

**Distributed  
ReStart**

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## **Energy restoration for tomorrow**

**DER Stakeholders Engagement Webinar – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Procurement and Compliance**

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## Agenda

- Welcome
- Purpose of this session (10 mins)
- Procurement process map (20 mins)
- Functional requirements (20 mins)
- Rules of play (10 mins)
- Compliance (5 mins)
- Q&A (20 mins)
- Next steps

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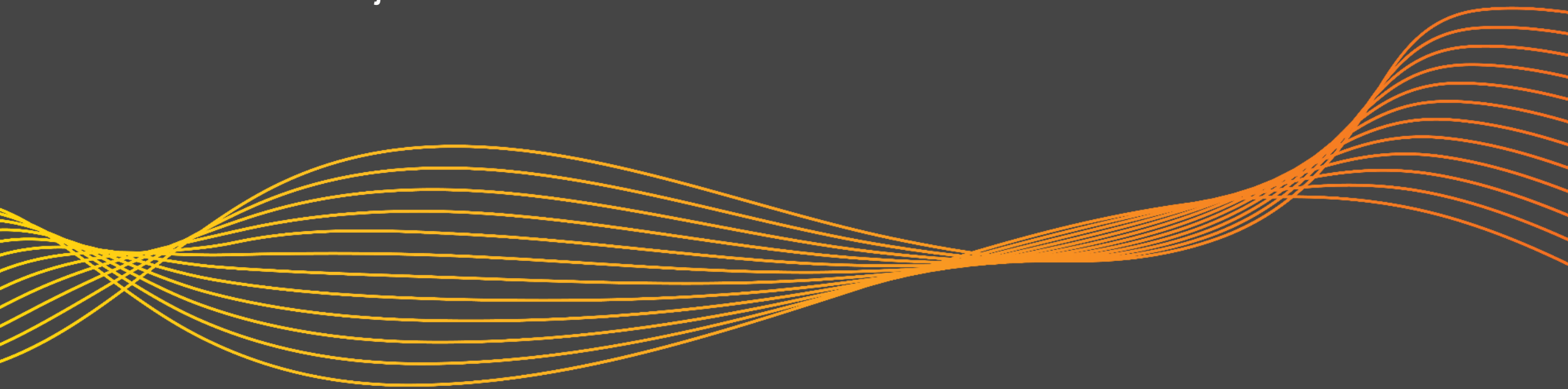
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## Purpose of this webinar and overall project update

Peter Chandler – ESO Project Lead



# Purpose of this session and how you can help



We will share our initial proposals with you today



Give us your initial feedback



Review and challenge the detailed content



Come talk to us after this event to help co-create the final content

Your input today and in the bi-lateral meetings afterwards, is fundamental towards making this process work



