

Network Innovation Allowance Progress Report

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Project Progress

Project Title

Social Constrained Managed Zones (CMZs)

Project Reference

NIA_SSEN_0036

Funding Licensee(s)

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

Project Start Date

March 2019

Project Duration

0 years and 7 months

Nominated Project Contact(s)

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Scope

The project has three aspects:

- Work in the Drayton and Coxmoor Wood and will support community groups to submit tender responses to the ongoing procurement process for the CMZ zones in those locations. The project scope includes the provision of support in relation to the tender in these locations only (SCMZ Delivery Document)
- Work on the documentation of a longer-term process, to allow for the replication of this process in other areas
- Identify a method for accounting for the social and environmental benefits for the SCMZ providers participation

Objectives(s)

The objectives of the project are:

- 1) To reduce the barriers of participation in the CMZ process for smaller community groups by:
 - Producing documentation that will aid smaller community groups in understanding the process and requirements of the SCMZ process
 - Providing direct support to interested providers in the Drayton and Coxmoor Wood areas, through seed funding and/or consultant support
- 2) Determining the internal processes required for a future rollout of SCMZ to encourage participants in other CMZ areas by: Working with legal, planning, regulation, CMZ and procurement teams to design processes for the trial which pass approval from all these internal teams
 - Gain approval for use of these processes for BAU applications
- 3) Determine a method for calculating the social and environmental benefits of SCMZ provider participation to include in network planning decisions in future by:
 - Working with BEIS and Ofgem on calculations and approval

Success Criteria

The project will be deemed successful if:

- 1) SCMZ Providers are passed to the CMZ team to take part in a BAU process
- 2) The SCMZ processes are approved to be rolled out across other CMZ areas
- 3) A method for calculating the social and environmental benefits of SCMZ participation is developed and approved

Performance Compared to the Original Project Aims, Objectives and Success Criteria

Work towards achieving the first objective aimed at reducing the barriers of participation in the CMZ process for smaller community groups is progressing as planned. In partnership with NEA, we identified and contacted organisations in the Drayton and Coxmoor Wood areas with intention of setting up an initial Stakeholder engagement session to explain the concept of Social CMZ

Work has been done to determine the internal processes required for a future rollout of Social CMZ which will encourage participants in other CMZ areas. This work has progressed with initial discussion with the CMZ team within SSEN.

Required Modifications to the Planned Approach During the Course of the Project

No modifications have been made to date.

Lessons Learnt for Future Projects

There will be lessons developed for future projects towards the latter stage of the project, following the matchmaking workshop and during the procurement event. These will be logged and shared appropriately.

The Outcomes of the Project

Not currently applicable.

Data Access

See Network Innovation Competition (NIC) and Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) Data Sharing Procedure at <https://www.ssen.co.uk/InnovationLibrary/Distribution/>

Foreground IPR

A leaflet will be developed as part of the project detailing potential projects. This will be able to be used during future rollouts to advise potential participants.

A report will be developed later in the project detailing the internal processes that allow a future BAU rollout.

To date, work on the above deliverables has been started by our project partners and suppliers. These deliverables will be treated in compliance with the NIA Governance v3.