

# Meeting minutes

## Joint Forum

<b>Date:</b> 08/09/2022	<b>Location:</b> MS Teams
<b>Start:</b> 14:00	<b>End:</b> 15:00

## Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Attendee	Organisation
Matthew Rivett	ESO	Gavin Stewart	SSE
Charon Balrey	ESO	Tim Manandhar	UKPN
Vicky Chiles	ESO	Gavin Anderson	ENWL
Alexander Unitt	ESO	Tolulope Esan	ENWL
Roopkamal Phull	ESO	Simon Jesson	NPG
Josh Jones	ESO	Sophie Corbett	NPG
Manpreet Patel	ESO		
Mzamoyabo Sibanda	ESO		

## Agenda

#	Topics to be discussed	
1.	Review actions	All
2.	RDP updates	Matt Rivett and Charon Balrey
3.	Distributed Restart Northern tender launch	Alexander Unitt
4.	ESO final RIIO-2 BP2	Josh Jones and Charon Balrey
5.	AOB	All

## Action Item Log

Action items: in progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status
4	BP2: how will the barriers associated with ANM and	Ongoing	09/06/2022	Closed – distributed flexibility strategy to be presented at future JF

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flexibility will be addressed through our BP2 plans?

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## Discussion and details

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# Topics

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### 1. RDP updates

MR provided an update on MW dispatch and GEMS RDPs.

MW dispatch with WPD:

The team have carried out a successful demo of functionality and will be moving into the testing phase soon. They plan to open up registration for services towards the end of November. A DER webinar is planned for next Thursday to discuss this with stakeholders. After registration, project progression will depend upon the installation of ICCP links.

MW dispatch with UKPN: the PID is nearing agreement with UKPN for this project.

GEMS: the conceptual/detailed design work is progressing well moving towards trialling functionality across GB.

CB provided an update on RDPs in development and highlighted the following:

ENWL - a bilateral is scheduled with ENWL this week to discuss the current non-RDP offer further. SSEN-D and SHE Transmission – work is currently on going to see if there is a needs case for an RDP in this area.

Midlands – priority sites have now been agreed.

East Anglia – 2 offers completed. EC5 stability issues.

North East – analysis completed for 2 sites. Currently looking at whether a GSP limit is viable.

South Wales/South West – CPA currently ongoing.

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### 2. Northern tender launch

AH discussed the new Restoration Services tender process, and the enhanced role for DNOs/DSOs within this. They introduced the ESR tender rollout plan for 2022, including DER for distribution restoration and asked for nominations for contacts from SPEN, ENWL, NPG and SSEN to be sent to the following:

[Alexander.Unitt@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Alexander.Unitt@nationalgrideso.com)

[Roopkamal.Phull@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Roopkamal.Phull@nationalgrideso.com)

The stakeholder webinar registration link for 15/09 for the Northern region restoration service tender is [here](#).

SJ asked for further information about the wind services tender. RP provided further context after the meeting which can be found below. Should you have any further questions please contact Roopkamal Phull (email address above).

The wind tender is a one-off initiative that we are deploying at the moment is to support the existing and upcoming contracts with extra resilience requirements for restoration services.

Another primary driver for doing this now is to put the ESO in a good place to tap into the 50GW of offshore wind capacity forecast for 2030 and to help prove that wind technology is capable of providing restoration services. Through this wind tender, we took a more targeted approach to getting competitive bids from wind generators, which is why we have not created specific sections for this on our general web pages.

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The wind tender is targeting full-service provisions, which is why there wasn't a call to action for DNOs to get involved as there are no Distribution Restoration elements in this one (unlike the usual region-specific tenders that we are rolling out). If any of the DNOs want to see the specifics that we shared with wind energy providers, we can certainly send them a zip-file with the requirements by request only.

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**3. ESO final RIIO-2 BP2**

JJ provided a summary of the BP2 process and stakeholder feedback on the draft BP2.

The launch webinar will be on 22 September 15.00 - 16.00. The link to sign up can be found [here](#).

CB discussed the 'accelerating whole electricity flexibility' chapter of the BP2, noting its key focus areas and activities split by role. These have not changed significantly since the draft BP2; the commentary has been edited to ensure that deliverables are clear.

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**5. AOB**

VC highlighted that the ESO's stakeholder surveys will be circulated to members in the coming weeks.

GS asked whether any further action was required on the demand turndown service covered during last month's JF. MR confirmed that contact with stakeholders has taken place, and to let him know if there are any further questions.

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**6. AOB**

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