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north west**

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# Northern Energy Overview

## The Challenges and Opportunities

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# Introducing Electricity North West



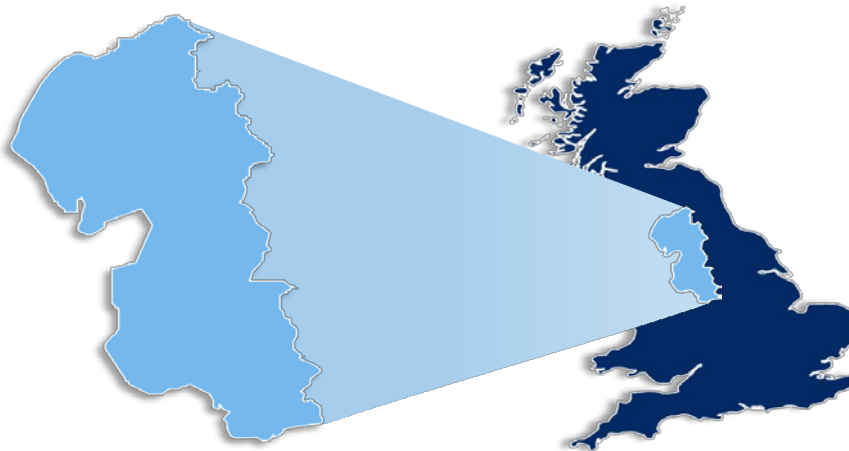
4.9 million



2.4 million



25 terawatt  
hours



**£12 billion of network assets**

56 000 km of network ● 96 bulk supply substations  
363 primary substations ● 33 000 transformers



## Strategic Context – keep worrying about the trilemma

- 5th carbon budget commits UK to 57% reduction from 2027 to 2032
  - Huge progress in decarbonising power
  - Limited progress in decarbonising homes
- Affordability of Energy is a key Social and Political topic
- Security of Supply concerns increase as our lives become ever more “Electrically Dependent”

# Change Drivers for DNOs



**Penetration of DG and storage ahead of forecast**

Set to increase as innovation lowers cost to connect and panel/ turbine prices fall

**ENW >1GW/month**



**Flexible LCTs – electric cars and heat pumps will increase demand and flexibility**

Tesla hot spot  
20 x 120kW chargers equivalent to 4 super stores



**New relationships & markets forming**

Roll out of commercial based capacity solutions such as C<sub>2</sub>C, ANM

Distribution System Operators

CLASS crossing market boundaries



**Stakeholders challenge DNOs to play larger role in delivering environmental and social benefits**

# RIO Outputs point to key questions




<p><b>RELIABILITY</b></p>  <p>We expect companies to improve network reliability and reduce the number and duration of power cuts</p>	<p><b>CONNECTIONS</b></p>  <p>Companies will provide a better service for new connections</p>
<p><b>CUSTOMER SERVICE</b></p>  <p>We incentivise companies to deliver good customer service and listen to stakeholders</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL OBLIGATION</b></p>  <p>Companies will do more to help vulnerable customers, particularly during power cuts</p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b></p>  <p>Companies must reduce their carbon emissions and other environmental impacts.</p>	<p><b>SAFETY</b></p>  <p>Companies are funded to ensure the network remains safe and meets Health and Safety Executive standards</p>

- Under RII0-ED1 DNOs continue to deliver strong performance in Safety and Reliability
- Is there more to do to satisfy customers wishing to connect their own generation and as their use of the network changes?
- Could DNOs have a bigger role to play in delivering Social and Environmental challenges?

# Change Enabler: P2 on a page



Objectives	Include losses in intervention standard	Incorporate new technology eg battery storage	Engage stakeholders	Review CBA for security (N-1 > N-0.25)
<p>Status at Sept 2016</p> 	<p>Economic and technical analysis shows that capacity based resilience in current standard is <b>inefficient</b></p> <p><b>Resilience = capacity, automation, operational standards, operational response and HILP</b></p> <p>Stakeholder consultation completed and shows they do not support the economically rational outcome ie reduce capacity resilience</p> <p>Next stage will stress the benefits delivered by inclusion of automation, HILP, outages and losses. Phase 2 – standard drafting pending</p>			
<p>Risks and opportunities</p>	<p>P2/6 unaffordable</p> <p>Connection costs and NLRE unit costs would increase</p> <p>LR would decline in volume but increase in unit cost</p> <p>Additional investment required for HILP, losses and automation</p> <p>Importance of resilience</p>			



Ofgem identified the following Non-Traditional Business Models

- Local Services
  - Community
  - Municipal
  - Housing Association
- Bundled Services
  - Energy Services Companies
  - Multi-service providers
  - Market Services
- Customer Participation
  - Peer-to-Peer
  - Demand side flexibility
  - Prosumers
  - Next generation intermediaries



