

Joint European Stakeholder Group

JESG

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Version Control

Date	Version Number	Comments
17/03/2015	V1.0	Initial version
15/06/2023	V.1.1	Reflect EU exit
12/12/2024	V.1.2	Revision to reflect updated purpose and scope
21/10/2025	V.1.3	Updates contact details email domain name applied

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 The purpose of the Joint European Stakeholder Group (JESG) is to facilitate discussion of matters relating to:

- Retained aspects of European Network Codes (via the Statutory Instruments)
- Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) activity
- Cross border activity
- Other areas of relevant GB and EU energy policy

1.2 Discussions may be held at the JESG to inform and seek views from GB Stakeholders on the topics in paragraph 1.1. This may include engagement from Ofgem, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) in its role as the UK Government, National Energy System Operator (NESO), and other relevant individuals or organisations.

1.3 The JESG is not a decision-making body. DESNZ, Ofgem, NESO or any other individual or organisation presenting at JESG may solicit views from GB Stakeholders, but they are not bound by the conclusions of the group.

1.4 JESG provides a discussion forum to collaborate with industry on workstreams covered under S1.1. The aim of this is to improve transparency of work NESO is doing in relation to the activities under S1.1 as well as providing industry the opportunity for involvement and collaboratively.

2. Functions

2.1 Knowledge Sharing and Best Practices: JESG will encourage all participants to share specialised knowledge and experiences, contributing to increased industry awareness amongst participants through the sharing of successes and failures.

2.2 Innovation and Problem Solving: JESG aims to provide an opportunity for collective brainstorming and idea sharing. The forum seeks to offer a platform for tackling industry-wide issues such as regulatory compliance, as well as technological and policy changes.

2.3 Networking and Relationship Building: JESG should provide an opportunity for industry participants to identify and forge strategic alliances and collaborations, fostering closer working relationships to enable all industry participants to collaborate more closely.

3. Outputs

3.1 Position papers: to present NESO's position on areas covered under S1.1 to provide clarity and transparency to industry whilst promoting an open dialogue to gather feedback.

3.2 Policy Details: discussions during JESG relating to the areas outlined under S1.1 should directly feed into NESO policy on those areas.

3.3 Horizon Scanning: discussions during JESG will allow for open communication between NESO and industry, allowing both to gather feedback on upcoming risks and opportunities.

4. Meetings

4.1 The JESG will meet via teleconference or videoconference facilities.

4.2 Meetings will be held on a monthly basis, unless decided otherwise by the Chair, in consultation with the membership and the Technical Secretary.

4.3 Other parties are invited to propose items for the meeting agenda. The agenda for each meeting will be prepared by the Technical Secretary in consultation with JESG members.

4.4 As and when required, and with the agreement of the Chair, JESG can meet in person, with the default location being either Warwick or London.

4.5 The JESG Chair shall be a representative from the GB Industry, independent of DESNZ, Ofgem or ESO NESO in the first instance.

4.6 The current chair is Garth Graham from SSE.

4.7 In the event of the temporary absence or unavailability of the Chair, the Technical Secretary shall approach membership to chair the meeting.

4.8 If the position of Chair is vacant, the Technical Secretary shall seek nominations by email from the GB Industry for a period of not less than 14 calendar days. At the following JESG meeting, those members present shall decide upon the Chair.

5. Meeting Administration

5.1 NESO will act as the Technical Secretary and administrator of the JESG on behalf of the GB Industry.

5.2 Communications will be sent from a dedicated account (box.europeanodes.electricity@neso.energy)

6. Membership

6.1 Membership of the JESG is open to all GB interested parties. Those wishing to attend JESG meetings or wishing to be added to the mailing can do so here..

6.2 Representatives from Ofgem and / or DESNZ will attend JESG meetings.

6.3 The JESG Chair may remove any JESG member if the member is deliberately or persistently disrupting or frustrating the work of the JESG.

6.4 A review of Stakeholder representation will be undertaken periodically to ensure appropriate representation of the GB Industry.

7. Reporting

7.1 The Technical Secretary will circulate and publish meeting agendas prior to each meeting and a high-level "headline report" after each meeting. Actions will be captured within the headline report.

7.2 Meeting documentation including the headline report and slides will be published on a dedicated webpage, hosted on NESO's website.

7.3 Links to and information on relevant developments in Europe and GB, and any European consultations and information on how to access those consultations will be circulated to the JESG distribution list.

[End of Terms of Reference]