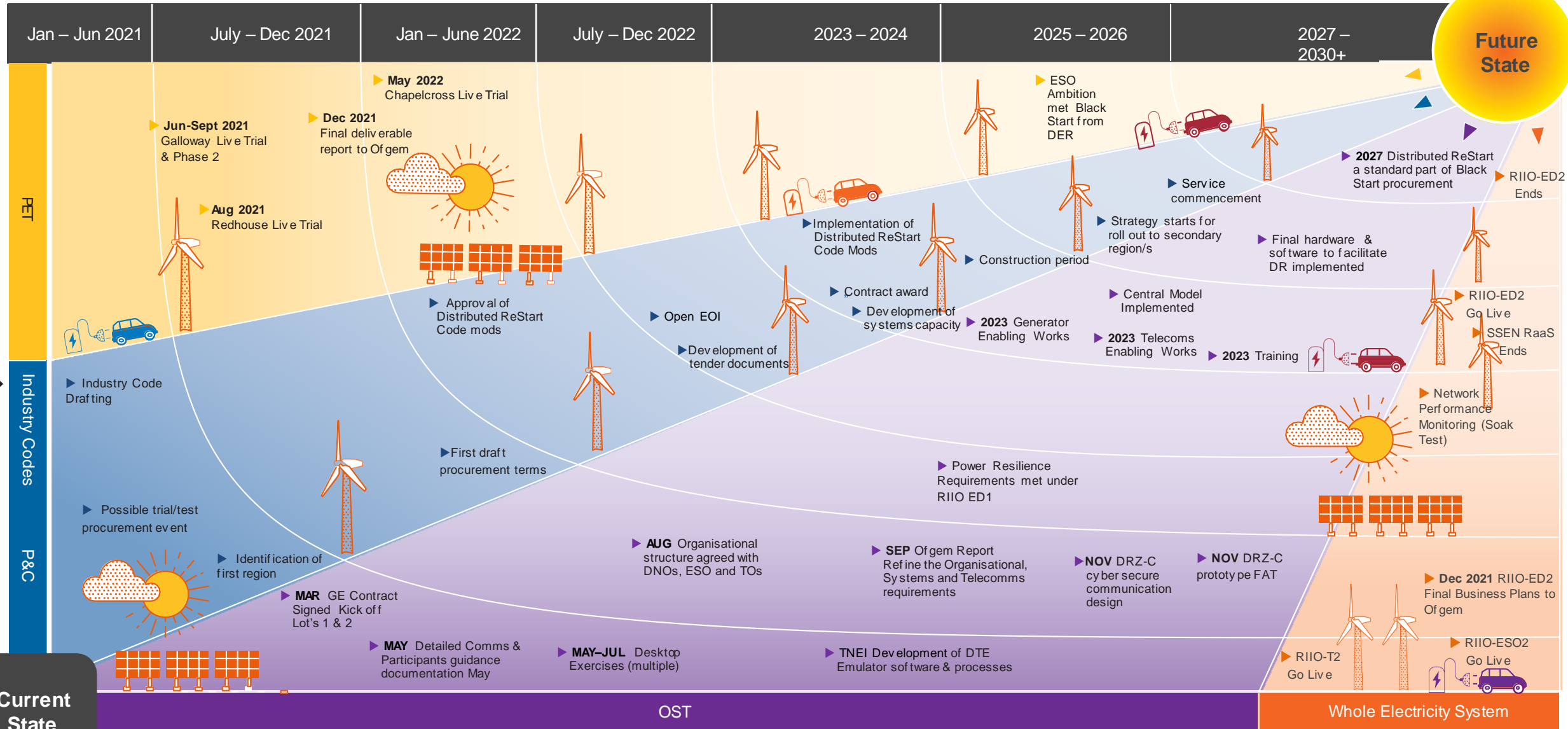
## Project timeline for the remaining planned activities



# Distributed ReStart Roadmap



KEY: ▲ PET – Power Engineering Trials workstream ▲ P&C – Procurement and Compliance workstream  
▲ OST – Organisational, Systems and Telecommunications workstream ▲ Whole Electricity System



