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Heat Pumps – An Electricity Network Perspective

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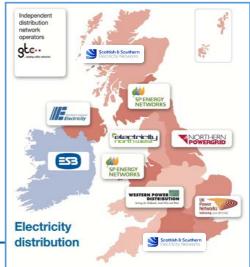
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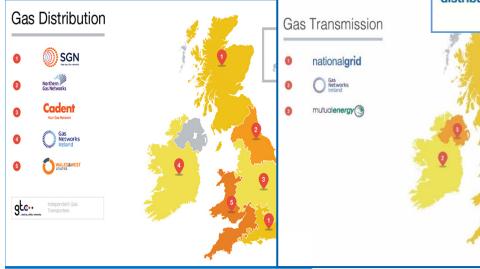
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Introduction to ENA

- 29 million electricity customers
- 21.5 million gas customers







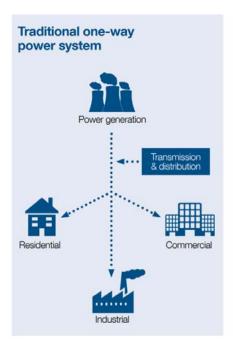
- 180,000 miles of gas network
- 519,304 miles of electricity network

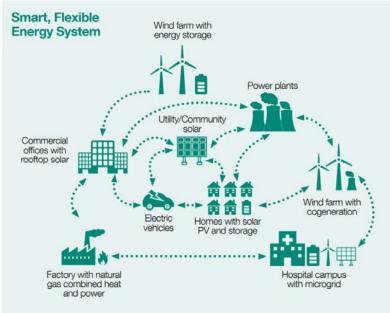


Electricity Networks – The Challenge

 The Electricity Networks are facing unprecedented change as a result of decarbonisation, digitisation and decentralisation









Policy Context

- A number of European, National and Local Government policies are helping to drive this transition:
 - > EU Decarbonisation targets (UK: 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050)
 - > Clean Growth Plan
 - Clean Energy Package (EU)
 - > Environmental Policies, for example clean air strategy
 - ➤ Road 2 Zero Transportation Strategy, including move to EVs and Hydrogen Transportation
 - ➤ Smart Meter Roll-out
 - ➤ Local Energy Plans
 - > Reducing Customer Bills, including promoting faster switching
 - ➤ Industrial Strategy: Jobs and Growth
- Specifically on Smart Grids: Ofgem and BEIS Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan
 - Range of actions to deliver the smart, flexible energy system, including for Networks
 - Open Networks identified as key project to deliver the smart grid

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Open Networks



ENA's Open Networks Project is a major energy industry initiative that will transform the way that both local Distribution Networks and national Transmission Networks will operate and work for customers.



The Open Networks Project will help customers connect and realise value; as well as reducing cost for consumers through more cost effective planning



The Open Networks Project is a key initiative to deliver Government policy set out in the Ofgem and BEIS Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan, the Government's Industrial Strategy and the Clean Growth Plan.



We are taking a 'learn-by-doing' approach; we are using innovation funding to trial and test aspects of the various future electricity system options.



The need for Flexibility

- In GB, approximately 30GW of DER is connected to the distribution networks
- In 2017, renewables accounted for approx. 30% of average generation in the UK
- Decarbonisation of heat and transportation is critical to the UK's carbon targets
- Electric vehicles & Heat Pumps are expected to significantly help with this decarbonisation
- In September 2018, there were approximately 178,000 plug-in EVs in the UK
- 22,000 Heat Pumps installed in 2017



The need for Flexibility (2)

- Open Networks is looking at the range of options for enabling Flexibility to help solve the congestion associated with these changes
- This includes transitioning to the DSO and enabling local Flexibility Markets
- At the top level demand that is flexible will be rewarded, demand that is not will be penalised. The Charging Futures Forum (CFF) is considering mechanisms and charging arrangements; lead by Ofgem
- Flexibility will have value to the local Prosumers through local balancing. The DSO will model and monitor for new congestion, manage that congestion and reinforce where required
- Whole system planning is fundamental, new organisations will be required to ensure the correct energy solution is provided in each area
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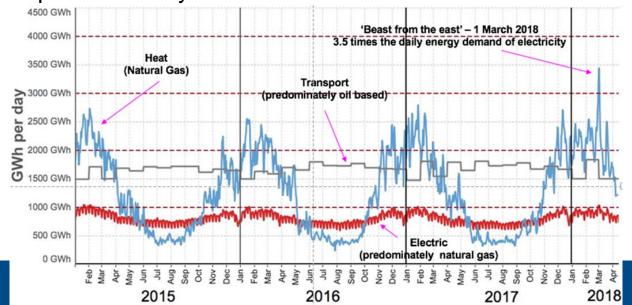
Heat Strategy

