

Distributed Generation Owner/Operator Forum

13.30-16.30, 25 January 2018

Introduction

Western Power Distribution established a forum in July 2016 for DG owner/operators to discuss issues in relation to outages and constraints under its Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) work plans.

The attendee list and meeting notes for the January 2018 meeting are set out below.

There is now a dedicated webpage for the forum [here](#).

Date of next meeting

26 April 2018, Bristol

Book [here](#).

Future dates for your diary

19 July 2018

Attendees:

| First name | Last name | Company |
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| Hayley | Muir | Belltown Power |
| Roberto | Anastasia | Bluefield Services |
| Bill | Edrich | Bristol City Council |
| Helen | Hardaker | British Solar Renewables |
| Mark | Hancock | British Solar Renewables |
| Don | Weston | Chelwood Community Energy Ltd |
| Dan | Hammond | Ecogen |
| Wendy | Matthews | Ecogen |
| Matthew | Black | Foresight Group |
| Clara | Perez | Foresight Group |
| Jonathan | Thompson | Green Nation |
| James | Whitley | Innogy |
| Federica | Rappoli | Lightsource Renewable Energy |
| Giorgia | Martina | Lightsource Renewable Energy |
| Dan | Kingscote | Mongoose |
| Ernesto | Chieffo | Octopus Investments |
| Juan Jose | Cano | Octopus Investments |
| Kat | Siadak | PSH Operations |
| Olly | Frankland | Regen |

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| Merlin | Hyman | Regen |
| Joel | Venn | Regen |
| Robert | Mattholie | RES |
| Graham | Pannell | RES |
| James | Haigh | South West Water |
| Adrian | Warman | Thrive Renewables |
| Richard | Wilson | UK Power Networks |
| David | de Ulibarri | WiseEnergy |
| Stephen | Ransome | Western Power Distribution |
| Joe | Davey | Western Power Distribution |
| Sean | Sullivan | Western Power Distribution |
| Gautier | Moulin | WPO |

Meeting notes:

| Key action areas | Views | Actions |
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| Generator portal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were happy with how the portal was working and generally complimentary about the WPD approach. Members reaffirmed their interest in confirming the cause of outage (planned or fault). Historic outage information is available on the portal per site back to January 2017. A new system showing extra details was in place from September 2017. Members asked if a descriptor could be added to each outage. WPD are changing their web/portal provider. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To register for the outage portal, email the below with details of your sites: wpdswestwalesgen@westernpower.co.uk Forum members to contact WPD to add further sites to the portal if required. WPD to add portal information (and any updates) to the forum webpage and communicate the portal to general Distributed Generation community. WPD to confirm the categorisation of outage type and cause using a key to be added to the portal. Further changes to the portal will be delayed by the change in web/portal provider. |
| Single point of contact for planned outages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Ransome is the point of contact for WPD on outages. Members requested a contact number. He has been joined by Neil Mansell as an additional resource who is updating contact details for DG sites (80% complete). Members have been in contact with Stephen over a number of separate outages. A significant amount of success in reducing the impact of outages has been achieved through working across the different areas of the WPD business. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD contact information: South Wales and South West area wpdswestwalesgen@westernpower.co.uk East Midlands area wpdeastmidgen@westernpower.co.uk West Midlands area wpdwestmidgen@westernpower.co.uk Members of the forum should use Stephen Ransome for specific outage/constraint issues and any dealings with local field engineers relating to outages/constraints Email: sransome@westernpower.co.uk |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members raised the issue of sites tripping off due to power quality issues rather than an outage. Stephen is happy to discuss such events on a case-by-case basis. | Tel: 02920 535701 |
| Consortium option to reduce outage impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD have identified five circuits that could benefit from an additional point of isolation to reduce the impact of outages. There is no network benefit but a consortium of two or three generators could pay for the work. These circuits were identified by going back through seven years of outage data. Members were interested in helping to streamline the process for contacting those generators affected. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD to contact owners/operators in specific circuits to discuss forming a consortium to share cost of investment to reduce the number of outages experienced. |
| Outage impact assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regen presented their methodology for assessing the impact of outages on DG in the WPD area in terms of generation (MWh) lost. This uses actual WPD generation from other sites nearby to estimate a generation profile for wind and solar PV. Members agreed that it was a suitable approach to use and would be useful to get a regular assessment. WPD are interested to use this data to assess strategic investment options and inform outage planning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD to publish a monthly assessment on the impact of outages on DG in the WPD area in terms of generation lost (MWh). Starting with data from January 2018 to be published by the end of February 2018. Members to feedback on the outputs to WPD. |