

Dear Charging Futures Forum member

Charging Futures Forum and Charging Delivery Body update

Thank you for registering your interest in the Charging Futures Forum (CFF). The first Forum meeting will be on 9 November, which some of you will be attending, and we will make information and other relevant material available on the Charging Futures website before this first meeting for those not attending. This email is to provide you with a view of what will be discussed at the first CFF meeting, an update on work that the Charging Delivery Body (CDB) has been doing to prepare for that meeting, and to let you know about two proposed CFF Task Forces.

First CFF meeting

At the first CFF, we will update you on the work that Ofgem and industry are already undertaking on network charging reform, with this information made available via the website for those not attending. We will present our thinking on two Task Forces, and how these will build on outputs from the two recent industry reviews (the EDCM/CDCM review and the ENA's Open Networks charging workstream), and from other stakeholder engagement. We will also discuss with you how other change initiatives can be brought forward, some proposed guidelines for potential new areas for charging work, and how the Forum can work for you. We will welcome your views on these, both at the Forum and also through the online communications being set up by the Lead Secretariat (National Grid in their role as SO, at chargingfutures@nationalgrid.com) or directly to us via CFF@ofgem.gov.uk.

Update on CDB arrangements

The CDB has been set up to support the new Charging Futures arrangements. It has been set up to deliver a coordinated, efficient, and transparent programme for the development of electricity network charging and access arrangements that are fit for purpose now and in the future. Its key contributions to the success of the CFF arrangements will be in effective communication, coordination and delivery. The CDB's work to date has been focused on considering its Terms of Reference and preparing for the first Forum meeting. The Lead Secretariat will circulate the agendas and minutes from the first two CDB meetings, with all agreed papers, next week.

It is important to emphasise that the focus of the CDB is on communication, coordination and delivery in support of the CFF. It is not a policy development or decision-making body. The CFF will enable discussion of policy, in its meetings and Task Forces, alongside the existing industry groups like the transmission (TCMF) and distribution (DCMDG) charging forums, and the open governance arrangements for the Codes.

Task Forces on network access and forward-looking charges

We are proposing to set up two Task Forces to take forward work relating to Ofgem's Access project: one to look at future options for network access arrangements, and one to look at changes that could improve the signals created by forward-looking network charges. Our recent publication, 'Our strategy for regulating the future energy system' sets out our thoughts on areas for consideration in network charging, here <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/our-strategy-regulating-future-energy-system>. We would like these Task Forces to start work shortly after the first CFF, and we will be seeking nominations from those who would like to join these shortly.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming CFF meeting, and to engaging with all of you via the online communications being set up by the Lead Secretariat or via CFF@ofgem.gov.uk. We will also be asking for early feedback on how the CFF is

functioning and we will want to explore how the arrangements can evolve in response to your feedback.

Regards

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