- We support the Heat Pump roll-out and want to prepare the networks to ensure they can safely and reliably meet the increase in electricity demand required to support Heat Pumps
- We are working with Ofgem to develop clear triggers, uncertainty mechanisms and incentives for appropriate investment ahead of need.
- Decarbonising heat is one of the biggest challenges facing the industry, and there
 is a lot of uncertainty over how to do it
- ENA understands the challenges of decarbonising heat given the large peak demand and seasonal storage requirements
- ENA supports a whole energy system approach, where a combination of green gas, electrification (eg: Heat Pumps) and hydrogen help towards decarbonisation
- Heat Pumps have an extremely important role to play, particularly initially with respect to new builds and off gas-grid connections



Heat Pumps - Impact on Networks

- There are two main challenges when integrating Heat Pumps into the Electricity Networks:
- National/Transmission:
 - Integrating additional Heat Pump demand with new and existing demand coming from electrification of transportation is a significant challenge; additional generation will be required
 - The national demand peak will likely increase
 - Seasonal Storage





Heat Pumps - Impact on Networks (2)

2. Local/Distribution:

- The local demand profile on LV circuits is very different to the national demand profile
- Heat Pumps have a very different load curve to normal home appliances
- Distribution networks are designed assuming each house uses on average 1.5-2kW (ADMD)
- Immersion or 'Boost' Elements can significantly increases the local load
- Power quality

 We are undertaking modelling to understand the impacts of Heat Pumps and Electric Vehicles on Electricity Networks under different scenarios



Heat Pump Innovation

- We are taking a 'learn by doing approach' we are already undertaking a range of developments that will benefit customers and reduce the cost of future network investment whilst maintaining secure supplies
- We are undertaking Innovation Projects to understand how to decarbonise heat and how Heat Pumps effect the networks:
 - FREEDOM Hybrid Heat Pumps
 - Off-gas grid solutions
 - 3 Phase Supplies
 - Network modelling, including effect of Electric Vehicles



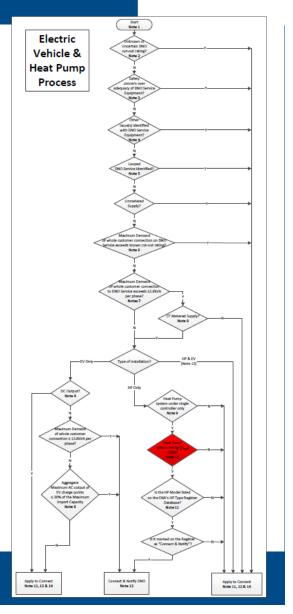
Heat Pump Connections

- It is essential DNOs have visibility of where the Heat Pumps are connected, to better understand the increased demand, as well as ensure the network is fit for purpose
- ENA has an existing notification process for connection of HPs to DNO networks;
 commonly known as 'Form A, B and C'
- After consultation with our stakeholders, we made the decision to update this form and associated connection process for Heat Pumps
- Connection of Heat Pumps involve similar issues to that of Electric Vehicles, and hence in consultation with our stakeholders we have created a combined application form, and associated process, for connection of Heat Pumps and Electric Vehicles to DNO networks
- This will be the 'entry point' to the DNOs for connecting a HP or EV, regardless of size, type, location or voltage



Heat Pump Connections (2)

- The application form captures details such as:
 - Owner, location, MPAN, max demand, capacity, connection type, PQ details, etc
 - There will be a form for single installations, and a spreadsheet for multiple installations
- The process will help installers:
 - To identify when an installation is 'Connect & Notify' vs 'Apply to Connect'
 - Understand the difference between commercial and residential connections
 - Understand safety implications





Heat Pump Connections Database

- We realise that some technical details for Heat Pumps are difficult to obtain, for example the Power Quality details:
 - As such Heat Pumps will have an online database associated with the process, which captures this data
 - We want to work with industry and its representative bodies (BEAMA, GSHP/HP Associations) to populate this database and ensure that it is kept up to date with new devices

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HP Connections – Next Steps

- We will 'soft launch' shortly with a cross-over period of 2-3 months
- The launch will coincide with a 'road show' in the UK. Installers will be invited to attend, to learn about the new process as well as discuss issues that have arisen with the installation process
- The next steps will be to create a digital interface (eg: a web-app and/or API), whereby installers can digitally submit the required information, rather than the manual forms
- The database will initially be a spreadsheet, but we want to turn it into a digital database that manufacturers can log into, similarly to the G59 equipment database
- Through the ENA Service Terminations Issues Group (STIG) we are working to solve some of the issues around access and upgrade of DNO and Meter Equipment



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Thank You – Any Questions?

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