RaaS - Resilience as a Service local energy resources to improve security of supply

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SSEN DISTRIBUTION

WHO WE ARE

We're Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Distribution. We're the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) responsible for delivering power to almost 4 million homes and businesses across central southern England and the north of Scotland.

We serve some of the UK's most remote

communities - and some of the most densely populated. Our two networks cover the greatest land mass of any UK DNO, covering 72 local authority areas and 75,000km² of extremely diverse terrain. We're also at the forefront of delivering the decarbonised electricity system of the future, connecting new low-carbon technologies to the network. Through this, we're helping support sustainable economic growth for decades to come.

SSEN DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AT A GLANCE

Nearly 4 million homes and businesses

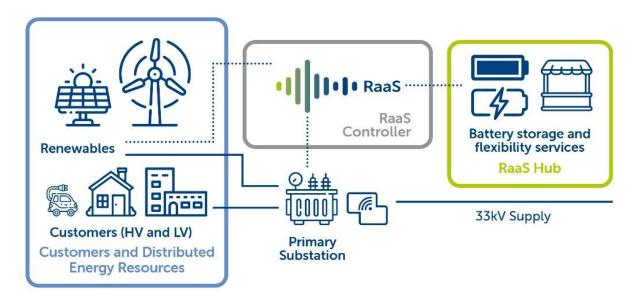
Over **128,000km** of overhead lines and underground cables

Over **460km** of subsea cables powering our island communities

Over **4,400** employees across the country



RaaS - Resilience as a Service



Benefits

- Security of Supply customers experience fewer and/or shorter interruptions
- Increased uptime distribution connected renewables continue to generate & export to grid at times when that energy would otherwise have been lost
- Reduced use of temporary diesel generation
- Additional income stream for storage/flexibility market assets

