



Scottish & Southern  
Electricity Networks

# YOUR PLAN, OUR FUTURE: RIIO-T2

**Welcome to the first Your Plan,  
Our Future: RIIO-T2 newsletter**

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about our proposals and decisions as we prepare our business plan for 2021 and beyond.

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# WHAT DO WE DO FOR YOU?

**We are part of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, operating under licence as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc for the transmission of electricity in the north of Scotland.**

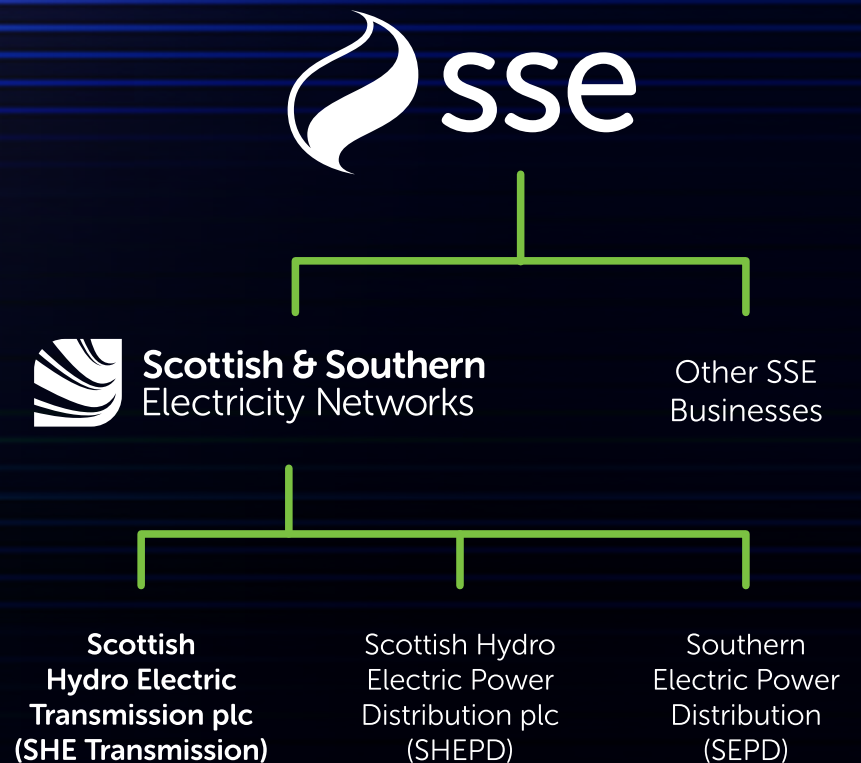
We own and maintain the 132kV, 275kV and 400kV electricity transmission network in our licence area.

Our network comprises of underground cables, overhead wooden poles, steel towers and electricity substations, and it extends over a quarter of the UK land mass across some of its most challenging terrain. We take the electricity generated from onshore windfarms, hydro power stations and other generators and transport it at high voltage and extra high voltage over long distances through our transmission

network to areas of demand around our towns and cities.

Our first priority is to provide a safe and reliable supply of electricity to our communities. We do this by making sure our employees and contractors work safely while ensuring the network is able to function properly and meet electricity demand now and in the future.

Our network is presently responsible for the connection of c4.9MW of generation and has a reliability of 99.996%.



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**We operate under licenced conditions and are regulated by Ofgem who ensure value is being achieved on behalf of consumers.**

Ofgem will be presented with our plans on: how we will manage our existing network, our proposed investments and how we can be measured against success.

Our approach to the RIIO-T2 process will ensure you have a valued voice in how we plan for the future. Through engagement, your plan will become our future.

We are keen to understand the main areas of interest to consumers such as Security of Supply, Cost, Impact on the Environment, Innovation and the potential Future Energy Scenarios which may affect the north of Scotland.

**Revenue** = **Incentives** + **Innovation** + **Outputs**

If you have any thoughts or view towards these topics, please get in touch: [yourplanourfuture@sse.com](mailto:yourplanourfuture@sse.com)

# RIIO-T2 UPDATE

**We are well underway with work which will inform our thinking for our next Price Control which is to commence 1 April 2021.**

We are in the process of agreeing and discussing what a sustainable business plan will include with the electricity industry regulator, Ofgem, to ensure maximum benefit to current and future electricity consumers.

Our dialogue with Ofgem started in summer 2017 and will continue until submission of our final plan in quarter four of 2019 and beyond.

A key part of ensuring we create a robust business plan involves capturing views and preferences of all stakeholders affected by our operations and investments.

We are committed to providing you with initial proposals for discussion and will, where possible, use views to refine plans. We will also commit to providing feedback on our decision process as part of any engagement

undertaken to demonstrate clarity on our decisions.

The RIIO-T2 team are looking forward to receiving your views across topics including how we can operate as a sustainable business and what we can do to prepare for the potential energy scenarios and changes within the industry that affect the network in the north of Scotland.

If you have a view on any aspect of our business, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team:  
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# RIIO-T2 DELIVERY PROGRAMME

Below is a timeline of how the project will run.