Current State

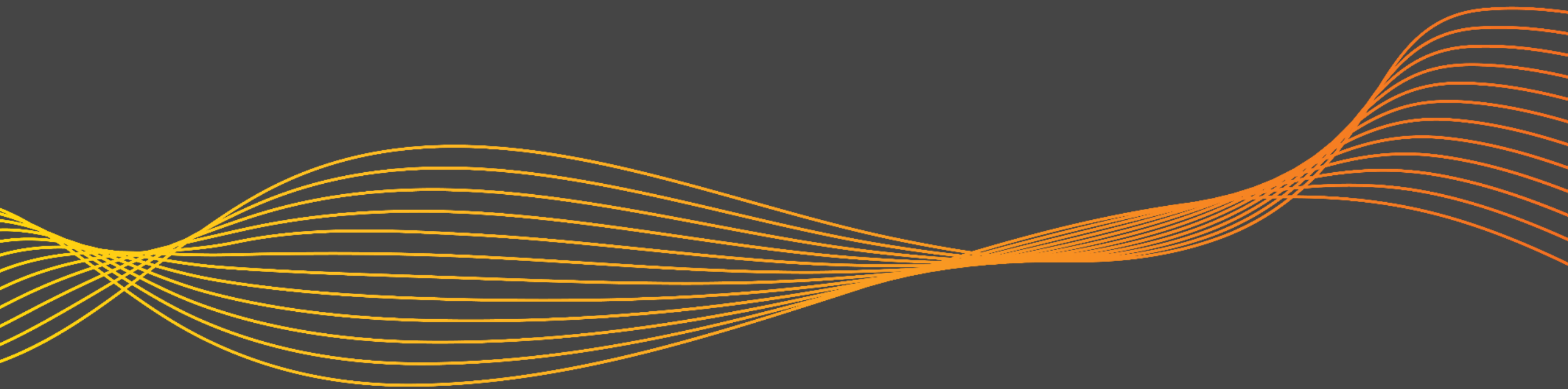


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## Procurement process

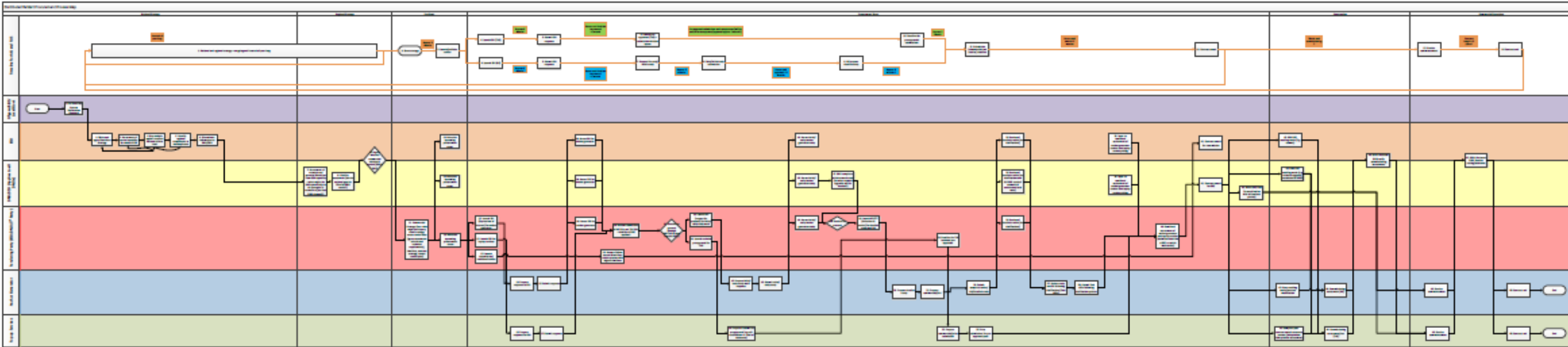
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# Procurement End to End Process Map



