

## Distributed Generation Owner/Operator Forum – meeting notes

14:00-15.30, 26 September 2023, Online – Zoom Webinar

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### Delegate List

James Whitley	RWE Renewables
Emily Rice	Solar Energy Scotland
Mark Degg	CoGen
Wendy Matthews	Bluefield
Simon Maddams	Infinis
Scott Robbin	RES
Ioanna Gati	Ecotricity
Chris Davies	Ventient energy
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Tanya Cavanagh	Next Energy Capital
Solvita	Bright Renewables
Alicia Siriwardena	DNV
Aaron Thompson	Innova
Lewis Christophers	Infinis
Jose Leandro Sancho Rodríguez	Quintas Energy
Andrew Williams	Renantis UK Ltd
Leonardo Moraga	Neuville Grid Data
Gary Bell	Imerys Minerals Limited
Matthew Green	RES
Betsy Creak	British Solar Renewables
Helen Hardaker	Green Nation
Phil Jenner	Ecotricity
Otis Harrison	Thrive Renewables
Rachel Hodges	Peel Cubico Renewables

Agenda Item	<i>Questions, responses / actions</i>
<p><b>Welcome from Robert Ballentine, NGEDs new control centre manager</b></p>	<p>Robert has shared his contact details and it open to discussion around the future of the forum:</p> <p><a href="mailto:rballentine@nationalgrid.co.uk">rballentine@nationalgrid.co.uk</a> Tel: 07921069398</p>
<p><b>Update on G99 requirements for repowering sites</b></p> <p>Andrew Akani, Primary system design manager, NGED</p>	<p>NGED aware of the large increase in the number of sites which are expected to repower over the next two years. They are currently seeing a trickle of sites repowering and are not considering an amended process for repowering sites. They will seek to meet their existing standards of performance (GSOP).</p> <p><i>Is the GSOP from application to decision still 90 days?</i></p> <p>Depends on voltage level (11kv is 20 working days, 90 days for 33kv and 132kv).</p>
<p><b>Update on NGED outages &amp; constraints Generation Portal update</b></p> <p>Danielle Greedy, Control Support Engineer, NGED</p>	<p><i>Can multiple change notifications be sent out?</i> Yes, there's an option on the portal to add multiple people in the general notes section.</p> <p><i>Can opting out of non-essential communication be easier?</i> Should only receive three main types of communication. Contact NGED if you are receiving information you think you shouldn't be or don't want to be.</p> <p><i>Could NGED investigate providing more specific outage and restoration timings?</i> Operators need to approach individuals undertaking the work to get a more precise time for individual outages. The name and email address for the individual to contact is available on the portal.</p> <p><i>How can operators help with the new portal update?</i> NGED will be raising dummy outages and asking operators to confirm that they've received all of the right notifications.</p> <p>James Whitley (RWE) – We contact those undertaking the work to get specific times for when the asset is turned off so that it can be done safely (need to make sure asset is fully shut down). The exact times are known prior to the day – need long term knowledge to make it safer.</p>
<p><b>DSO update</b></p> <p>Matt Watson, Head of Commercial Operability, NGED</p>	<p><i>Increase in solar and battery generators. Any specific services that will be tailored to these generation asset types?</i> NGED don't design services for specific assets but focus on the constraints on the network. Going forward there will be more responsibility for additional generation sites as we move away from gas.</p> <p><i>Is there a view of how the generation turndown will be structured next year?</i> Not yet – focusing on the use case before the commercial design of the product is done.</p>
<p><b>AOBs &amp; feedback</b></p>	<p><i>Chris Davies (Ventient energy)</i></p>

Bruce Bardsley, Regen	<p>5 day outage in December, can see on portal, no sap or engineer associated with the job, emailed the generic email address and had no response. Weird outage at a weird time of year. REF: C612366. Danielle Greedy to look into this.</p> <p><i>Matthew Green (RES)</i> A few outages that haven't appeared on the portal.</p> <p><i>James Whitley – RWE renewables</i> Haven't had a lot of the historic outages on the portal</p> <p><b>Danielle has taken away all of these as actions.</b></p>
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For specific outage queries, please contact the NGED nominated person detailed on the outage notification within the Generation Portal, for general queries use the following regional emails:

**South West**

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Date of next meeting: **22<sup>nd</sup> November, TLT Offices, Bristol, 13:30-16:00.**