

## NIA Project Registration and PEA Document

### Date of Submission

Apr 2013

### Project Reference

## Project Registration

### Project Title

Radiometric Arc Fault Location

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### 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

£308,640.00

## Summary

There is a correlation between RF discharges and network faults on overhead lines with the RF signal being picked up by a radio antenna up to 70km away. If antennae are spread across the network, a mesh is formed in a similar manner to the GSM network. If a fault can be accurately clocked, triangulation can be used from a number of base stations to give an approximate geographic location (within 300m) and linked to GIS / SCADA data to give a more accurate fault location.

### Nominated Contact Email Address(es)

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## Problem Being Solved

### Method(s)

### Scope

### Objective(s)

Applied research, and follow up installation of a system to triangulate fault locations on overhead lines from the high frequency radio wave signatures produced from an arcing fault.

**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