## View of our end to end process map:



## Stages of the procurement process:





# Procurement End to End Process Map



## Anchor generator tender process



## Top-up services tender process



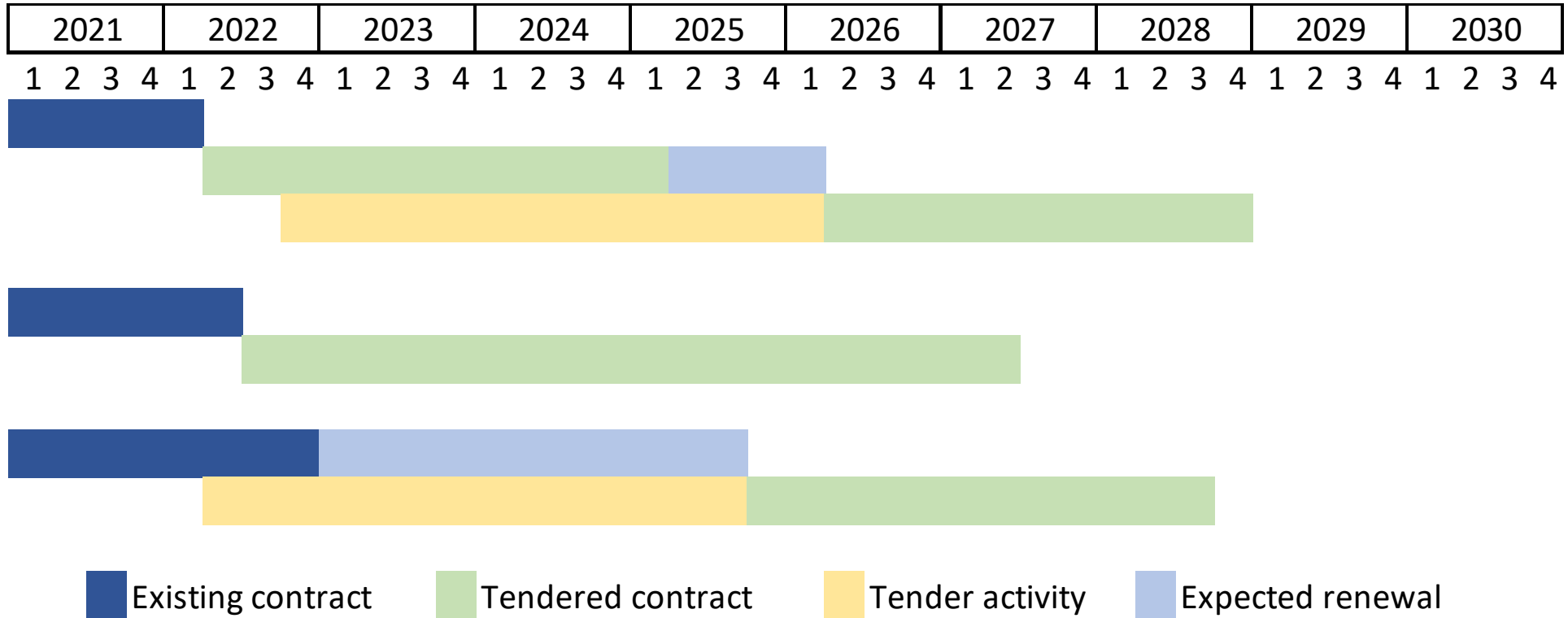
# Procurement End to End Process Map



## What we would like feedback on:

- Does the process make sense?
- Any issues for your businesses with what we've designed?
- Thoughts on proposed timelines?
- Thoughts on who the tendering party should be?
- Any questions on what we have designed?

