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ORPS Methodology Webinar

Summary

Key Topics:

- **Project Introduction:** DNV introduced the project, explaining that DNV has been awarded a contract by NESO to review the current ORPS. They outlined the three work packages completed so far and the current focus on engaging with UK service providers. 3:46
- **ORPS Overview:** NESO provided an overview of the Obligatory Reactive Power Service (ORPS), explaining its mandatory nature for subscribers of the Grid Code and the default payment mechanism. They highlighted the need for a review due to significant changes in the energy landscape and the impact of rising gas prices on ORPS costs. 6:41
- **Session Aim:** DNV explained the aim of the session, which is to gather feedback from a wider audience on the current ORPS system and potential new themes. They encouraged participants to be open and honest in their feedback and to use Slido or the chat for questions and comments. 9:40
- **Interactive Session:** A representative led the interactive session, discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the current ORPS compensation mechanism. Participants shared their thoughts on the simplicity, fairness, and predictability of the current system, as well as concerns about high costs, limited participation of distribution assets, and the need for better forecasting. 16:46
- **Market-Based Mechanism:** Additional representatives discussed the potential for a market-based mechanism for ORPS, highlighting the need for a dynamic and responsive system that allows for competition and flexibility. They emphasized the importance of considering the obligatory nature of ORPS and the need for a fair and transparent market. 56:45
- **No Compensation Model:** Participants debated the impact of a no compensation model on system costs, with concerns about the potential for increased costs in other services and the need for a holistic approach to project design. They discussed the challenges of implementing such a model and the importance of considering the broader market context. 1:06:54
- **Next Steps:** DNV outlined the next steps for the project, including the development of new methodologies, testing through Plexos simulation, and the dissemination of a report in August. He thanked participants for their feedback and encouraged them to stay engaged with the process. 1:24:41

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- **Stakeholder Feedback Survey:** NESO announced the upcoming NESO customer stakeholder feedback survey, encouraging participants to keep an eye out for the email and to provide their feedback to help improve the relationship and meet their needs and expectations. 1:25:18