electricity Networks Strategy Group and Smart Grid Forums, BEIS and Ofgem have decided to merge these two groups to create a new Smart Systems Forum. This will focus on helping to implement and steer our forthcoming Smart Systems Plan, but would also cover wider network issues related to the evolution of the of the electricity system. More specifically we envisage that it would:

- Provide input, assistance and advice to BEIS and Ofgem on the implementation of the Smart Systems Plan and related matters in the development of the electricity system;
- Develop an understanding of what actions might be appropriate alongside or beyond the Smart Systems Plan;
- Consider wider issues where they interact- for example those related to the evolution of the electricity systems including major network developments, Transmission & Distribution interface, and gas, heat and whole system challenges;
- Undertake specific workstream activity where appropriate.

We currently envisage the Forum operating until 2020, at which point we would review the need for its continued operation.

Membership Criteria

We are looking to recruit around 20-25 core members for the group, across a range of sectors, which could include but not limited to, the following:

- System Operation
- Network owners
- Energy suppliers
- Renewable developers
- Storage providers

- Demand Side Response providers and aggregators (including in relation to Electric Vehicles)
- Consumer groups
- Product specialists/manufacturers
- Cyber Security/ICT engineers
- Academics/Think tanks

We are specifically looking for senior level experts, rather than simply representatives from a particular organisation or sector, who can provide leadership and play an active role in shaping this work both within the Forum and outside. We want representatives who can actively participate in the group and can commit to attend meetings personally when arranged. We intend to also invite the Devolved Administrations. We expect to hold around three meetings per year, which would be held in central London.

We would welcome applications and or expressions of interest from interested groups and individuals by 24 February 2017 setting out how you meet these criteria. Applications should be sent to Giles Holford at BEIS (giles.holford@beis.gov.uk). The first meeting is planned to be held on a date to be agreed in April.



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