

Grid Code Review Panel

Member Biography

**Name:**

Robert Longden

Role:

Supplier Panel Member

Biography:

Robert Longden has over 40 years experience in the energy industry. This has encompassed both senior technical and commercial roles. Robert's technical background includes the planning and design of the existing high voltage transmission network in England and Wales together with developing the post-privatisation transmission and trading arrangements. His commercial experience spans the entire value chain in electricity, from responsibility for a £1bn energy supply portfolio, through operation, trading, risk & portfolio optimisation, corporate strategy & market development, to major M&A and regulatory affairs.

He has a deep knowledge of the electricity market trading arrangements, the commercial processes and institutional structures which support these; the transmission & distribution charging, connection and technical regimes; the regulatory and government policy agenda and the interaction between all these industry strands.

More recent experience has been focussed on the regulatory and policy issues shaping the energy arena and their impact on both wholesale and retail energy markets, with a specific focus on reforms driven by decarbonisation objectives.

He is currently a member of the Northern Ireland Utility Regulator's Independent Panel, charged with advising on the Evaluative Performance Framework which forms part of the regulator's overall assessment process for the Northern Irish TSO, SONI.

He has been the Supplier Representative on the Grid Code Review Panel for the past seven years, contributing to the development of the Code and ensuring that the supplier perspective is fully considered in the process. Given the volume and pace of change likely to impact the Grid Code over the coming years with a direct impact on suppliers, his experience and insight will provide a valuable contribution to the challenges ahead.