

Distributed Generation Owner/Operator Forum

13.30-16.30 pm, 11 July 2017

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 July 2017 meeting are set out below.
There is now a dedicated webpage for the forum [here](#).

Date of next meeting

20 September 2017, Bristol

Email ofrankland@regensw.co.uk to confirm attendance.

Future dates for your diary

25 January 2018

26 April 2018

19 July 2018

Attendees:

| First name | Last name | Company |
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| Neda | Todorova | Belltown Power Limited |
| Roberto | Anastasia | Bluefield Services |
| Helen | Hardaker | British Solar Renewables |
| Julian | Elsworth | Foresight Group |
| Maurizio | Geroi | Greencoat |
| Richard | Peak | Greenfrog Power |
| Aidan | Morris | Lightsource |
| Robert | Rabinowitz | Mongoose Energy |
| Dan | Kingscote | Mongoose Energy |
| James | Schwerdt | Oxford Capital |
| Olly | Frankland | Regen |
| Merlin | Hyman | Regen |
| Philip | Santi | Renewable Energy Systems Ltd |
| Paul | Homer | UK Power Networks |
| Sean | Sullivan | Western Power Distribution |
| Joe | Davey | Western Power Distribution |
| Stephen r | Ransome | Western Power Distribution |
| Vicki | Ramsden | Wise Energy |

Meeting notes:

| Key action areas | Views | Actions |
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| Generator portal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD confirmed the portal is now live with 9 registered users Forum members are trialling its use before general release Outage information and contact details for 33kV and above. Only able to update contact details for 11kV sites (no outage information) Members felt there could be a need for more than one user per company and the possibility of limiting some user's rights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum members need to register for the outage portal by emailing wpdswestwalesgen@westernpower.co.uk Provide feedback on portal to Joe jdavey@westernpower.co.uk WPD to assess number of users per company and restricting usage rights for certain accounts |
| Single point of contact for outages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD have made a specific person available to cover DG outage issues Stephen Ransome has previous experience as an outage planner and primary systems designer Copy in Stephen with any dealings with local field engineers relating to outages/constraints | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the forum should use Stephen Ransome for outage/constraint issues from now on Contact details: Email: wpdswestwalesgen@westernpower.co.uk Tel No. 02920 535701 |
| Changes to notifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD have added the permitted export level and outage status (approved means it is electrically approved by outage management team) as columns in the report A member raised an issue of late outage notification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD are due to add other outage statuses to the report to give more long-term visibility, but with less certainty Member to send any examples of late/non-functional outage notifications to Stephen (details above) |
| Reducing impact of outages "Just-in-time" approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD adding "just in time" flowchart to their internal switching schedule Members and WPD felt there was a need for a defined process, but not a formal agreement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD to integrate "just in time" approach to switching schedule Members should be aware that if they do not comply in a "just in time" approach case with outage switching schedule, WPD may take you off supply as a last resort |
| Consortium option to reduce outage impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was pre-meeting with a small working group including WPD A set of triggers were agreed to instigate a consortium approach – 3 days or more, 2 or more generators affected and initially | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPD to investigate number of outages that meet the triggers specified, identify potential trials and contact affected generators Members interested in joining the consortium working group email ofrankland@regensw.co.uk |



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| | <p>onshore wind and solar PV sites (for simplicity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent Isle of Wight consortium in the SSEN area was discussed • The portal could provide a method of forming consortia, with WPD providing the option and introductions | |
| Outage impact assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPD have confirmed in their ICE priorities they will provide an assessment of outage impact on generation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPD to continue investigating methods for delivering outage impact assessment |
| Information provision on network capacity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Berndes presented on the new prototype. A map based traffic light system of capacity for both demand and generation availability or constraint | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members can view it here and provide any feedback to tberndes@westernpower.co.uk |