

# **The Future of Electricity in the North West**

## **Distribution Price Control Review 5**

### **Regional Stakeholder Workshop 3 Feedback**

**08 October 2008**

# Aim

- The aim was to continue the stakeholder consultation process following on from the first two workshops
- We launched ENW's Strategic Direction Statement as a formal, written consultation on our expenditure plans
- The difference in this workshop was that we invited 4 key stakeholders to present to everybody. These stakeholders talked about the area where they felt significant investment should be made to the electricity distribution network in the North West

# What did we do?

- We recapped on the process and developments made so far
- Discussed the key drivers of expenditure and our present forecasts as shared with Ofgem on 15<sup>th</sup> August
- Reviewed 4 stakeholder presentations covering:
  - AGMA – Urban Security and Reliability
  - Friends of the Lake District - Undergrounding
  - Environment Agency – Environmental Aspects
  - ENER.G – Distributed Generation and Carbon

# Results of the workshop

- 40 people attended, including:

Lancashire Economic Partnership

Manchester City Council

NWDA

Peel Holdings

Tarmac

West Lakes Renaissance

# Results of the Workshop

At the end of the workshop, attendees were asked to complete a feedback questionnaire. The results were as follows:

- 30% of delegates completed feedback forms
- 67% said the agenda was good
- 100% felt the topic areas were appropriately explained
- 92% felt they were provided with sufficient information to form a view on the areas discussed, and
- 100% of stakeholders who completed feedback forms confirmed that the ability to contribute was excellent

# Results of the Workshop Continued

Sample of written comments from feedback forms:

- Carry on with the workshops, it is so good to see DNO/Industry participation
- The workshops are an excellent means of getting feedback
- After the workshop ENW should write up views expressed and relate to future development of strategy
- A suggestion for future research would be to look at the key variables in assessing future demand - future increase in households, population etc
- It would be very useful to have a post price control outcome meeting to detail the final position and outputs to the relevant groups. This would close the loop

# Next Steps

- Analysis of workshop and incorporating feedback received into the DPCR5 planning
- Gathering stakeholder feedback from the Strategic Direction Statement
- Publish a document summarising the impact of stakeholder feedback on ENW plans for the 2010-2015 period
- Submit ENW plans for 2010-2015 to Ofgem on 23 January 2009
- Continue stakeholder engagement in development of longer-term planning