

NIA Project Registration and PEA Document

Date of Submission

Mar 2013

Project Reference

Project Registration

Project Title

SmartZone Project

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Project Licensee(s)

National Grid Electricity System Operator

Project Start

January 001

Project Duration

0 years and 1 month

Nominated Project Contact(s)

National Grid TO Innovation Team

Project Budget

£430,000.00

Summary

The Humber estuary is going to be a key import/interface region for offshore generation and as such will be a major beneficiary of developments in dynamic rating and congestion management. The ENSG report Our Electricity Transmission Network: a vision for 2020 provides greater detail on the network expansion.

There are a number of new technologies being considered which can be used to extract or utilise more capacity out of existing assets through better intelligence on the parameters which determine the thermal operating limits of assets.

Overhead line circuits are very dependent on weather conditions, so are obvious candidates for dynamic enhancement, especially since this will be coincident with the peak output for intermittent generation sources like wind.

Improved network data will enable a new breed of automatic control and protection schemes to be developed.

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Problem Being Solved

Method(s)

Scope

Objective(s)

The SmartZone project will develop and pilot a range of intelligence based applications to enhance the boundary rating and network utilisation, this includes dynamic rating, new operational tripping and Wide Area Monitoring Control and Protection (WAMPAC) tools, with the intention to have these production ready for National Grid to deploy where constraints or connect and manage dictate. The trial will be a staged programme based in the Humber group to develop a fit for purpose communications and data management architecture capable of providing Smarter Transmission. The project will commence in 2011 and aims to have production tools by the end of 2014. The attached report expands on the work. In summary, the pilot will intend to:

- Install a variety of sensors to collect system and asset data
- Develop a number of applications which enhance asset performance of circuits and transmission boundaries or enable post fault capacity beyond current deterministic levels
- Design the appropriate architecture and identify the upgrades necessary in the IS infrastructure to support these new tools
- Understand the impact these applications will have on existing operation and procedures.

Stage 1 will look at the end to end issue around installing one application (2010- 11), while stage 2 will expand the range and scope of applications (2011-13) and stage 3 concentrates on the implementation programme into daily operation (2013-14).

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