

## The Electricity Trilemma: Usage, **Expectations and Assets**

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Introducing Electricity North West

Low carbon future





Innovation & the energy challenge

Summary and questions

#### **Introducing Electricity North West**





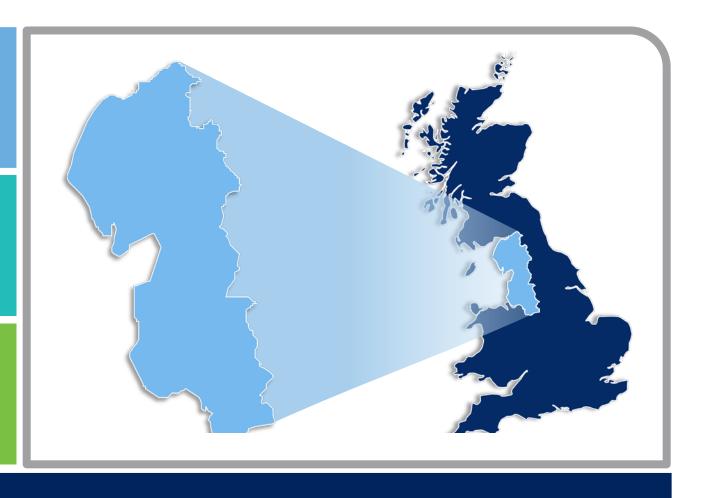
5 million



2.4 million



25 terawatt hours



£12 billion of network assets • 56 000 km of network

96 bulk supply substations ● 363 primary substations ● 34 000 transformers

## A track record of delivery

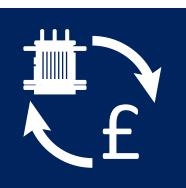




NORW∃B







electricity north west

1948

1990

1995

2000

2007

2010

Electricity
nationalisation:
North West
Electricity
Board

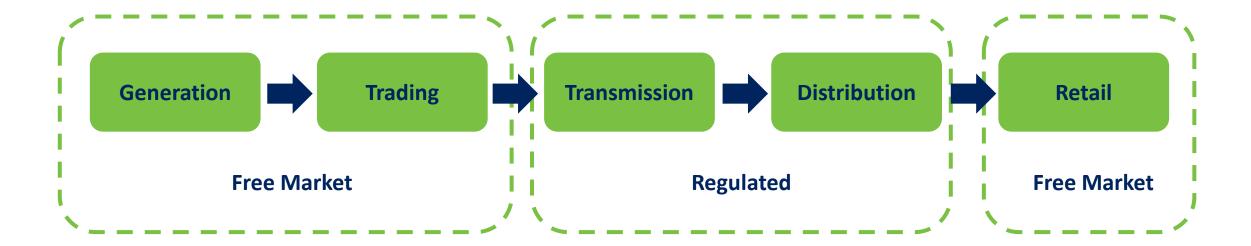
Privatisation: Norweb plc North West Water takeover of Norweb: United Utilities Norweb supply business sold

Sale of United
Utilities
Electricity to
private
investors

Acquisition of UU Electricity Services



## All large generators, suppliers and networks are regulated



But network businesses are the only ones with <u>price</u> regulation



#### UK energy challenges





#### 2015

1/3 gas
1/3 electricity
1/3 oil
~40% of electricity
is low carbon



#### 2020

35% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>

15% of energy from renewables

Generation mix is radically 'overhauled'



#### 2030

60% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>

Electricity demand increases, driven by electric cars & heat pumps

Distribution network capacity significantly increases



#### 2050

80% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
Significant increase
in electricity
demand

