

Dear Charging Futures colleague

We are seeking people with relevant expertise and interest to join two Task Forces, to make an important contribution to our electricity network access reform project. My colleague Frances Warburton, who chairs the new Charging Futures Forum (CFF) and Charging Delivery Body (CDB), and I recently wrote to you mentioning this. I should like to set out more about these TFs, and ask for people to nominate themselves.

The Task Forces

We are proposing to set up two Task Forces:

1. **Access Task Force** – helping to develop recommendations of any changes to network access arrangements (for both transmission and distribution) which could drive benefits to consumers, and key challenges to be worked through.
2. **Forward looking charges Task Force** – helping to develop recommendations of any changes to the forward-looking element of network charges which could drive benefits to consumers, including considering what changes would need to be made in light of any changes to access arrangements.

Our recent publication, 'Our strategy for regulating the future energy system' sets out our thoughts on areas for consideration in access and network charging, [link here](#). We will shortly publish a working paper that will inform the thinking of the Task Forces, and provide a detailed draft Terms of Reference.

The Task Forces will need to help identify options for improving access arrangements/forward looking charges and support Ofgem in assessing these options. The Task Forces will then publish their conclusions and, where possible, recommendations by late spring 2018. Ofgem will use the output of this work to inform any initial proposals for reform, which, if required, we anticipate publishing for consultation in summer 2018.

The Task Forces will meet in London on a monthly basis. The Secretariat will aim to facilitate teleconference/videoconference facilities for Task Force members that are unable to attend in person.

Task Force members

The Task Force should include members that are able to contribute a broad range of views.

Task Force members will:

- have relevant expertise and experience;
- be committed to making improvements to delivering benefits to consumers through more efficient use and development of network capacity;
- make all reasonable efforts to attend all meetings (or send an appropriate alternate representative);
- be able to work collaboratively with other industry participants that may have different views and seek to find consensus, where possible; and
- actively contribute towards the work of the Task Force outside of Task Force meetings. This will include being responsible for completing tasks that have been allocated to a member by the TF.

The Task Forces will need to contribute to the delivery of a considerable amount of work within relatively short timescales. We would expect that each member will actively

contribute work to the Task Force, including outside of the Task Force meetings where requested to do so. We are willing to accept a lower level of contribution for representatives from smaller organisations that may be unable to contribute this level of involvement.

Depending on the level of interest, we may limit the number of Task Force members from each representative group to facilitate productive meetings and in-depth discussion. In this situation, we will firstly ask the relevant parties to agree a nominated representative. If the parties are unable to agree a nominated representative, then the Chair shall decide the nominated representative.

For parties that are not Task Force members, the Task Force will keep the industry up-to-date with its work on progress (eg via the Secretariat providing updates to the CFF and the ENA Open Networks). The Task Force Secretariat will also publish documents on the CFF portal. Parties that are not Task Force members will also be able to contribute opinion and analysis to the Task Force via engagement with the Task Force Secretariat in the first instance. We will also be holding workshops to engage more widely with stakeholders about our work on electricity network access reform.

Expressions of interest

We are in discussions with parties who may be able to provide a secretariat function for these Task Forces, and aim to appoint the secretariat soon. If you would like to be considered to join one of the Task Forces as a member, please can you contact Ofgem at networkaccessreform@ofgem.gov.uk by **Friday 10 November**. You can also use this email address for any questions you have.

In your expression of interest, please can you specify:

- Which TF you are interesting in becoming a member of.
- Your contact details.
- The organisation that you will be representing.
- Any relevant expertise and experience.
- Whether you will be able to contribute towards the work of the TF outside of the TF meetings
- Why you consider that you would make a good TF member.

Best wishes

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