SHE Transmission Business Plan Development **July 2017 - Q4 2019**



The timeline is correct as of July 2018, and may be subject to change at short notice.  
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# EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

**On March 8th 2018, SSEN Transmission hosted a stakeholder workshop to seek feedback on its future investment plans.**

We invited 57 key stakeholders from backgrounds including Government, Developer, Statutory Authorities, Business, Utilities and Consumer Representatives to tell us their views on our present performance and to test our future thinking.

When stakeholders considered a range of factors, which could determine our activities beyond 2020, they felt

that Security of Supply was the most significant factor, followed by Cost to Customers and Environmental Impact. Economic Impact, Impact on Local Communities and Consequences for Staff were also noted as key areas of focus for the company.

We will be using comments and views provided during the session to inform our position across several key

areas including: maintaining and improving our positive public perception, how we can improve our engagement activities, how we will plan for the future, how we demonstrate good value to consumers and how we tackle the Energy Trilemma which balances Costs, Environment, and Security of Supply.

A summary report from the session is available on the SSEN webpage.



# SSEN STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PANELS

**During 2017, we established two Stakeholder Panels which are helping to inform our thinking and shape the way we make decisions.**

Our Stakeholder Advisory Panel was assembled through an open recruitment process where we appointed six people who represent a broad spectrum of our stakeholders, including experts on generation connections, planning and vulnerability issues.

The Panel met for the first time in February 2017 with further meetings held quarterly. The role of the

panel is to: provide challenge and review to support effective delivery of SSEN's RIIO-T1 (and RIIO-ED1) business plan commitments and, represent the stakeholders of SSEN and offer strategic advice and feedback to SSEN to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements and aspirations of stakeholders.

To ensure the voice of our internal stakeholders is

heard, we established two Staff Advisory Panels to represent staff views across our large operational area in the north of Scotland.

Each panel consists of eight members of SSEN Transmission staff and meets quarterly to discuss and advise on a variety of topics including RIIO-T1 Price Control, Stakeholder Engagement, Sustainability, Four Year Plan and Management Briefings.

# NORTH OF SCOTLAND FUTURE ENERGY SCENARIOS

**In summer 2017 we commenced an in-depth analysis of the potential scenarios which may affect how we invest and operate our network beyond 2021.**

The areas which we investigated were originally identified by our stakeholders including Generators, Government, Customers, Statutory Authorities, Communities and other interested parties.

We conducted engagements and discussions across five main areas to understand stakeholder's views and opinions, these included: North of Scotland Energy Trends, The Repowering of Onshore Wind Farms, the potential impact of increased numbers of Electric Vehicles

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accessing the network, how Generated Energy and its Storage may affect communities and how we could support and improve Energy Efficiency and decarbonisation of Heat for consumers.

We are excited to confirm that a full summary of our analysis and proposals will be released in Summer 2018. The analysis will be used as a foundation for our future planning whilst we develop our RIIO-T2 business proposal.





# SUSTAINABILITY

**Our priority is to safely deliver a robust, efficient and reliable network to our customers in the north of Scotland.**

In delivering this essential service, we also have a responsibility to our customers, employees, communities and shareholders to ensure this need is met in the most responsible way possible.

Through engagement and consultation, we have developed a Sustainability Strategy which will underpin our vision for a smart, sustainable energy future.

Read it here

[www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/sustainability-and-environment/sustainability-strategy/](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/sustainability-and-environment/sustainability-strategy/)

The core ambitions of the strategy include: mitigating climate change, connecting for society, supporting thriving communities, promoting natural environment, optimising resources and growing careers.



# HELP US TO GET IT RIGHT

**For RIIO-2, Ofgem are proposing a new model to ensure stakeholders views and opinions are heard. We are excited to announce that we are seeking to recruit panel members who will have opportunity to test our future plans.**

Network companies, and Ofgem, will establish Challenge Groups that will test proposed business plans ahead our final business plan submission to Ofgem in Quarter four 2019.

Stakeholders will have a fantastic opportunity to influence and test our plans through high-profile Groups that will support quality decision making for the benefit of our stakeholders.

We will be establishing a Transmission User Group in summer 2018 and would like to initially identify, then recruit users of the network such as: suppliers, generators, distribution networks, large users and from new business models that can challenge and provide an alternative to traditional network functions.

These parties will sit alongside consumer representative bodies and other stakeholders capable of providing the necessary challenge and input.

As well as offering challenge to our proposals in terms of projections of cost efficiency and service quality improvements, we expect members to also have expertise in certain topics or the ability to call upon expertise in these areas, for example in non-traditional business models, innovation, fuel poverty, community energy, consumer research etc.

This will ensure that our proposals meet the needs of stakeholders across a range of topics.

If you have any suggestions or feedback on any of the above or to register your interest in becoming a panel member, please contact [yourplanourfuture@sse.com](mailto:yourplanourfuture@sse.com)



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# OVER TO YOU!

**We will make talking to us as simple and efficient as possible.**

Additional information about the RIIO-T2 process, what we do for you and opportunities to comment on our proposals can be viewed on the SSEN Transmission webpage: [www.ssen-transmission.co.uk](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk)

We will be hosting engagements including webcasts and face to face sessions, to register your interest please contact us: [yourplanourfuture@sse.com](mailto:yourplanourfuture@sse.com)

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