

28th June 2019

Decision on whether to tender for long term reactive services in the Mersey area

Dear Industry Colleagues,

Following the closure of the Request for Information for the provision of long-term reactive power services in the Mersey area on 24th May 2019, please see below an update on the next steps. We would like to thank those who have taken the time to participate in the RFI, the information providers submitted has shaped the next steps.

We received 17 responses to our RFI, 16 of which were relevant to this particular area and met our minimum technical requirements. Respondents covered a range of technology types and comprised existing and new participants. There was no clear preference for either contract structure. A summary of the responses has been published on Network Development Roadmap webpage.

Based on responses from providers the next steps are as follows:

- Follow up the long term RFI with a tender in the Autumn
- Provide details on the timings for the tender and assessment process in late Summer

Following on from the recently published closure consultation from Fiddlers Ferry we will also be running a tender for short-term requirements in the Mersey area for the period April 2020 to March 2021. This tender will seek solutions from a wider range of market participants, including those we have been able to identify through running our long term RFI. Timings for this tender will be made available over the summer.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact us at networkdevelopment.roadmap@nationalgrideso.com.

Yours sincerely,

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