

Network Innovation Competition (NIC) and Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) Data Sharing Procedure



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1 Introduction

1.1 Data Procedure Background

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) engages and delivers innovation projects on the GB network in order to ensure that the network is prepared for future challenges. The majority of the innovation projects delivered by SSEN have been funded by one of Ofgem’s Innovation funding mechanisms such as Network Innovation Allowance, Network Innovation Competition or the earlier Low Carbon Network Fund. The underlying objective of these innovation projects is to improve network efficiency, deliver benefits for customers and to continue to facilitate the low carbon transition in GB.

1.2 Purpose

During the execution and delivery of these projects SSEN have gathered significant volumes of data from across our portfolio of past and current projects, this includes various aspects of the network and consumption data. The purpose of this procedure document is to define how SSEN will share network and consumption data (subject to anonymisation and/or redaction for reasons of commercial confidentiality or other sensitivity). This procedure refers to the ‘Sharing Project Data’ licence condition in the current NIC (clause 2.16) and NIA (clause 2.13) governance that mandates Network Licensees to make clear how any network or consumption data gathered in the course of a Project can be requested by interested parties. For the purpose of regulatory reporting this procedure should be considered the SSEN NIC and NIA Data Sharing Policy.

The responsibility for the implementation of the Innovation Data Sharing Procedure rests with the Head of Future Networks who will ensure the implementation of the procedure.

2 References

The documents detailed in Table 2.1 - Corporate Documents, should be used in conjunction with this document.

Table 2.1 - Corporate Documents

Reference	Title
MS-COR-IS-020	Information Classification Standard

3 NIC and NIA Data Procedure

3.1 Project Generated Data

In response to the Electricity Network Innovation Competition and Network Innovation Allowance Governance Document SSEN will publicly share all network and consumption data generated as part of a Network Innovation Competition (NIC) and Network Innovation Award (NIA) project on a public

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website where it is reasonably practicable to do so. The sharing of this information is however subject to a data classification assessment.

3.2 Data Classification Assessment

A classification assessment of each data type shall be performed to determine if it contains sensitive data such as personal information or commercial data which could be considered confidential.

Each Data type should be classified as per MS-COR-IS-020 to one of the following:

- Public
- Internal
- Confidential
- Highly Confidential

As only information classified as PUBLIC can be made available to third parties, any data which does not meet this classification will require mitigating actions, which should be recorded in the data assessment. As an example, references to Metering Point Administration Numbers (MPANS), Meter references, customer ID etc., should be removed. Where anonymisation is required it will be done in conjunction with the [ICO Anonymisation Code of Standards](#).

A Data Classification Assessment should be completed for the project and authorised by the Head of Future Networks or designated deputy before any information should be made available for public access.

3.3 Data Access

The project will publish data online. Access to this data will be via a publicly available website. Information as to where this data is published shall be included on the innovation section of the SSEN website and any relevant SSEN project website, in any associated information released to Ofgem and or the Smarter Network portal. The data will be made available until no future use of the data can be envisaged.

4 Revision History

No	Overview of Amendments	Previous Document	Revision	Authorisation
01	New document created	N/A	1.00	Stewart Reid
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