# **NIA Project Registration and PEA Document**

Project Reference Number
IFI 0801
Project Licensee(s)
SP Energy Networks Transmission
Project Duration
5 years and 0 months
Project Budget
£455,000.00

#### **Summary**

Three projects are listed below:

• Project 1 (IFI 0801-1) - Microsol:

This proposal is twofold, to develop, test and commission the IEC Protocol on the Microsol Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) to allow us to trial interfacing to two specific devices at two specific locations, namely:

- o Busby 275kV Hathaway fault recorder.
- Strathaven 400kV operational intertripping relay.

At Busby 275kV SPEN propose to recover all the Analogue information from the fault recorder, this will allow us not only to present more information to the control engineers in real time, it will eliminate any issues with faulty transducers, faulty resistor scaling and faulty wiring.

• Project 2 (IFI 0801-2) - University of Manchester and NG:

This IFI application aims to investigate, quantify and optimise the level of security, dependability and speed in secondary schemes using IEC 61850. This project is strategically aligned with Iberdrola Networks and will provide procurement benefits.

• Project3 (IFI 081-3) – Hardfibre process bus field trial & RTDS Testing:

GE Multilin are first to market with IEC61850-9-2 products and the proposal is to undertake a field trial at the new Inverarnan 275kV substation and to perform RTDS testing of the scheme. This will achieve the following objectives:

Proof that the protection performance of a process bus system is at least equal to conventional schemes To gain experience of the installation, configuration and operation of a process bus system. To measure the time and cost benefits of process bus.

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### **Problem Being Solved**

Method(s)

Scope

### Objective(s)

The key objective of this project is to maximise economic and effective utilisation of the transmission asset and network. The deployment of the technology advocated for this IFI project, will allow ongoing substation secondary equipment retrofitting (refurbishment) projects to proceed whilst limiting the duration and frequency of circuit outages, required to facilitate the work.

### **Consumer Vulnerability Impact Assessment (RIIO-2 Projects Only)**

n/a

**Success Criteria** 

n/a

### **Project Partners and External Funding**

n/a

#### **Potential for New Learning**

n/a

#### **Scale of Project**

n/a

### **Geographical Area**

**Revenue Allowed for the RIIO Settlement** 

**Indicative Total NIA Project Expenditure** 

# **Project Eligibility Assessment Part 1**

There are slightly differing requirements for RIIO-1 and RIIO-2 NIA projects. This is noted in each case, with the requirement numbers listed for both where they differ (shown as RIIO-2 / RIIO-1).

#### Requirement 1

Facilitate the energy system transition and/or benefit consumers in vulnerable situations (Please complete sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 for RIIO-2 projects only)

Please answer at least one of the following:

How the Project has the potential to facilitate the energy system transition:

n/a

How the Project has potential to benefit consumer in vulnerable situations:

n/a

#### Requirement 2 / 2b

Has the potential to deliver net benefits to consumers

Project must have the potential to deliver a Solution that delivers a net benefit to consumers of the Gas Transporter and/or Electricity Transmission or Electricity Distribution licensee, as the context requires. This could include delivering a Solution at a lower cost than the most efficient Method currently in use on the GB Gas Transportation System, the Gas Transporter's and/or Electricity Transmission or Electricity Distribution licensee's network, or wider benefits, such as social or environmental.

Please provide an estimate of the saving if the Problem is solved (RIIO-1 projects only)

n/a

Please provide a calculation of the expected benefits the Solution

n/a

Please provide an estimate of how replicable the Method is across GB

n/a

Please provide an outline of the costs of rolling out the Method across GB.

n/a

#### Requirement 3 / 1

Involve Research, Development or Demonstration

A RIIO-1 NIA Project must have the potential to have a Direct Impact on a Network Licensee's network or the operations of the System Operator and involve the Research, Development, or Demonstration of at least one of the following (please tick which applies):

Operator and involve the Research, Development, or Demonstration of at least one of the following (please tick which applies):
☐ A specific piece of new (i.e. unproven in GB, or where a method has been trialled outside GB the Network Licensee must justif repeating it as part of a project) equipment (including control and communications system software).
☐ A specific novel arrangement or application of existing licensee equipment (including control and/or communications systems and/or software)
☐ A specific novel operational practice directly related to the operation of the Network Licensees system
☐ A specific novel commercial arrangement
RIIO-2 Projects
☐ A specific piece of new equipment (including monitoring, control and communications systems and software)

☐ A specific piece of new technology (including analysis and modelling systems or software), in relation to which the Method is

unproven
$\Box$ A new methodology (including the identification of specific new procedures or techniques used to identify, select, process, and analyse information)
☐ A specific novel arrangement or application of existing gas transportation, electricity transmission or electricity distribution equipment, technology or methodology
$\square$ A specific novel operational practice directly related to the operation of the GB Gas Transportation System, electricity transmission or electricity distribution
☐ A specific novel commercial arrangement
Specific Requirements 4 / 2a
Please explain how the learning that will be generated could be used by the relevant Network Licensees n/a
Or, please describe what specific challenge identified in the Network Licensee's innovation strategy that is being addressed by the project (RIIO-1 only)
☐ Has the Potential to Develop Learning That Can be Applied by all Relevant Network Licensees
Is the default IPR position being applied?  ☐ Yes
Please demonstrate how the learning from the project can be successfully disseminated to Network Licensees and other interested parties.
Please describe how many potential constraints or costs caused, or resulting from the imposed IPR arrangements.<
Please justify why the proposed IPR arrangements provide value for money for customers.
Project Eligibility Assessment Part 2
Not lead to unnecessary duplication
A Project must not lead to unnecessary duplication of any other Project, including but not limited to IFI, LCNF, NIA, NIC or SIF projects already registered, being carried out or completed.
Please demonstrate below that no unnecessary duplication will occur as a result of the Project.
If applicable, justify why you are undertaking a Project similar to those being carried out by any other Network Licensees.
n/a
Additional Governance And Document Upload
Please identify why the project is innovative and has not been tried before n/a
Relevant Foreground IPR
n/a

n/a

**Data Access Details** 

Please identify why the Network Licensees will not fund the project as apart of it's business and usual activities

n/a

Please identify why the project can only be undertaken with the support of the NIA, including reference to the specific risks(e.g. commercial, technical, operational or regulatory) associated with the project

n/a

This project has been approved by a senior member of staff

✓ Yes