- Connections and Customer Service Outputs require additional capacity to be provided affordably
- Technical Innovation enables networks to be operated in new ways with dynamic control
- Commercial Innovation enables new services to be provided and new markets could emerge
- What is the role of a Distribution System Operator

## CONNECTIONS



Companies will provide a better service for new connections

## CUSTOMER SERVICE



We incentivise companies to deliver good customer service and listen to stakeholders



# Potential DSO Activities



- **Forecasting and Capacity (sufficiency) planning**
- **Point of Connect determination**
- **Structure and appointment of capacity charges**
- **Commissioning of physical capacity construction**
- **Capacity Market Operation**

**Efficient,  
whole life  
network  
capacity  
provision**

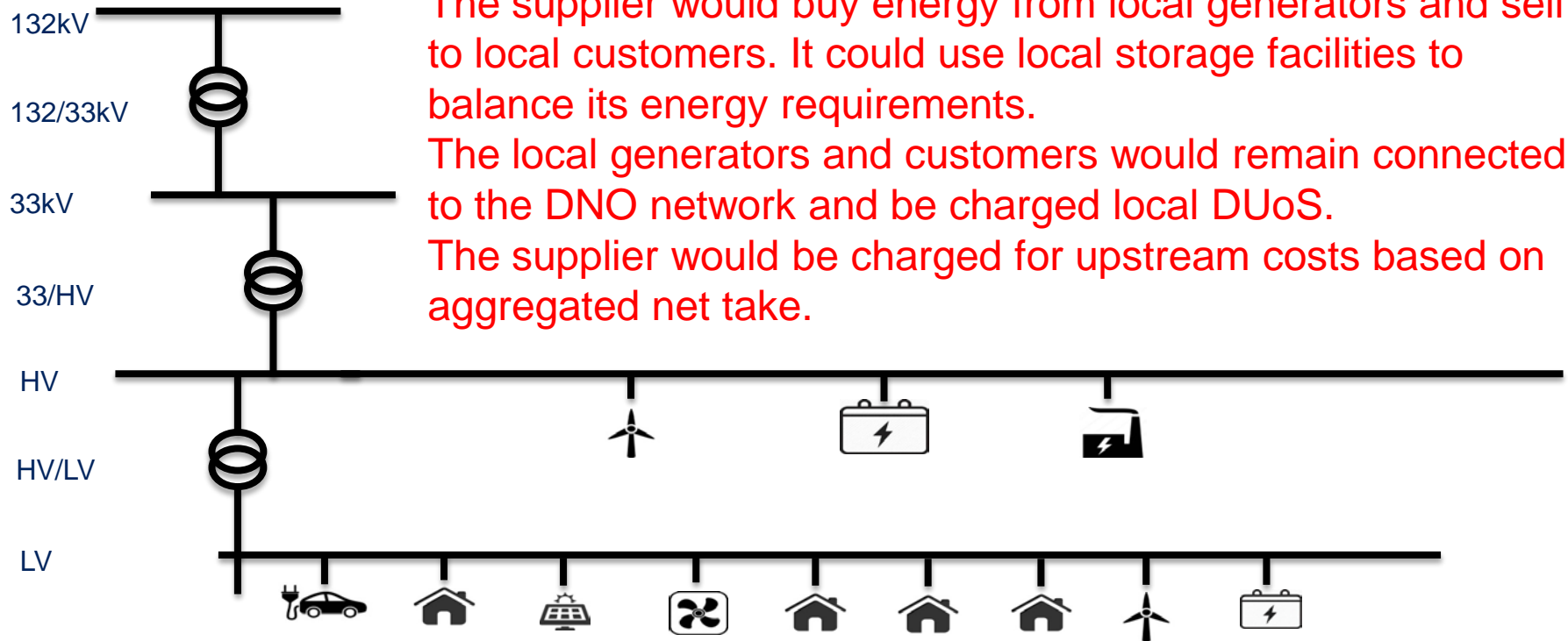
- **DNO Capacity: Demand Side Response**
- **DNO Capacity: Generation Side Response**
- **DNO Fault Level Contracts**
- **Support to TSO for Frequency Response**
- **Support to TSO for Voltage Control**
- **Support to TSO for Reactive Power**

**New Market  
Mechanisms**



- Customers (Local Demand Customers and Local Generation) to remain connected to the DNO Network
- LES to apply to customer connected to same local network
- Customers to retain their existing MPANs
- Customers to appoint the same supplier
- Customers may opt out and revert to conventional supply
- DUoS charging for the local network to be billed as normal (but with a discounted tariff)
- An 'upstream' DUoS tariff to be levied on the supplier to reflect any continued upstream usage
- DNO to be able to contract with the supplier for Demand Side Response

# How a Local Energy Scheme could work



The supplier would buy energy from local generators and sell to local customers. It could use local storage facilities to balance its energy requirements.

The local generators and customers would remain connected to the DNO network and be charged local DUoS.

The supplier would be charged for upstream costs based on aggregated net take.