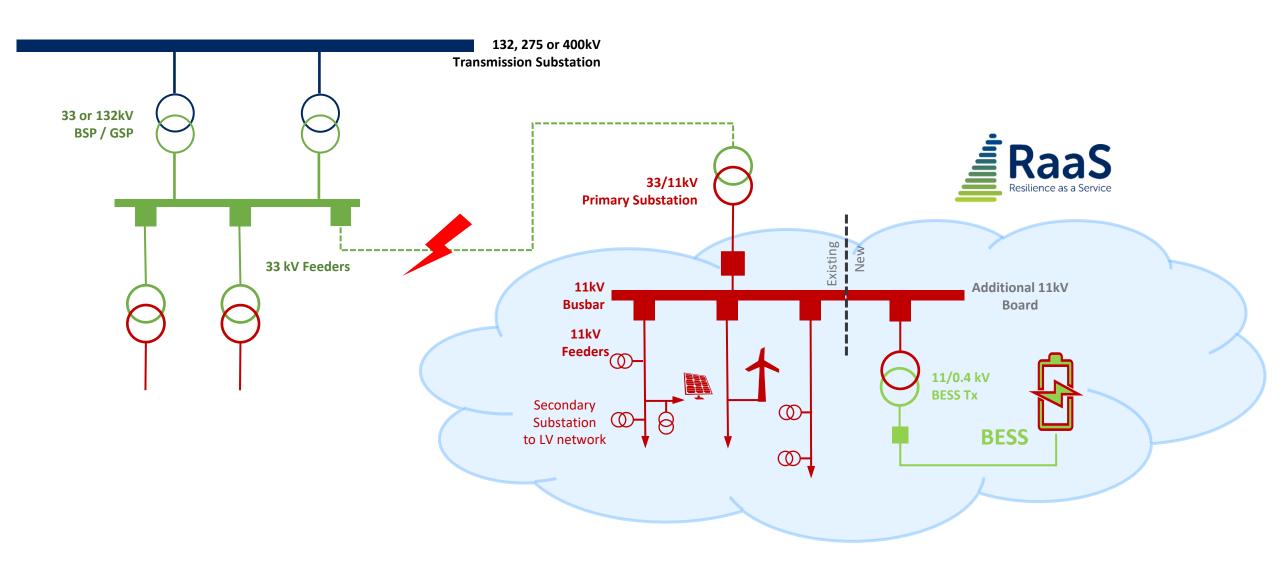






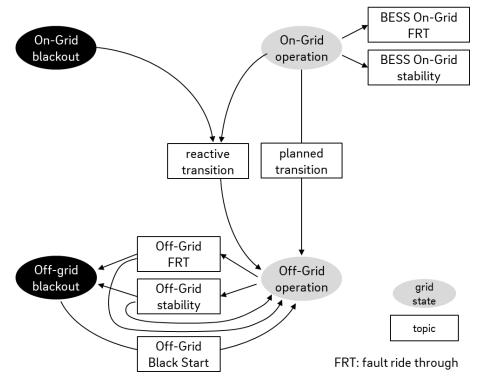
RaaS Technical Solution





Design Approach

RaaS operational modes and transitions

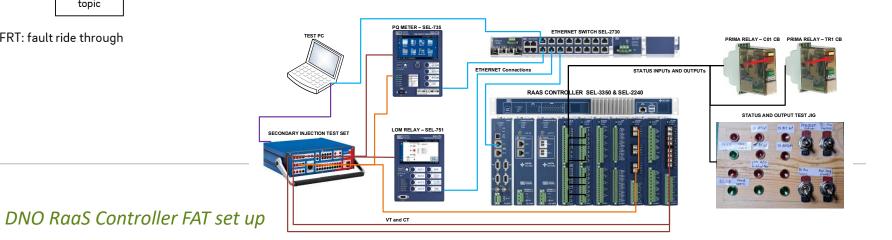


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- Modelling & Feasibility Studies RaaS at primary substation level WSP
- Modelling of Inrush Currents During a RaaS Black Start Scenario WSP
- Protection & Control Settings Study WSP
- PoW Switching Studies Enspec
- Detailed DNO Control Scheme Design SGS

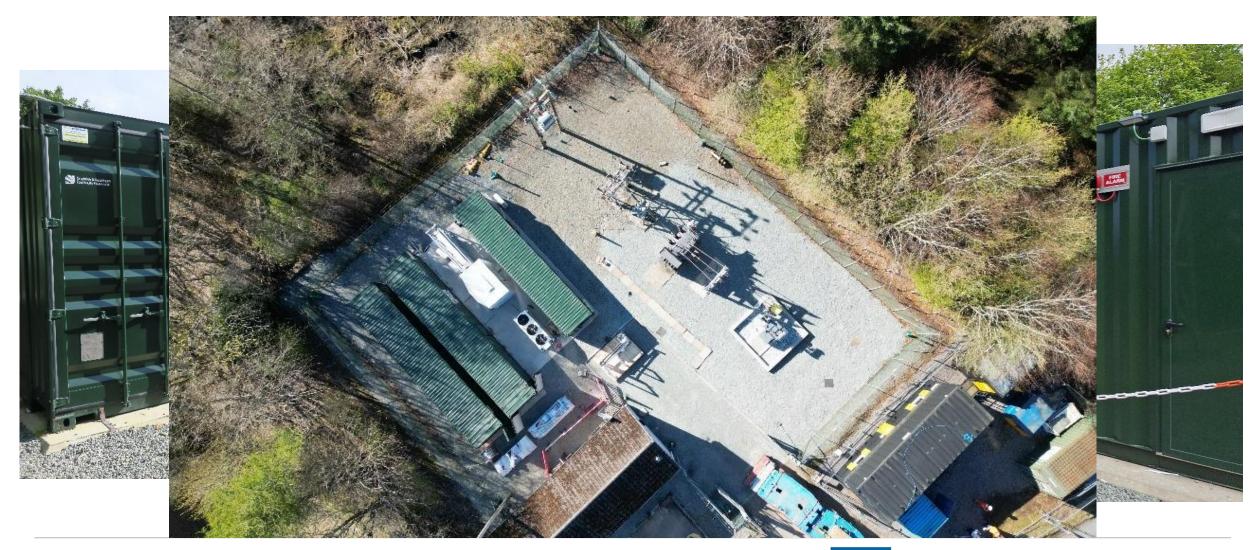
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- Request for Information & Request for Proposals stages
 - identification and qualification of potential suppliers for BESS components & functionalities
- RaaS BESS Detailed Engineering Design



RaaS Trial Scheme











Project Deliverables



PD1 - Site Selection and Front End Engineering Design

PD2 - Detailed Design

PD3 - Business Model

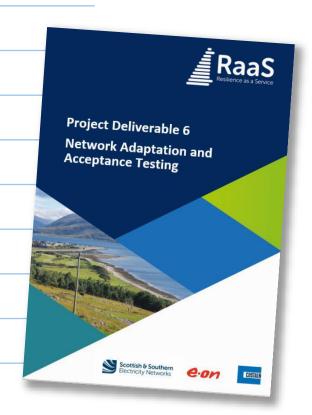
PD4 - Stakeholder Engagement & Stage Gate Decision

PD5 - Supply Chain Engagement

PD6 - Network Adaptation and Acceptance Testing - just out!

PD7 - Trial 1 - Demonstration at first site complete

PD8 - BAU Preparation



project reports available via the website https://ssen-innovation.co.uk/raas/project-docs









RaaS - Resilience as a Service

• Can local energy resources be used to automatically keep customers on supply during a fault ?

looking good

- What are the business case considerations around this?
 PD4 'Stakeholder Engagement & Stage Gate Decision'
 PD5 'Supply Chain Engagement Commercial Framework'
- How does this new solution for network operators sit within the existing regulatory framework?



thank you



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