# Proposed initial roll-out of a black start from DER service

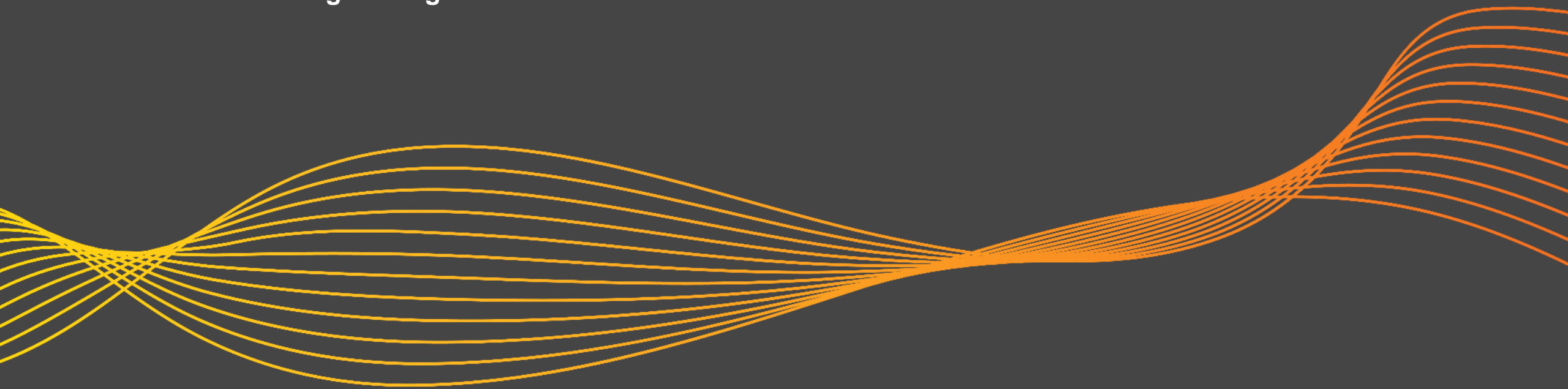


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## Functional Requirements

Neil Miller – Power Engineering Trials Workstream Lead



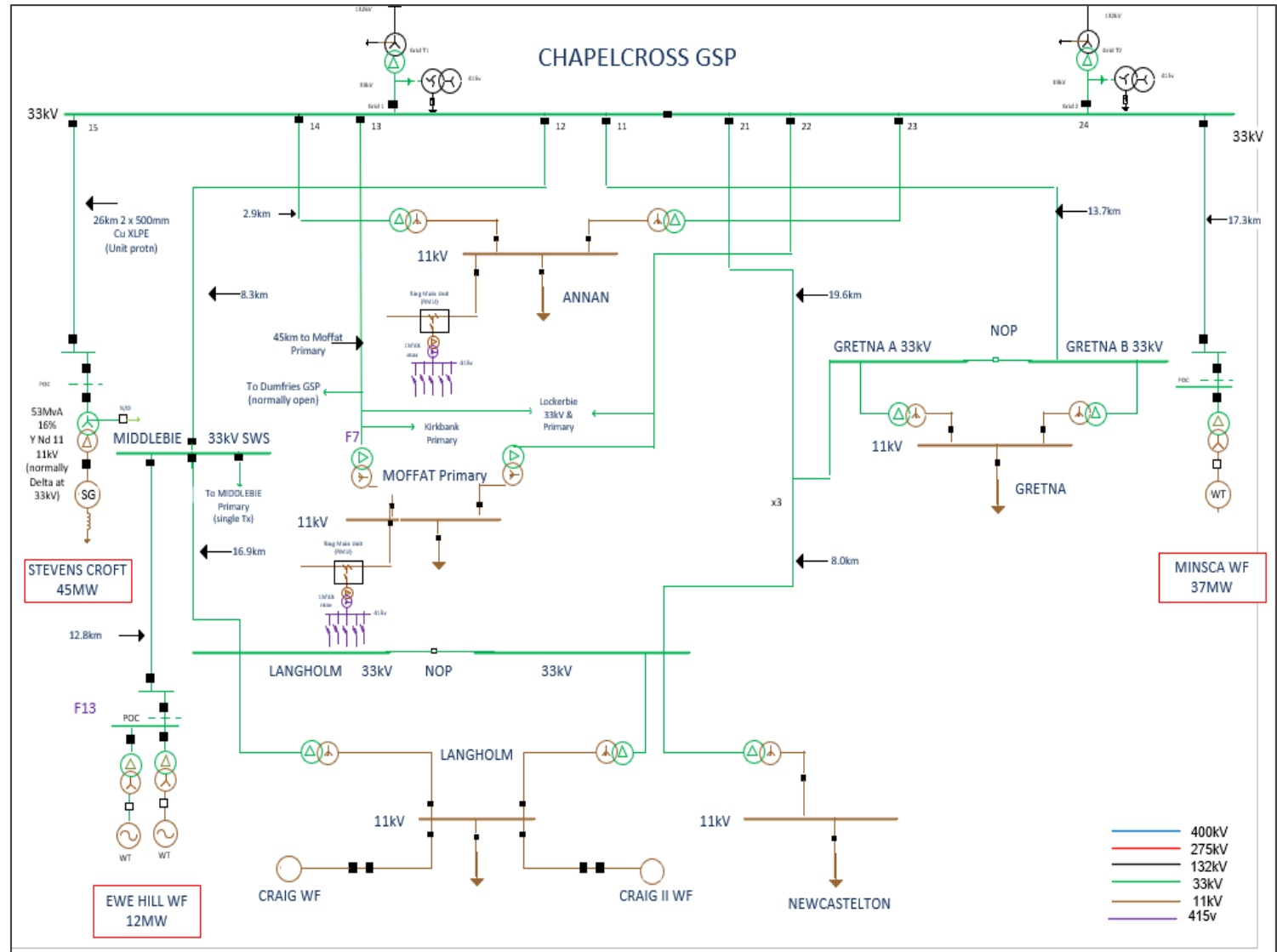
# Distributed ReStart – Functional requirements



## Distribution Restoration Zone (DRZ)

### What do we want to do?

- ✓ Energise distribution network (primarily 33kV then below) independent of grid infeed.
- ✓ Block load demand pick up (while maintaining  $f > 47.5\text{Hz}$ )
- ✓ Use all available DER (including intermittent) to 'grow' the power island.
- ✓ Control the  $f$  &  $V$  + stable network
- ✓ Ensure network faults are detected and cleared.
- ✓ Facilitate energising of higher voltage networks (132kV, 275kV & 400kV)



# What services do we need from DER to achieve a DRZ



The total requirements for each DRZ will be site specific (depending on the scope of the DRZ and capability of DER within), but will consist of the following:

