



UK Power Networks DSO

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Supervisory Board

August 2024

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DSO Supervisory Board

Purpose:

Act in the interests of UKPN's customers:

- Review and approve the annual Distribution Network Options Assessment (DNOA) and its associated methodology. The DNOA will set out the recommended solutions (reinforcement, flexibility, both, or others) for each primary substation facing forecast constraints, along with the policy for smaller sites;
- Have visibility of investment papers for all load-related network investment projects with costs above £10m, prior to requesting proposals and awarding contracts, and review any material changes from the approach set out in the DNOA;
- Review UKPN's annual flexibility statements, including the summary of performance and future plans;

Assure DSO: DNO transparency:

- Commissioning audits of lower threshold projects
- Commissioning audits of adherence to the DSO: DNO operational agreement
- Publishing an annual 'conflicts report'

Provide external input to the DSO:

- Reviewing the annual DSO Forward Plan
- Support the DSO in interpreting feedback from stakeholders, including the annual stakeholder survey.
- Review and challenge the DSO's performance against its published commitments (for example those made within the ED2 Business Plan or DSO Forward Plan).

Membership:

Members of the Supervisory Board shall comprise of:

UKPN Members

- Director of DSO
- Director of Asset Management
- Director of Connections & Sustainability
- Head of Customer Services and Innovation
- Head of DSO Network Strategy
- Secretariat

Independent Members

- Michael Walsh (Supervisory Board Chair)
- Goran Strbac
- Joanne Wade
- Jeff Hardy
- John Hargreaves

Meetings:

The Supervisory Board shall meet 6-10 times per year. The timing and venue for these meetings will be agreed upon with members by the end of October for each upcoming year.

Additional meetings may be called by the chairperson, with at least five business days' notice.

Agenda:

An agenda, and any supporting information, will be circulated and sent to each member of the Supervisory Board and all other invitees, at least five business days before the meeting.

Members of the Supervisory Board must declare any conflicts of interest that arise, in particular matters to be discussed by the Supervisory Board and shall recuse themselves from decision-making on those topics.