

## **Balancing Services Procurement Forum (BSPF)**

### **Introduction**

1. Licence Condition 7B of the Transmission Licence requires National Grid to establish Procurement Guidelines for the Balancing Services it procures. The purpose of the Procurement Guidelines is to set out the kinds of Balancing Services which National Grid may be interested in purchasing, together with the mechanisms by which National Grid envisage purchasing such Balancing Services.
2. It is proposed that National Grid establish an industry forum to inform and discuss the Procurement Guidelines and the provision of information regarding the procurement of Balancing Services.

### **Scope & Objectives**

3. The scope and objectives of the Balancing Services Procurement Forum (BSPF) will be:
  - To increase the awareness and understanding within the industry regarding the kinds of Balancing Services which National Grid may be interested in purchasing
  - To increase the awareness and understanding within the industry regarding the mechanisms by which National Grid envisage purchasing Balancing Services
  - To provide a forum for the industry to discuss the procurement of Balancing Services and provide feedback to National Grid
  - To discuss the provision of information by National Grid to the industry on the procurement of Balancing Services

### **BSPF Format**

4. The BSPF will be organised by National Grid and be open to all existing and potential Balancing Services providers and BSUoS customers. The format for the forum will be similar to that of the Operational Forum and comprise mainly of presentations by National Grid. Each meeting will include a question and answer session at the end with key issues arising from this session feeding onto the agenda for future BSPF meetings.
5. The BSPF will be chaired by John Pettigrew (Contracts & Trading Manager) and will be supported by the following panel members:
  - Mike Calviou (Strategy & Portfolio Manager)
  - John Greasley (Contract Development Manager)
  - Adrian Lewis (Short Term Trading Manager)
  - Andy Malins (Contracting Manager)
  - Alan Robb (Operational Policy Manager)

6. The BSPF will be held every 3 months in the Coventry area.
7. The BSPF will have a dedicated page under the Balancing Services section of the National Grid UK Website. This will be the prime vehicle for publishing presentations and enabling BSPF material to be available to a wide audience.
8. Possible agenda items and presentations are:
  - License Condition 7B Requirements
  - The Current Procurement Guidelines
  - National Grid Information Provision
  - National Grid Trading Activity
  - Reactive Tender Round Reports and Information
  - Standing Reserve Tender Round Reports and Information
  - Changes to Procurement Mechanisms
  - More detailed presentation on specific areas of Balancing Services Procurement as requested by BSPF attendees