Service	Requirement	Description	Potential providers
<b>Anchor generator (or power park)</b>	Essential	Only one anchor generator is required per power island. Self-start and provide a controlled voltage source, able to energise the network to reach the next resource.	Synchronous generator, or other technology with required capability. A single point of connection is required with the DNO network.
<b>Fast MW Control</b>	Potential	May be required to supplement technical capability of anchor generator for example enhance block loading.	Battery, loadbank, flywheel, generator, others.
<b>Inertia</b>	Potential	Increase frequency stability of the DRZ and/or/ allow greater demand blocks to be picked up.	Synchronous generator, synchronous compensator (an inherent response is required without any measurement delays), others.
<b>Frequency control</b>	Potential	May be required to support the anchor generator to maintain frequency parameters during normal operation.	Synchronous generator, converter based sources with appropriate control, others.
<b>Voltage control</b>	Potential	May be required to enhance the MVar capability of the DRZ to expand the island/energise to a higher voltage.	Wind farm, solar, battery, synchronous gen, Statcom, SVC, others.
<b>Short circuit level</b>	Potential	Increase the DRZ fault level. Facilitate protection operation at higher voltage levels or converter DER to connect	Synchronous generator, synchronous compensator, others.
<b>Energy (MWh)</b>	Potential	Enhance capability of the DRZ to restore demand above the capacity of the anchor generator. This could come from other any other gens on the island. (May be schedulable or intermittent.)	Schedulable MW - Synchronous generator (additional to the anchor), Intermittent resources (constrained and controlled by a set point), demand side management, others.

# Requirements for an anchor generator (overview)



## Technical:

Time to connect

- $\leq 8h$

Voltage Control

- continuous with set point and slope

Frequency Control

- fast action proportional control

Block Loading Pickup

- $\geq 2MW$

Reactive Capability

- 0.95 lead/lag pf minimum

Sequential Start-ups

- $\geq 3$

Short Circuit Level

- $\geq 1xDER$  MVA rating

DRZC specific technical requirement

- tbc

## Resilience:

Service availability

- $\geq 90\%$

Resilience of Supply (service)

- $\geq 72h$  up to 120h

Resilience of Supply (auxiliaries)

- 120h



# Requirements for **Top up services** (technology neutral)



## Technical:

### Fast MW Control

- $\leq 200\text{ms}$

### Inertia

- **inherent MW to f response (no measurement delays)**

### Frequency Control

- **of active power (MWs)**

### Voltage Control

- **slope or set point control**

### Short Circuit Level

- $\geq 1 \times \text{DER MVA rating}$

### Energy (MWh)

- **Generate MWs within 10s of request**

## Resilience:

### Resilience

- **Maintain control & comms up to 72h**
- **Service for minimum 72h duration**
- **Availability 90% of year**
- **Declare time to provide after black start (indicate if dependent upon length of time after the black out)**



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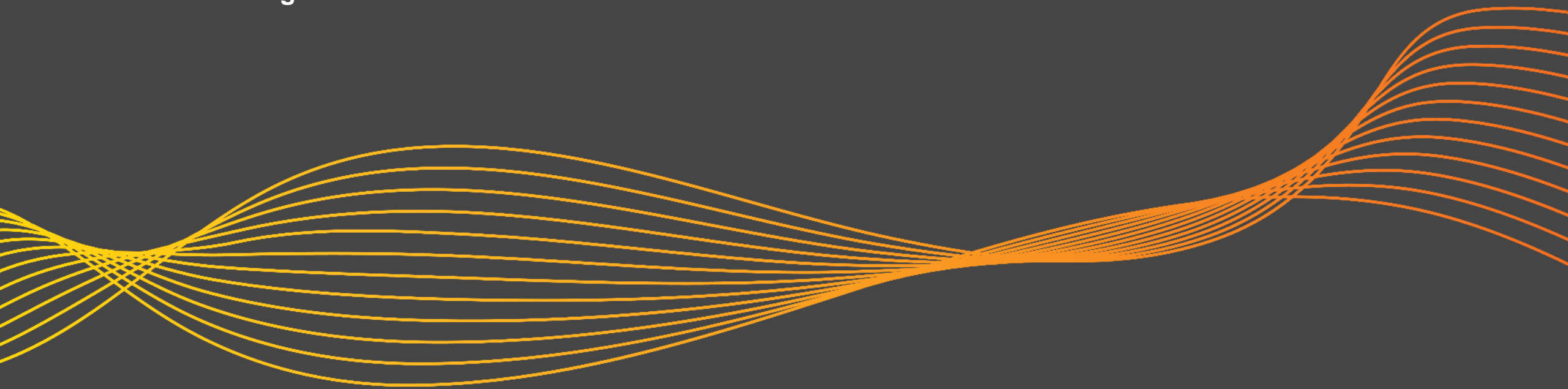
- Are the proposed services inclusive of legacy/existing technology?
- Are the proposed services cost effective to provide?
- Have we set the bar right? Is it too high or too low?
- Are there any technical services missing which could be provided to assist a DRZ?
- Are they technology agnostic/neutral?
- Other.....?

