



Independent Stakeholder Group Meeting 7

March 2025



1. Introduction

The National Gas Transmission Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) was set up in November 2023. In December 2024 a Report¹ was published to demonstrate the output of the group throughout the year. For 2025, a report will be published after each meeting to ensure ongoing transparency. This report depicts the key presentations and ISG feedback from its first meeting of 2025.

Figure 1: ISG Members 2025



1. Clean Power 2030

1.1 Summary of Presentation

At its first meeting of 2025, the ISG were presented with an overview and the key activities for Clean Power 2030 (CP2030).

Clean Power 2030 is defined as:

“By 2030, clean sources produce at least as much power as Great Britain consumes in total and unabated gas should provide less than 5% of Great Britain’s generation in a typical weather year”

In December the Government directed National Gas to support Mission Control and since then, sessions have taken place and are scheduled throughout the year on Natural Gas and Hydrogen key projects.

National Gas provided some key information on stakeholder engagement activities in relation to CP2030. The overall process for stakeholder engagement is one of validation, shaping and advocacy and this is an ongoing activity through to and beyond 2030. There has been significant engagement with Power

<https://www.nationalgas.com/sites/default/files/documents/ISG%20Report%20December%202024.pdf>



Stations on their plans for CP2030 and decarbonisation post 2030, with some considering CCUS alongside hydrogen where there are multiple units on site.

National Gas provided information on some of the key activities to date, in particular:

- NESO CP2030 Report published
- Mission Control response
- GSO Clean Power Assessment
- Stakeholder engagement with numerous parties including DESNZ, Government, NESO, Power Stations and other industry players

1.2 ISG Feedback

The ISG requested further detail on the extent of the stakeholder engagement and what impact this has had so far. It was noted that there is broad engagement which is ongoing and there are regular meetings and forums. Over 40 power stations have been engaged with so far on their plans for CP2030 and decarbonisation post 2030. There are deep dive webinars on molecules and customer 1-2-1s, alongside the engagement with Mission Control on the next steps.

The group felt that further information on this to demonstrate the impact would assist them in their understanding of how thorough the engagement had been and it was agreed to follow up at a future meeting on this.

The group considered the perceived lack of interest in biofuels and it was noted that hydrogen and CCUS are the preferred approach due to the process and opportunities. Blending is also being considered by power stations as an alternative early option.

The ISG considered Community Benefit Schemes in this regard and it was noted that options such as paying local communities by way of money off their bills, or funding the local transition to Net Zero had been considered by the industry. National Gas carry out a lot of work with communities during construction projects to support and engage with them.

In terms of next steps, the group recommended more in-depth consideration on how stakeholders have been engaged and what impact this has had, and for National Gas to bring the subject back to a later meeting to update the group further.

2. Performance

2.1 Summary of Presentation

An update on performance for the period up to February 2025 was provided at the meeting. A scorecard detailing the latest status of the RIIO-T2 Business Plan Commitments (BPC) and the Price Control Deliverables (PCD) was shown to the group which included the target and the forecast that National Gas believe they will achieve by the end of RIIO-T2, and whether each metric is on track to be delivered.

A number of key metrics were called out to provide the ISG with more information:



- Total Company Capex Delivery gap to forecasted budget. This is currently behind the target for numerous reasons including the cancellation of the Western Gas Project for additional entry capacity into the NTS at Milford Haven
- 0.03% Lost Time Injury performance which is significantly above the target of 0.12
- Amber status for the number of High Potential Controllable Events (HPCEs)
- 90% Price Control Deliverable (PCD) status out of 100%, noting that a substantial amount of work is due this year
- Behind target on Compressor Fleet Start Success Rate
- Amber status on number of overdue audit actions, noting that there are 5 outstanding

2.2 ISG Feedback

The ISG appreciated visibility of the data and the transparency around actuals and forecasts. The group would like to have visibility of trends so that the current scorecard could be monitored against prior data. The ISG Chair advised that the Performance Scorecard would continue to be presented to the ISG at each meeting and therefore comparisons against previous performance could be examined. The group agreed to a suggestion that deep dives and/or supplementary information could be provided at future meetings.

3. RIIO-GT3

3.1 Summary of Presentation

The ISG were presented with the key milestones and timelines for RIIO-3 2025 and the following messages were highlighted:

- 40 Letters of Support received across a breadth of organisations
- Supplementary Questions – currently over 100 received, with numerous points raised within those. These mainly sit within Finance, Policy and Engineering. This will finish on 28th March
- Ofgem engagement ongoing throughout entire process, to continue up to Final Determinations in December 2025
- Licence drafting began in 2024 and will continue until February 2026

3.2 ISG Feedback

The group agreed that it would be beneficial to continue to be presented with an update on the RIIO-GT3 process at each meeting, noting that draft determinations would be shared in June and that National Gas' response to the determinations could be discussed at the September ISG meeting.

4. Appendices



ISG 2025 Agenda Items

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