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Future Role of the System Operator



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The UK electricity industry is changing

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The GB energy industry is evolving rapidly

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Decarbonisation, decentralisation, new technologies and business models are driving the transition to a multi-directional interactive system; industry arrangements need to evolve to facilitate transition to the new model



Developing the role of the Electricity System Operator to play its part in facilitating the transition to a "whole system" way of working between transmission and distribution, that releases the value of flexible resources across our electricity networks and realises maximum benefits for consumers.

Our 2 year programme has four workstreams:



The FRSO Programme delivers consumer nationalgrid value through a holistic approach to industry challenges



WHOLE SYSTEM - We are "designing-by-doing" through regional programmes, and engage wider industry for guidance and decisions

Objectives of Whole System Work

We will look to release network capacity for T & D resources and enable DER to access service opportunities through:

- Regional Programmes with 3 DNOs to co-design solutions, trial improved models, information flows, operating principles & commercial frameworks.
- Taking outputs from the programmes to develop Cross-Industry
 Processes around whole system.
- Engagement with DNO's, Ofgem and others to align work and create consensus on industry change.

We aim to release capacity and progress DER opportunities by end-2017. We will also propose code & regulatory changes.



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Indicative timeline and deliverables – further detail following publication of Ofgem's conclusions in Summer 2017

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Ongoing industry engagement