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## Rules of Play

Colin Foote – Design Architect



# Distributed ReStart – Rules of Play



- ✓ The requirements to be met by the combination of potential providers for a feasible Distribution Restoration Zone (DRZ).
- ✓ Supplement the technical requirements to be applied to Anchor Generators (AG) and Top-Up Service (TUS) providers individually.
- ✓ Specify what needs to be true with all participating Distributed Energy Resources (DER) in an area working together effectively.
- ✓ Will inform the assessment of potential DRZs and service providers in the early stages of the procurement process.
- ✓ The rules reflect the essential technical services and give a relatively simple set of key requirements.
- ✓ Might be assessed for all Grid Supply Points (GSPs) across Great Britain and the values published, possibly as part of the annual Long Term Development Statement (LTDS).

**FOUR RULES**

**AVAILABLE**



**REQUIRED**



***Power Required = 60% \* Maximum MW Demand in a DRZ***

***Power Available = Anchor MW \* 90% +  $\sum$  ( TUS MW \* Intermittency Factor )***

The excess Power Available will inform an assessment of what the DRZ may be used for, i.e. whether it can go beyond restoring demand within its own boundary.

If the rule is not satisfied there may, in some circumstances, still be interest in development of a DRZ that focuses on transmission restoration or network resilience services only.



***BLPU Required = Largest Necessary MW Block Load in a DRZ***

***BLPU Available =  $\sum$  (DER BLPU Capability)***

If BLPU Available is notably high then it suggests that the DRZ may be useful in energising other DNO areas, transmission-connected demand, or providing start-up power to large power stations or other resources.

If the rule is not satisfied with the resources considered in the initial assessment, then a review might be conducted to identify opportunities for improvement, e.g. the addition of a controllable load bank may enhance the BLPU Available sufficiently.



*Mvar Required = The total Mvar gain of circuits in the DRZ distribution network*

*Mvar Available =  $\sum$  (DER Mvar Absorb Capability) \* Mvar Range Reduction Factor*

The excess Mvar Available will inform an assessment of what the DRZ may be used for, i.e. how far into the transmission network might be energised.

If the rule is not satisfied then the scope for providing additional Mvar capability might be considered, e.g. installation of reactive compensation.





***Fault Level Required = Minimum Acceptable Fault Level at GSP***

***Fault Level Available =  $\sum$  (DER Fault Level Infeed) \* Fault Level Reduction Factor***

The excess Fault Level Available will inform an assessment of what the DRZ may be used for, i.e. how far beyond the DRZ boundary might be energised, and how much additional fault infeed may be necessary to support energisation up to 275/400 kV.

If the rule is not satisfied then the scope for providing additional Fault Level might be considered, or means of reducing the requirement might be considered, e.g. modifying network protection.