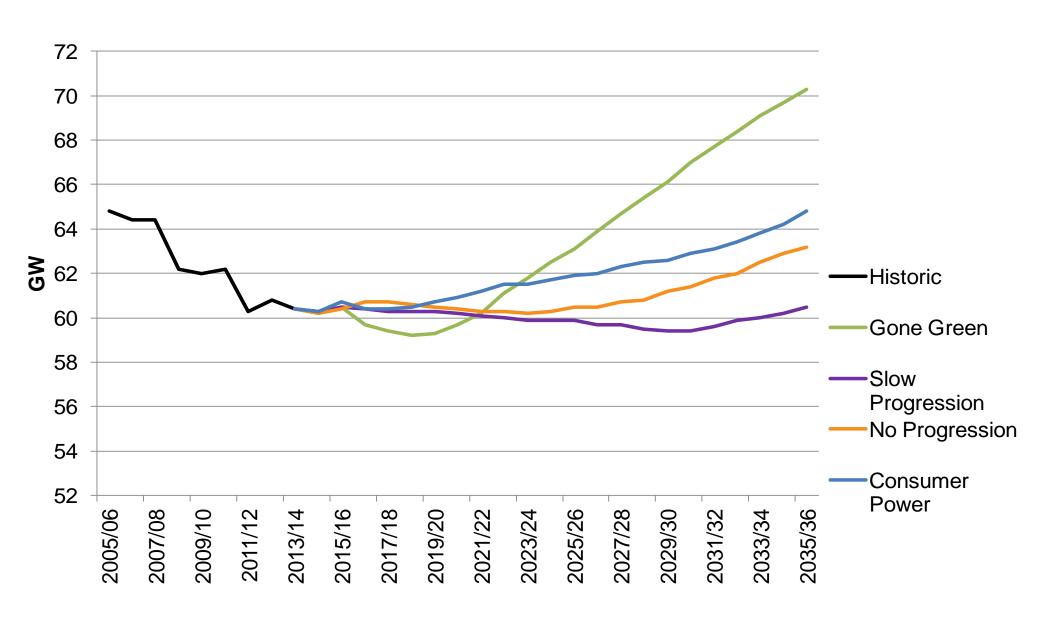
Uncertainty in future demand and generation
 Difficult to predict demand
 More pressure to meet

customers' needs at minimum cost 

Historic network cost optimised, expensive and slow to change

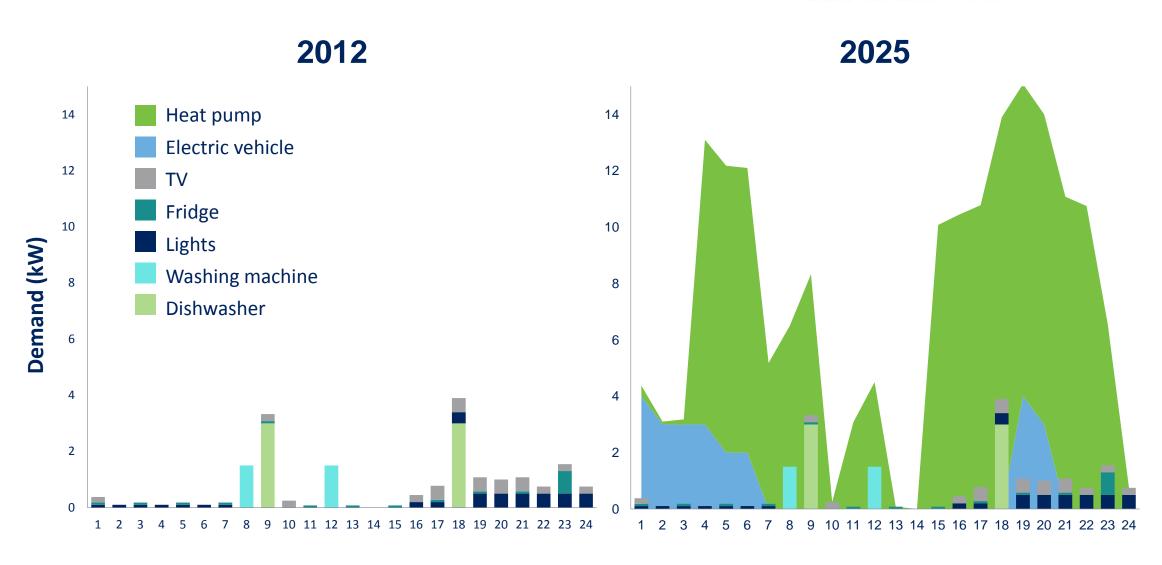
## National Grid's future energy scenarios 2015





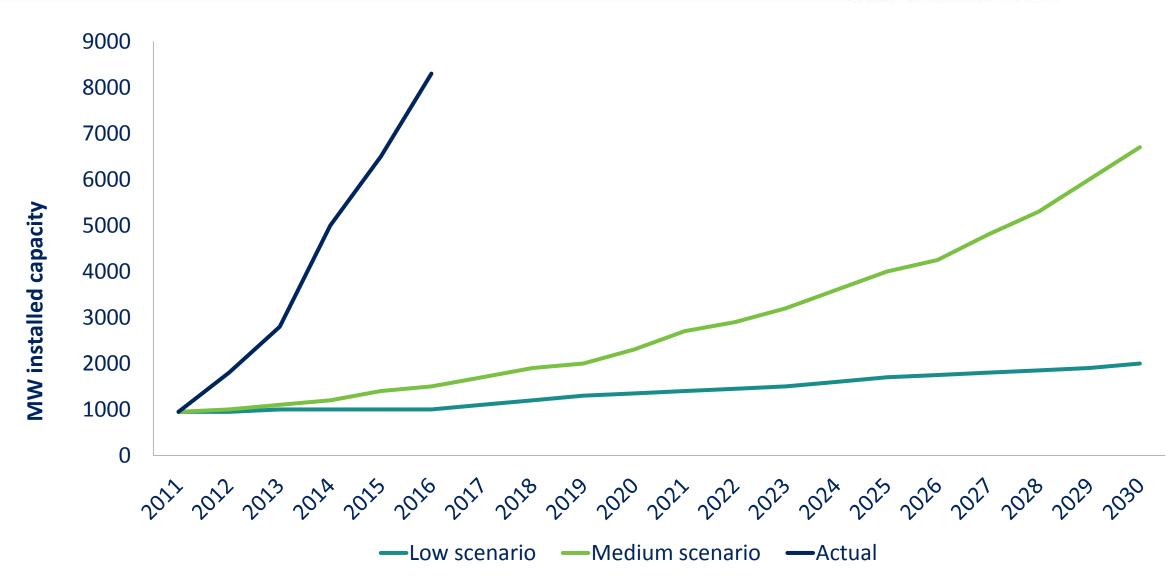
## Our challenges





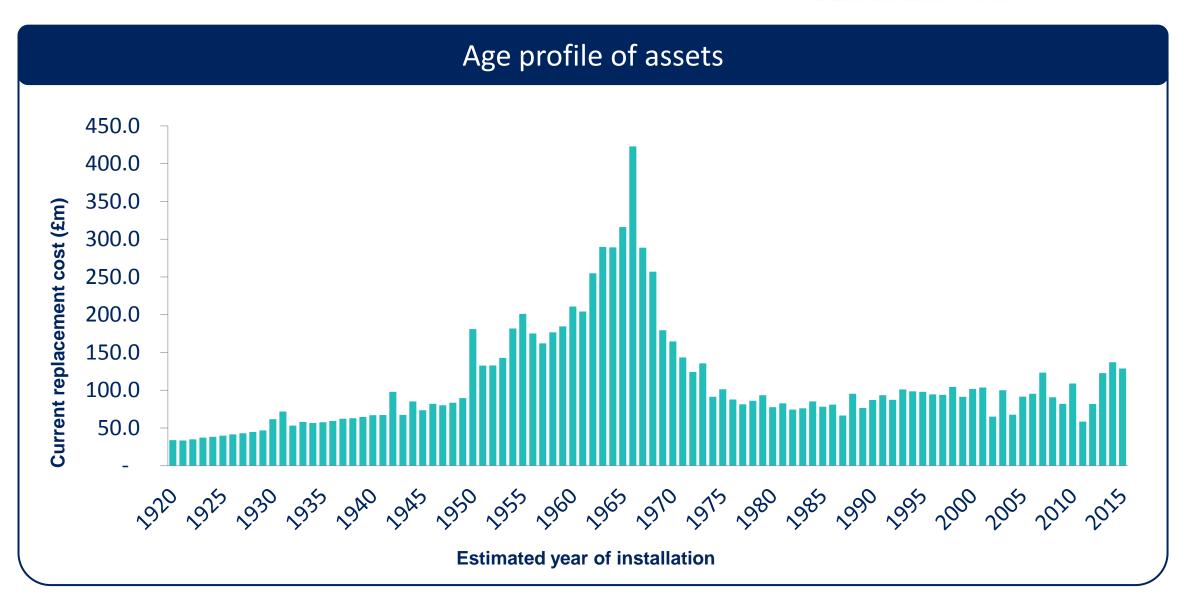
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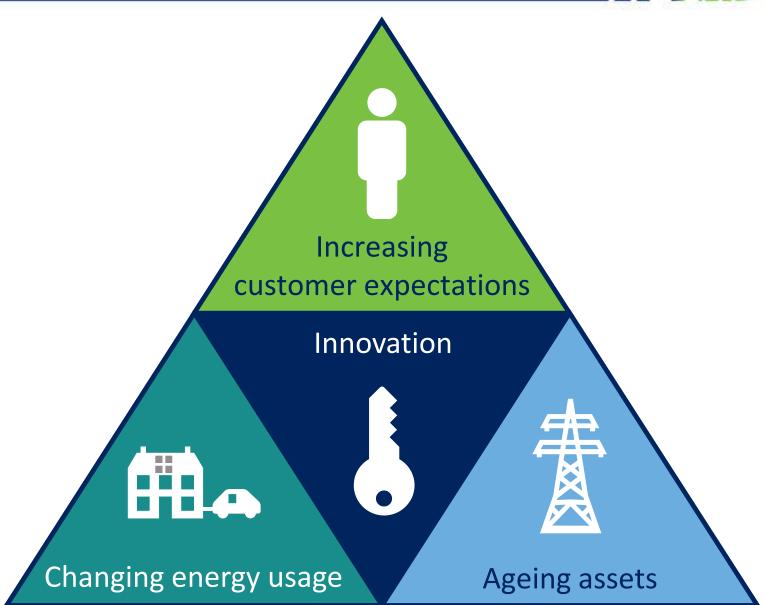
Source: EA Technology 2012, DECC





