

EIP046 Can consumer devices provide DNOs with voltage support?

Problem Statement Details

V2G is being held back by voltage issues because the regime pushes out too much power under certain conditions. Pushing power back up the network towards the grid increases the voltage; this is further exacerbated if lots of people do this in the same way at same time.

Due to the induced voltage issues, customers are unable to get connections for V2G.

Key Stakeholders

Customers (domestic and commercial), Networks, Retailers

Target Market

Early adopter prosumers (domestic and commercial).

Enablers and Constraints

Wholesale price and retail price are very different e.g., retail price has low carbon levies etc., which wholesale does not.

Scalability and Target Implementation Date

The European Combined Charging System for EVs is due to upgrade in 2025, enabling V2G services for many consumers turned prosumers. The scalability pathway should align to National Grid's FES 2022 (or appropriate DFES) for projected increase in EV uptake.

Seed Question

To what extent do we feel preparing for V2G at grid level will incentivise car manufacturers to move towards V2G earlier and in large volumes?



Innovation Strategy Target Areas

Innovation Theme	Target Area	Primary or
		Secondary
Data and Digitalisation	The shift to data-driven, digitally-enabled networks is critical as we move towards Net Zero. We need your help to drive standardisation, interoperability,	
	security and digital skills whilst accelerating our transformation to data-driven networks by the mid 2030s.	
Flexibility and Market Evolution	Energy networks must quickly and efficiently respond to the rapidly evolving needs of the energy system transition. We need your support to eliminate barriers to new market entrants, deploy novel commercial and network management solutions whilst ensuring fair participation and eliminating regulatory barriers within the RIIO-2 price control periods.	Primary
Net zero and the energy system transition	In order to meet the UK net zero targets of 2050 we must start converting our networks to deliver low carbon fuels today. We want to work with you to develop the role of our gas networks into the future by investigating, trialling, implementing and delivering safe, low carbon alternatives to natural gas such as Hydrogen.	
	Net Zero requires connection of more low and zero carbon sources of energy generation, storage and demand to both the transmission and distribution networks. We need your innovative methods for effective network management and accessing flexibility to improve visibility, forecasting and modelling of low carbon technologies.	
Optimised assets and practices	Innovation has a key role to play in ensuring our networks continue to remain reliable, safe, secure and resilient to our changing climate. We are constantly looking to improve and welcome support to identify methods to prevent interruptions, ensure resilience, reduce climate impact and future-proof our networks.	
Supporting Consumers in Vulnerable Situations	Equality and fairness are the foundations of a just transition to Net Zero. We hope you can provide insight into the transient and situational nature of vulnerability and how we can overcome the impact the energy system has on consumers, building strong relationships for the future.	
Whole Energy System Transition	The energy system must consider the full range of opportunities, risks and interdependencies that exist across the energy networks to integrate and optimise them in a way that best serves the consumer. We are looking for ways to improve visibility of the networks and transitional options, co-ordinate approaches and collaborate across the UK.	