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NIA Project Registration and PEA Document

Date of Submission

Apr 2022

Project Reference Number

WPDEN05

Project Registration

Project Title

Equitable Novel Flexibility Exchange (EQUINOX)

Project Reference Number

WPDEN05

Project Licensee(s)

National Grid Electricity Distribution

Project Start

March 2022

Project Duration

3 years and 10 months

Nominated Project Contact(s)

Stuart Fowler

Project Budget

£15,375,360.00

Summary

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Third Party Collaborators

Octopus Energy

Passiv UK

Welsh Government

West Midlands Combined Authority

Sero Homes

Guidehouse

Problem Being Solved

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Method(s)

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Scope

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Objective(s)

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Consumer Vulnerability Impact Assessment

N/A

Success Criteria

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Project Partners and External Funding

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Potential for New Learning

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Scale of Project

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Technology Readiness at Start

TRL6 Large Scale

Technology Readiness at End

TRL8 Active Commissioning

Geographical Area

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Revenue Allowed for the RIIO Settlement

n/A

Indicative Total NIA Project Expenditure

N/A

Project Eligibility Assessment Part 1

Requirement 1

Facilitate the energy system transition and/or benefit consumers in vulnerable situations

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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Please provide a calculation and/or description of the expected benefits of the solution

See attached EQUINOX FSP

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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Requirement 3 / 1

Involve Research, Development or Demonstration

Projects 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

Involve Research, Development or Demonstration - Please select all that apply

☐ 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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

See attached EQUINOX FSP

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. Networks must explicitly mention similar projects that they have considered and how these differ.

Please demonstrate below that no unnecessary duplication will occur as a result of the Project.

See attached EQUINOX FSP

If applicable, justify why you are undertaking a Project similar to those being carried out by any other Network Licensees.

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Additional Governance And Document Upload

Please identify why the project is innovative and has not been tried before

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Relevant Foreground IPR

See attached EQUINOX FSP

Data Access Details

See attached EQUINOX FSP

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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

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

See attached EQUINOX FSP

This project has been approved by a senior member of staff

☑ Yes