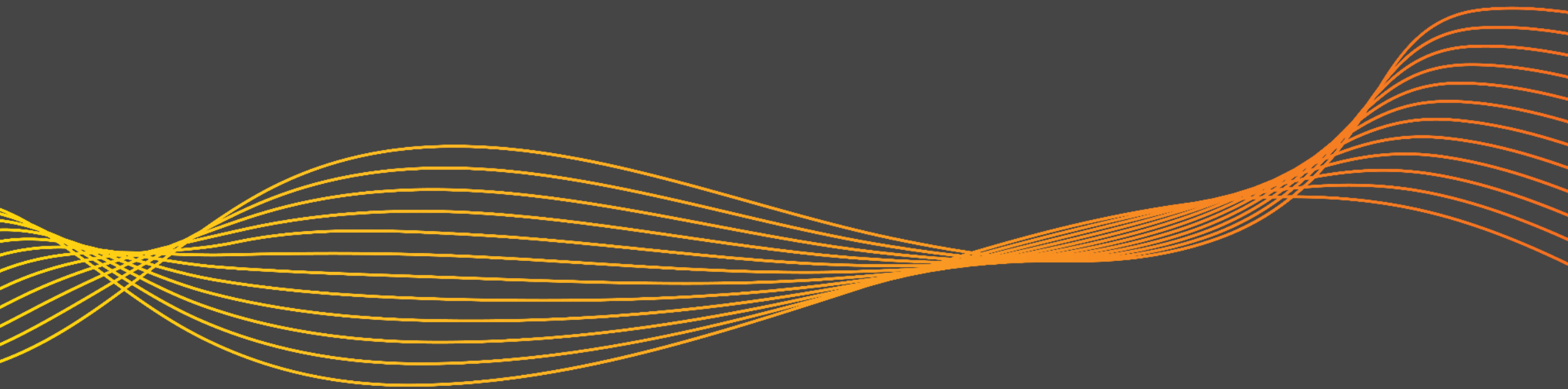
- ❑ We're assuming that the Intermittency Factor for Top-Up Service providers will depend on the technology type. The factors used in the Capacity Market may be appropriate, e.g. 9% for wind, 1.5% for solar. **Any thoughts?**
- ❑ BLPU capability encompasses Fast MW Response, frequency control, and inertia, which are all related. **Do you know the capability of your plant?** For example, what increase in power is possible in 200 ms?
- ❑ How common is it for actual reactive range to be significantly greater than what is required by the Codes? **Is reactive power available at zero MW?**

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## Compliance

Hannah Rochford – Commercial Lead





Industry Codes we're drafting changes to:

- Grid Code
- Distribution Code & G99
- CUSC & BSC
- DCUSA

We're furthest along with Grid Code and Distribution Code.

At present we have drafted changes with an assumption the Anchor Generators are CUSC parties which mean they have to adhere to the Grid Code requirements.

**We want to understand your thoughts on this assumption.**

We understand the benefits and drawbacks of acceding to the CUSC are as below:

## Benefits

- Compliance with the Grid Code, where current black start requirements are held
- Accessible to the ESO Control Room

## Drawbacks

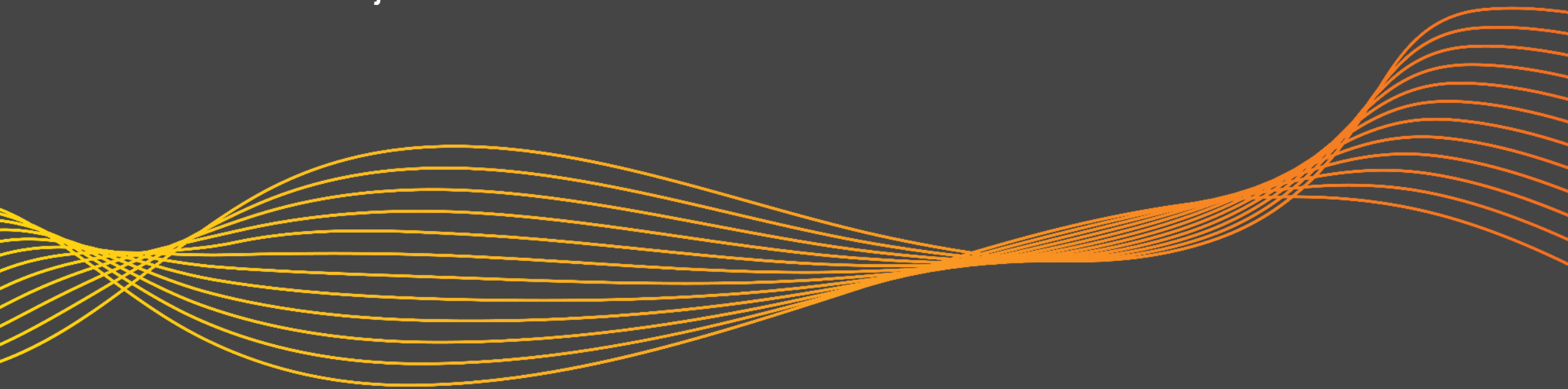
- Smaller assets do not currently have to comply with the CUSC and Grid Code
- Extra requirements (cost, administrative, liabilities) to adhere to, on top of Distribution Code requirements

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## Q&A and Next steps

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## Questions

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## What happens next



The conversations will continue - register your interest for 1-2-1 meetings [here](#)



Slido poll open – tell us what areas you'd like to hear more about



Look out for more information about the test procurement event planned for summer this year



Thank you for your participation today

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