

Energy Storage Forum Meeting

Monday 30th November 2020

Introduction

Session opened by REA staff and Energy Storage Forum Chair, Vijay Shinde. National Grid ESO present in latter half.

Activities in the Energy Storage Forum

Longer-Duration Energy Storage Working Group

REA – We recently held a third meeting. There is a draft paper in production. Contact Isobel Morris if interested in joining.

We want to demonstrate to Government that there is a wide range of technologies that don't have path to market and that there is a need for them. Making sure multiple types and scales of energy storage can grow in market. CfD, cap-and-floor mechanism, regulated asset base.

Marcello Torres (Working Group Chair) - Good participation, getting feedback from members for draft paper in longer-duration energy storage.

Home Energy Storage Working Group

REA - Significant impact on market from Covid and lockdown on home energy storage, so pushing VAT reduction and GHG inclusion, and some details on installations.

Chair position open in BEIS' health and safety group – please get in touch if interested (No longer open as of January)

Need for this as there has been some concern over safety of batteries. On domestic flexibility, BEIS kicking off work for smart system flexibility plan. REA has pushed and there have been actions, and now they are looking to expand (are focussing particularly on domestic energy storage).

General updates on policy landscape

There is a Grid WG at BEIS, EVs are of major interest to gov at the moment. Ofgem creating EV strategy. Lots of the issues facing this strategy has faced energy storage. Please email for key grid related comments. BEIS commission BSI on smart appliance standards, such as PAS1878 and 1879. Lastly, rapid charging fund. Solar and Storage not mentioned explicitly in Spending Review, but Energy White Paper still being waited on. 950 million for rapid charging fund in spending review, of interest to

storage as upgrades for charging infrastructure and upgrades for capacity. Full treasury money, not just Ofgem/RIIO money. Finally, REA responded to Energy Networks Association's consultation on standardising flexibility markets.

Steering group elections

Looking for particularly active members beyond this forum group. We may split up the work and assign some individuals for speciality expertise.

Policy & Consultation updates

REA - National Infrastructure Strategy just published. There are vague proposals we are expecting in Energy White Paper to promote competition between DNOs, and possibly ESO.

Comment, member - BEIS contacted us asking for feedback on how to deploy funding (please get in touch with REA for more info)

National Grid ESO Workshop

ESO - Background on current ESO activity, lead to Marcus Stewart, Principle Adviser at ESO.

Marcus Stewart - Trying to bring everything together. How to engage with stakeholders at earlier stages. Today, talk about publications and channels we use. Look at requirements of different stakeholders and customers.

ESO run EasyRetro exercise for best methods of communication (We are expecting a summary of feedback from this session and others run by ESO, and will put this online when we receive it).

REA - Thank you for talking about this, storage sector is an example of a lot of funding etc, but not so much connection with regulatory session. Dispatch of smaller updates on balancing markets in the future, would be great to have more updates on that in the future.

Vijay Shinde and REA thank presenters and all for attendance, note upcoming REA strategy and e-networking session. Session close.