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NIA Project Registration and PEA Document

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NIA_CAD0007

Project Registration

Project Title

Deployment of Resin-based Pipe Replacement in Services

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Project Licensee(s)

Cadent

Project Start

July 2017

Project Duration

0 years and 7 months

Nominated Project Contact(s)

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Project Budget

£33,210.00

Summary

It is envisaged that the overall proposed work will comprise three phases: 'Understand', where the current challenges are comprehensively reviewed and a solution specification agreed. Thereafter, further phases – 'Create', in which existing approaches would be refined to benefit from cross-industry expertise or new approaches identified; and 'Prototype & Validate', in which short-listed solutions would be developed to a level which permits an assessment of feasibility to be made – would be undertaken. It should be noted that this document seeks approval for the 'Understand' phase only.

Nominated Contact Email Address(es)

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Problem Being Solved

Cadent is seeking to utilise technologies which can deploy resin-based materials in both gas mains and services to create a homogenous, fully structural, method of replacing our steel / iron legacy network. A series of NIA-funded projects, undertaken in the period 2014-17, has achieved significant progress in many key areas, enabling the progress of some solution components to TRL levels 5/6. However, there are several areas in which technical challenges still remain and no technically or commercially viable solutions have yet been identified. One of the most significant of these is overcoming the physical difficulties in deploying a resin-based pipe replacement material in certain areas of the host pipe, in particular, swept bends and elbow joints. Cadent believes it is necessary to utilise expertise in other industry sectors and leverage studies undertaken in academic institutions to ensure that all possible options are explored and an efficient, consistent and cost-effective solution is identified and, if necessary, further refined for commercial use in the gas industry.

Method(s)

As part of its recent strategic review of its resin-based mains replacement programme, Cadent has identified Steer Energy as an organisation with the required industry knowledge, understanding of the issues to be addressed, and the relationships across

business sectors and academia, to enable a full and effective investigation to be undertaken. It is envisaged that any solution suppliers identified during this work will ultimately join the existing collaboration team to deliver a commercial solution for the industry.

Scope

It is envisaged that the overall proposed work will comprise three phases: 'Understand', where the current challenges are comprehensively reviewed and a solution specification agreed. Thereafter, further phases – 'Create', in which existing approaches would be refined to benefit from cross-industry expertise or new approaches identified; and 'Prototype & Validate', in which short-listed solutions would be developed to a level which permits an assessment of feasibility to be made – would be undertaken. It should be noted that this document seeks approval for the 'Understand' phase only.

Objective(s)

Within the 'Understand' phase of this work, three key work packages are envisaged:

- Status of the current methodology
- 'Fundamental Engineering and Physics Review'
- Solution requirement and specification.

Consumer Vulnerability Impact Assessment (RIIO-2 Projects Only)

n/a

Success Criteria

Noting that this project is the first of three proposed phases which are collectively intended to identify and confirm the feasibility of solutions which will facilitate completion of Cadent's resin-based pipe replacement programme, a report will be produced by Steer Energy, and approved by Cadent, to include the following key deliverables:

- Overview of current methodology
- Work carried out as part of the physics and engineering review
- Solution requirements
- Solution specification
- Recommended ways forward.

Upon successful completion of this phase, Cadent will then determine whether to continue with the further two phases of the overall proposal – 'Create' and 'Prototype & Validate' – as described above.

Project Partners and External Funding

n/a

Potential for New Learning

n/a

Scale of Project

This project will identify solutions to facilitate continuation of Cadent's PRISM/BAE pipe replacement innovation programme for use on Tier 1 (3"-8") mains and associated services. The outcome of this project, and the impact on the wider programme, will be shared with the other GDNs.

Technology Readiness at Start

TRL2 Invention and Research

Technology Readiness at End

TRL3 Proof of Concept

Geographical Area

The proposed works will be undertaken in Cadent's offices in Hinckley and Steer Energy's offices in Aberdeen.

Revenue Allowed for the RIIO Settlement

N/A

Indicative Total NIA Project Expenditure

Total £33,210

External - £24,600

Internals - £6,150

Contingency - £2,460

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)

This project will not, in itself, deliver industry benefits. However, successful completion of this project will significantly progress the development and delivery of a strategic pipe replacement technology.

Rollout costs for the overall programme (not this project) will consist of equipment purchase or hire, training costs and the cost of any required changes to relevant national or local policy for this work type. All costs will vary with the level of take up both locally within each GDN and from a national perspective.

It is expected that these costs will be significantly outweighed by the benefits but an exact figure is difficult to propose at this stage due the variables highlighted.

Please provide a calculation of the expected benefits the Solution

N/A

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

The exact area in which these technologies could be deployed would be subject to a review by each GDN as the pipeline would need to be clear of obstructions. It is expected that only mains pipes suitable for insertion replacement would be appropriate for the use of PRISM, however there is an opportunity to use the BAE technology (for services) in isolation, connecting to a conventional PE main.

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

The costs of roll out are unknown at present as the exact technical solutions to be utilised are in development.

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):

- A specific piece of new (i.e. unproven in GB, or where a method has been trialled outside GB the Network Licensee must justify 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
- 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
- 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

This trial will inform the ongoing development of PRISM, if successful it could be used by all networks as an alternative option to insertion or replacement of pipes.

Or, please describe what specific challenge identified in the Network Licensee's innovation strategy that is being addressed by the project (RIIO-1 only)

Seeking to overcome the technical challenges experienced to date in the deployment of resin-based materials in gas mains and services to create a fully structural method of replacing our steel / iron legacy network.

- Has the Potential to Develop Learning That Can be Applied by all Relevant Network Licensees

Is the default IPR position being applied?

- Yes

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.

n/a

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

Data Access Details

n/a

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