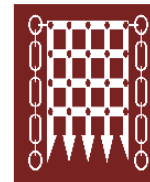


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The role of the grid in supporting clean energy, electrification, digitalisation and growth**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic spatial planning and coordination for electricity network development**
Senior representative, planning
- 9.40 **Next steps for the UK electricity network - priorities for planning frameworks, market reform and connections**
the Centralised Strategic Network Plan and coordination with the SSEP and RESPs | implications of TNUoS and connection charging reform for siting decisions, network capacity and consumer affordability | connections queue reform and mitigating delays | readiness criteria, strategic value and fairness | transparency and dispute resolution processes | coordinating connections with network reinforcement, queue reform, and delivery sequencing | managing rising demand for connections, including from large electricity users
Senior representative, network operator
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, renewable energy
Senior representative, demand
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Regulatory considerations for delivering grid infrastructure and enabling connections reform**
Akshay Kaul, Director General, Infrastructure, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Delivering RII0-T3 and the Great Grid Upgrade**
Senior representative, grid
- 11.25 **Priorities for the Electricity Networks Sector Growth Plan**
Senior representative, industry
- 11.35 **Delivering grid infrastructure - planning reform, investment, supply chains and workforce capacity**
implications of updated National Policy Statements for planning and consenting | consistency in CNP consents weighting | local and environmental considerations | delivering RII0-T3 and the Great Grid Upgrade | the Electricity Networks Sector Growth Plan | support for domestic supply chains and manufacturing capacity | Ofgem Advanced Procurement Mechanism progress and visibility of procurement pipelines | coordination between network investment programmes, supply chains, and government to support delivery
Senior representative, manufacturing
Senior representative, consenting
Senior representative, skills
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Preparing the grid for future demand - digitalisation, AI and system resilience**
deployment of AI in electricity networks | digital tools for forecasting and system flexibility | use cases for planning and asset monitoring | data governance and interoperability | priorities for the forthcoming Energy Resilience Strategy | preparing for rising demand from data centres and electrification | cyber resilience | managing disruption risks and protecting asset quality | flexibility in system optimisation | skills and capability requirements for digital and AI-enabled network operations
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, resilience
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum