

Background

- TPD Section O 3.1 states "In January of each year (year 0), National Grid NTS (NGGT) will conduct the Transporting Britain's Energy consultation process and request information from Users and others"
- The supply and demand forecast information provided in the responses from the TBE process would historically feed into the NGGT GTYS.
- Over recent years as the FES annual process has evolved, data collection and consultation happens differently removing the need for the consultation defined in TPD O 3.1
- The wide variety of information obtained through the FES process is of greater scope than just the specific information set out in the TBE (and therefore provides more insight).

Why Change

- NG ESO gather information from a range of sources through the FES process which goes above and beyond that which was previously collected through the TBE Process
- NG ESO provide NGGT with the required supply and demand information through a general services agreement.
- By not conducting the TBE consultation process, there are efficiency and resource savings across the industry as Users do not have to provide NGGT with information that we can gain via the FES process.
- The removal of the yearly obligation will ensure that UNC reflects current practice.
- In order to future proof the process we would like to retain the right to issue the consultation, but on a discretionary basis.

Solution

- The obligation to conduct the TBE consultation in January each year will be removed.
- The UNC will change to indicate that the TBE consultation may be issued once per year at NGGT's discretion.
- A notice period of 90 days in advance of the consultation being issued will be provided to industry in the event that NGGT needs to issue the TBE consultation.
- No changes are proposed to the information that can be requested as part of the TBE consultation. (This is detailed in TPD Section O 3.2-3.5)

Next Steps

Raised for initial consideration by the Modification Panel on:

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- Proposed for Self Governance
- Recommendation to issue to a Workgroup for a period of 2 months for development.

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