## Our challenges in summary















Research and technology demonstration

LCN Fund, TSB, ETI and other sources has ensured GB is well placed ENA central to co-ordinating developments through smarter networks portal

DECC/ Ofgem Smart
Grid Forum

Foundations are in place to deliver the benefits

#### Innovation funding



#### **Before RIIO-ED1**

RIIO-ED1

Innovation Funding Incentive

Low Carbon Networks Fund Tier 1 Low Carbon Networks Fund Tier 2 Network Innovation Allowance Network Innovation Competition

0.5% of price control turnover (£2m/pa)

0.5% of price control turnover Small scale demonstration

Central fund for big projects

Replace IFI & LCN Fund T1 0.7% turnover (£3m/pa) Central fund for big projects

#### Number of projects

**Discretionary Award** 

TIER 2 / NIC

TIER 1 / NIA

Innovation Funding Incentive

Value and oversight

#### Innovation in Electricity North West



Five consecutive successful second tier / NIC bids





Only DNO to spend all of our innovation allowance

Leading our industry to a low carbon future



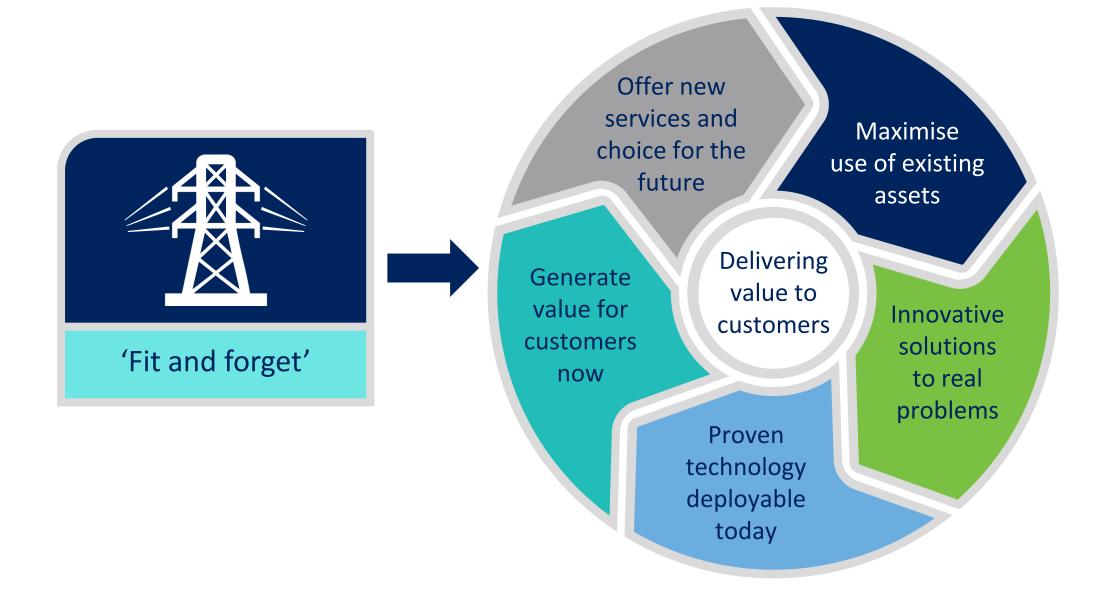


Stimulating supply chain development

Collaborative partnerships with SMEs, universities and National Grid

## Our innovation strategy





# QUESTIONS ANSWERS

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