Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) and Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) Data Sharing Procedure for Transmission Innovation Projects

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1   Introduction

1.1 Data Procedure Background

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN-T) 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-T have been funded by one of Ofgem's Innovation funding mechanisms such as Network Innovation Allowance (NIA), or Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF). The underlying objective of these innovation projects is to improve network efficiency, deliver benefits for consumers and to continue to facilitate the energy system transition in GB.

1.2 Purpose

During the execution and delivery of these projects, SSEN-T has gathered 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-T 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 Information and Data' conditions outlined in Guidance - SIF Governance Document (clauses 3.14 – 3.20) and "Sharing Project Data" in Guidance - RIIO-2 NIA Governance Document (clauses 2.13 – 2.16) 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-T SIF and NIA Data Sharing Policy.

The responsibility for the implementation of the Innovation Data Sharing Procedure rests with the SSEN-T Innovation Manager who will ensure the implementation of the procedure.

2   References

The below 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
PO-COR-DP-001	Data Protection Policy

3   SIF and NIA Data Procedure

3.1 Project-Generated Data

In response to the SIF and NIA Governance Document, SSEN-T will publicly share all network and consumption data generated as part of a SIF and NIA project on a public website where it is reasonably practicable to do so. When data is shared, SSE will follow Ofgem's published *Data Best Practice Guidelines and Digitalisation Strategy* and action plan' related

to Network Licence Special Conditions Part D, Condition 9.5 (Digitalisation) for other gas transporter and electricity transmission licensees. Relevant data is set out in the SSEN Transmission Digital Strategy and Action Plan

For SIF projects SSEN-T will also share all project results and related data. The sharing of this information is however subject to a data classification assessment. Where data is subject to 3rd party confidentiality agreements, SSEN-T will indicate the content of the reports and data and who to contact to request access. SSEN-T will reasonably not deny access to data, subject to appropriate commercial confidentiality agreements being in place where required.

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 (PO-COR-DP-001) 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 an information register by the relevant Project Manage or delegated personnel. 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 each data type to be made public and reviewed by the Innovation Portfolio Manager 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 Transmission website, and any relevant SSEN-T 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.

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