



Business Plan 2023-2028

Redaction Explanatory Statement

December 2021

Redaction Explanatory Statement to accompany our published Business Plan

- 1.1.** The version of the Western Power Distribution (WPD) final submission RIIO-ED2 Business Plan published on our website on 1st December 2021 reflects in as much detail as possible, our Business Plan that we submitted to Ofgem. By publishing our Business Plan, we want to be as open and transparent as possible to help stimulate constructive engagement with our stakeholders on the content of our Business Plan. Given the nature of our business it has been necessary to redact a limited amount of confidential information from our published plan. This summary statement explains the reasons for our redactions.

Commercially Confidential information

- 1.2.** Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to WPD as it contains competitively sensitive information. This type of information identifies or could reveal the cost data of our assets or activities that we source from third party providers on a competitive basis (e.g. goods and services in relation to the construction, operation and maintenance of our network). Publishing this data would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of WPD and, as a consequence of this, would be prejudicial to the interests of customers.
- 1.3.** Chapter 1 of the Competition Act 1998 prohibits the exchange of competitively sensitive information, therefore publishing any of this type of information would be unlawful.
- 1.4.** Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

Document	Page No	Paragraph/Table Reference	Redaction reason
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p. 270	Figure SA-06. 260: Historical Annual Growth Rate of DNO inputs	Confidential
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p. 276	Appendix A02: Gallagher (September 2021), WPD Business Plan 2023-2028 Insurance Premium Projections	Commercial sensitivity

- 1.5.** Information has also been redacted from our Business Plan on the basis that it relates to our future potential contractors and suppliers, which have not yet been subject to a procurement process. Publishing this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of WPD.
- 1.6.** Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following place:

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None	None	None	None

- 1.7.** In addition, our Engineering Justification Papers and associated Cost Benefit Analyses, Business Plan Data Tables and Commentary and the Business Plan Financial Model contain commercially sensitive information and are not available to any 3rd party other than Ofgem and its contracted consultants without the prior permission of Western Power Distribution who require the opportunity to redact some content should it be appropriate.

Strictly Confidential information

- 1.8.** Certain information contained within our Business Plan is classified as “Strictly Confidential Material” to WPD as it is operationally sensitive information. This type of information identifies or relates to Critical National Infrastructure and/or sites, systems or processes that are used by WPD for the safe, secure and reliable operation of the Electricity Distribution system. Publishing this information, which identifies or relates to system-critical sites, systems or processes (and proposed investments in relation to the relevant assets), would be prejudicial to the operational security of our Electricity Distribution system. Publication would prejudice the interests of consumers by potentially impacting the reliability of the service that consumers receive from us.
- 1.9.** Information that has been redacted from our Business Plan on this basis has been removed in the following places:

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Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.191	Figure SA-06. 216: Operational IT&T expenditure by project / activity in RIIO-ED2
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.193	Figure SA-06. 217: Operational IT&T expenditure - sensors and monitoring
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.215	Figure SA-06. 232: Operational IT & telecoms expenditure - cyber resilience
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.215	Figure SA-06. 233: Non-operational IT & telecoms - cyber resilience
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.215	Figure SA-06. 234: Business support IT & telecoms - cyber resilience
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.217	Figure SA-06. 235: Cyber resilience (OT) expenditure by activity
Supplementary Annex SA-06 Expenditure	p.219	Figure SA-06. 236: Cyber resilience (IT) expenditure by project / activity



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