

DSR Framework and Methodology Consultation

Representation Pro-forma







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Organisation: SSE

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This document has been provided to facilitate your response to the DSR Framework and Methodology Consultation. In order to help draw your attention to the consultation questions that may be most relevant to you, we have colour coded the questions which may have greater relevance to you and your organisation. Please note that this is just a guide and we would welcome responses to all questions provided. The colour coding used is as follows:

-  Eligible Gas Consumer (Gas Consumption Annual Quantity (AQ) greater than 2 Million Therms)
-  Licenced Gas Shipper
-  Licenced Gas Supplier
-  User Group Representative (i.e. Energy UK, MEUC, EIUG etc.)
-  Licenced Gas Transporter
-  Other, if you believe you are none of the above then please give further details below:

Your Details:

Consultation Questions

Q1: Do you consider that the DSR Framework and Methodology should set out provisions for the gas procurement arrangements between National Grid and Shippers, with only high level references to the Demand Side Response contractual arrangements between Shippers/Suppliers and Gas Consumers?



Yes – it is not the role of a framework or methodology to set out detailed contractual arrangements rather setting out high level principles is appropriate

Q2: Do you consider that the current On the Day Commodity Market (OCM) provides an appropriate platform to facilitate the provision of a DSR Product?



Yes – we consider this is a cost effective means to deliver DSR provision

Q3: Does the proposed DSR Product meet your expectations in respect of providing sufficient market offer flexibility to match your operational requirements when determining and offering DSR? If not, which aspect(s) would you change, add or remove?



Yes – we believe the DSR does provide sufficient flexibility for large customers but the details will need to be agreed with each supplier / shipper

Q4: Do the criteria and arrangements set out within the Framework and Methodology for the posting and processing of DSR Offers meet your requirements? If not, could you describe the new issues you would like to be considered?



Yes

Q5: In respect of the development of the DSR Framework and Methodology, do you consider that you have been given sufficient opportunity to provide your input into the development of the DSR Framework and Methodology? Have we listened and taken account of your views?



Yes

Q6: Do you consider that the Draft DSR Framework and Methodology, the proposed DSR Mechanism and the suggested Shipper/Supplier to Gas Consumer service agreement structure delivers an efficient and economic approach, through which Gas Consumers may provide DSR, that may otherwise not be available during periods of acute gas market stress?



Yes

Q7: Do you consider that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology appropriately meets the requirements set out in the gas Transporters Licence principles, i.e. that only signatories to the Uniform Network Code may post a DSR Offer? If not, please detail how you feel this SC8I.4 (a) licence obligation may be better achieved?



Yes

Q8: Do you consider that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology satisfies the eligibility criteria set out in the Licence condition SC8I.4 (b)? If not, do you have any views on how to better satisfy this principle?



Yes

Q9: Are you satisfied that the introduction of the DSR Framework and Methodology through the proposed revisions to the Locational Market of the OCM Platform is the most appropriate approach to meet the principles set out in Licence condition SC8I.4 (c)? If not, would you like to share any other options which in your opinion would better satisfy this principle?



Yes

Q10: Do you consider that this proposed DSR Framework and Methodology satisfies the principle set out in Licence condition SC81.4 (d) which requires all DSR Offers to be treated as 'Eligible Balancing Actions' and included in System Clearing Contracts and the calculation of Cash-out prices? If not, could you provide details of any compatibility issues that you feel would conflict with this principle?



Yes

Q11: Do you consider that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology provides you or other Gas Consumers with an additional 'route to market'?



Yes – subject to agreement of contractual terms with supplier / shipper

Q12: Does the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology provide a 'route to market' for a DSR product that you would be interested in providing?



From a gas –fired generation perspective, where plant owners / operators are closely aligned with the supplier/ shipper it is likely that these arrangements would not be attractive. Rather existing internal arrangements would facilitate a route to market for any demand side response when considered on a portfolio basis.

Q13: Would you agree that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology does not unduly preclude the emergence of further commercial interruption arrangements? If not, could you provide information regarding which element you feel could prevent the emergence of commercial interruption, and any view on how this could be mitigated?



Yes

Q14: Do you foresee any distortions or unintended consequences that the introduction of the DSR Framework and Methodology may have on the existing gas market or gas supply contract arrangements and the principle of parties balancing their own positions in the wholesale gas market?



No – however the issue of non-delivery of exercised contracted volumes will need to be addressed in customer – supplier contracts and if this occurs could give rise to shipper imbalance

Q15: Do you believe that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology facilitates the procurement of DSR in a manner consistent with the National Grid's obligation to operate its pipeline system in an efficient and economic manner?



This question relates to the issue of an option fee as a means of attracting more participation but analysis showed this was not cost effective given the frequency within which the product may be utilised. We maintain our view that an option fee would be likely to increase participation but accept the position adopted.

Q16: Do you consider that the proposed DSR Framework and Methodology would provide an improvement to the incentives on the gas suppliers to secure the domestic customer supply security standard?



Provided appropriate contractual arrangements can be put in place between customers and suppliers and all parties have confidence in these then this framework may assist suppliers in meeting the domestic security standard.

Q17: We would value any additional comments you would like to share with us regarding the process we have adopted in developing of the DSR Framework and Methodology.



We consider National Grid has worked hard to engage with and encourage contributions from customers and their representatives as well as suppliers / shippers on this issue.