

## **Summary of the Tender Specification Workshop held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



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### **Context**

As part of its extending competition in transmission (ECIT) project, Ofgem has established a steering group to assess policy options. This steering group is attended by TOs, potential CATOs, generators and the Scottish Government, along with the ENA.<sup>1</sup> We also host workshops with interested stakeholders to support our policy development, with each one focusing on a specific topic.

We hosted a workshop on the Tender Specification,<sup>2</sup> facilitated by the ENA, which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the ENA's Offices. We have drafted this short report to summarise the views expressed by stakeholders at the workshop, and the outcomes of those discussions. Please note that this report should be read alongside the presentation slides from the workshop, available on our website.

We will continue to develop the Tender Specification over time, and we welcome any further comments from stakeholders on the presentation material. We can take comments on a confidential basis, or arrange meetings or calls with stakeholders if preferred. If any stakeholder would like to comment further on the presentation material or this report, please email [NTIMailbox@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:NTIMailbox@ofgem.gov.uk).

Annex 1 to this note includes a list of the stakeholders who attended the workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

### **Meeting Note**

#### **Agenda item 2: Review of the Tender Specification**

The workshop reviewed slides 5 through 9 of the presentation, discussing each item in turn. The questions set out to explore were:

- Is the intention of the item well understood?
- Is the item standard? (i.e. for any reasonable contractor)
- Does the item need further definition?
- Is the item correctly named?
- Is the item in the right location within the Tender Specification?

*Key outcomes of the discussion:*

- Identified items that need further discussion and development:

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<sup>1</sup> Papers and minutes of the steering group are available on the Ofgem website: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/electricity/transmission-networks/forums-seminars-and-working-groups/extending-competition-transmission-industry-group>

<sup>2</sup> The Tender Specification has been consulted on previously, firstly in [May 2016](#), and secondly in [November 2016](#).

- Functional Specification – whether it should be more of a performance specification; should consider what is already covered by the BCA/TOCA and consents.
- Programme plan related items – level of detail required.
- Survey and assessment related items – distinguishing between desk-based or field studies; extent of work required by bidders to inform bids; access to historical information held by the TO.
- Whether the summaries are required, given bidders have access to the full data.
- There may be confidentiality considerations, for example:
  - Records of supply chain engagement.
  - Network models and data.
- The format of certain items needs to be considered, for example:
  - Network models and data.
  - System study data.
  - Any survey data.
- Should continue to develop the mandatory vs optional split across the Schedules.

### Agenda item 3: Session on 'land agreements' (items 50 – 53)

The workshop reviewed slide 10 of the presentation. The focus of this agenda item was to discuss the items associated with land agreements, identify opportunities to consolidate those items, and identify any gaps in the information provided.

#### *Key outcomes of the discussion:*

- "Summary and list of finalised land agreements" (50).
  - Should include all *in progress* agreements.
  - Could be in the style of (or an iteration of) the 'book of reference'.
- Current items could be rationalised, for example consolidating "Information on progress made with voluntary land agreements" (52) and "Details/status of any involuntary land agreements and any started CPO processes" (53) into the list of finalised and in progress agreements (50).
- Could include within item 50 information such as:
  - Map of affected and potentially affected land.
  - History of engagement with affected and potentially affected landowners.
  - A risk assessment for each affected and potentially affected landowner.

### Agenda item 4: Review of Model Projects

There was insufficient time within the workshop to discuss the Model projects (slides 11 and 12 of the presentation). Ofgem invites further stakeholder comment on whether the Tender Specification as set out in the presentation appropriately covers the two Model Projects described.

**Annex 1 – Attendees at the Tender Specification Workshop, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Matthew Ball	Ofgem
Joe Baddeley	Ofgem
Mayure Daby	Atkins
John Sinclair	Balfour Beatty
Mark Westbrook	Laing
Peter Papanastasiou	LSTC
Fay Lelliott	Mott MacDonald
Joanna Carter	National Grid
Jennifer Owen	National Grid
Jonny Gallagher	National Grid Business Development
Mark Tunney	National Grid Business Development
Peter Latham	Omexom
Simon Deacon	RES
Steve Aughton	Siemens
Frank Witzel	Siemens
Robert McGuire	SP Energy Networks
Alan Kelly	SP Energy Networks
Peter McKessick	SSE
Chris Veal	Transmission Investment
Henry Snow	Vinci