

NIA Project Registration and PEA Document

Date of Submission

Feb 2013

Project Reference

Project Registration

Project Title

Failure on Demand

Project Reference

Project Licensee(s)

Northern Powergrid

Project Start

January 001

Project Duration

0 years and 1 month

Nominated Project Contact(s)

Chris Goodhand, Innovation Manager (01977 605641)

Project Budget

£63,750.00

Summary

This project has two key elements:

The forensic investigation of two AEI/ GEC BRVP17 and two South Wales C4X switchgear mechanisms will enable understanding of the degradation processes and the cause of the slow opening of the switchgear. The information obtained will assist in developing an appropriate strategy to ensure the reliability of the remaining population of assets, with the objective of reducing the rate of failure on demand incidents. Learning on asset degradation will also feed into our decision support tools developed on the Condition Based Risk Management (CBRM) platform.

The production of an approved New Product Specification, supported by field trials, for retrofit AEI/ GEC BRVP17 and South Wales C4X circuit breakers will provide a cost-effective alternative solution to replacing a whole switchboard where one or two individual units are identified to have unacceptable performance that cannot be rectified through maintenance.

Nominated Contact Email Address(es)

yourpowergrid@northernpowergrid.com

Problem Being Solved

Method(s)

Scope

Objective(s)

To carry out forensic analysis of the moving portion of a total of four sample circuit breakers (two South Wales switchgear type C4X and two AEI/ GEC type BVRP17), to include intrusive examination of the mechanism and analysis of the lubricants applied. The work will be carried out by a third party and will comprise the following key activities:

- Analysis of background information, including previous trip timing profiles and maintenance procedures
- Completion of three consecutive trip-timing profiles on each circuit breaker
- Visual examination and photography in the as received condition
- Detailed examination of the mechanism to determine the general condition and identify any degradation, condition of lubricants, corrosion, wear, alignment etc.
- Removal of lubricant from mechanisms to assess condition with regard to the ability to lubricate adequately
- Dismantling of mechanism as required
- Optical and electron microscopy of components as required
- Compilation and issue of report.

To facilitate the removal of switchgear moving portions for analysis and to provide NPG with approved retrofit moving portions as an alternative option to replacing a whole switchboard where failures are confined to one or two specific units, it is proposed to specify, assess, purchase, retrofit install and trial two AEI/ GEC BVRP17 moving portions and two South Wales switchgear C4X units.

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):

- 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

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)

n/a

- 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.

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