

Distributed Generation Owner/Operator Forum

13.30-16.30, 9 October 2018

Introduction

Western Power Distribution established a forum in July 2016 for Distributed Generation (DG) owner/operators to discuss issues in relation to outages and constraints under its Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) work plans.

The attendee list and meeting notes for the October 2018 meeting are set out below.

There is now a dedicated webpage for the forum [here](#).
 The generator portal for outage information is available [here](#).

Date of next meeting

31 January 2019

Book [here](#)

Attendees:

First name	Last name	Company
Stephen	Beasley	Anesco
Jamie	Grayson	BayWa r.e. Operation Services Ltd
Helen	Robinson	BayWa r.e. Operation Services Ltd
Roberto	Anastasia	Bluefield Services
Jason	Blanchard	Communities for Renewables
John	Hill	Ecotricity
Neil	Filkin	Green Frog Power
Helen	Hardaker	Green Nation
Jo	Pyott	Imerys Minerals Ltd
Steve	Turpin	Imerys Minerals Ltd
Giorgia	Martina	Lightsource
Juan Jose	Cano	Octopus Investments
Kat	Siadak	PSH Operations Ltd
Ray	Arrell	Regen
Olly	Frankland	Regen
Kerry	Hayes	Regen
Matthew	Green	RES
Graeme	Patton	T H WHITE
Gwyn	Jones	Western Power Distribution
Joe	Davey	Western Power Distribution
Stephen	Ransome	Western Power Distribution
Will	Topping	Western Power Distribution
David	De Ulibarri	WiseEnergy

Key action areas	Views from members of the forum and WPD	Actions
Generator portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were reminded about the generator portal. The majority of the room had used before, with a small number of new faces not aware. WPD reminded about what is on the portal, planned outage information for 33kV connected sites and above. It can be used to manage contact details for 11kV sites but no planned outage information will be shown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were reminded to log on to generator portal and check details of outage before contacting WPD. Members to ensure that WPD have the right contacts in organisations to ensure outage reports and incident reporting gets to right person in timely manner.
Single point of contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members reminded that Stephen Ransome is the single point of contact for outages at WPD. Members reminded to send outage queries to the persons responsible for the outage (listed in email) and also to Stephen to stop delays in response. 	<p>WPD contact information: South Wales and South West area wpdswwestwalesgen@westernpower.co.uk East Midlands area wpdeastmidgen@westernpower.co.uk West Midlands area wpdwestmidgen@westernpower.co.uk Specific questions relating to the outage works should be directed to the local field engineer. For information of why there is a requirement for a constraint or full restriction, please contact Stephen Ransome. Email: sransome@westernpower.co.uk Tel: 02920 535701</p>
Outage impact assessment update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on the total energy (MWh) lost due to outages for the first six months of 2018 has been published by WPD on the forum webpage here (below list of regional contact numbers). WPD are working to publish this quarterly. Members wanted to know if this includes National Grid issues and planned/unplanned outages. WPD have provided a detailed breakdown of outage reason including those discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to give feedback to Joe Davey from WPD on the report. WPD to improve methodology following feedback and complete further checks on data.

<p>Cost of lost generation due to outages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Arrell from Regen presented a proposed methodology for assessing the cost of lost generation from outages for members to review. • The methodology has limitations and is an indicative estimate across the WPD network. Members will have their own granular data per site. This assessment is not intended to be applicable to particular sites. • The methodology currently includes onshore wind and solar PV capacity. Further technologies could be added in the future but are currently too complex to model at a summary level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regen to amend methodology according to feedback from members. The reviewed model will then be used to provide a draft assessment of the cost of lost generation due to outages.
<p>Outage notifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were happy with communications from WPD, with particular praise to some local engineers. • Members had questions regarding explanations of why multiple outages in a short period couldn't be avoided/combined. WPD explained that it is not always possible to align outages and lots of work has always been done before outages are confirmed. WPD are always happy and able to explain why things can't happen a certain way. Stephen Ransome is single point of contact (see section above). • Members stated that it may be useful for WPD to communicate the work that goes on behind the scenes to minimise the impact of an outage before a notification is sent to generators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPD to investigate including further information on the work done behind the scenes to reduce the impact of outage in outage notifications.
<p>Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPD looking to create a leaflet on outages and constraints and to test a fault explanation email. WPD are seeking views from members on what generators expect to see and generators can input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members volunteered to help WPD with the development of the leaflet and fault explanation email. WPD to contact them to assist.
<p>Active Network Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Topping from WPD presented on the Active Network Management (ANM) technology, curtailment reports and the latest progress of the rollout across the WPD network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to contact WPD if they are interested in knowing more about the opportunity to use ANM technology at their sites.