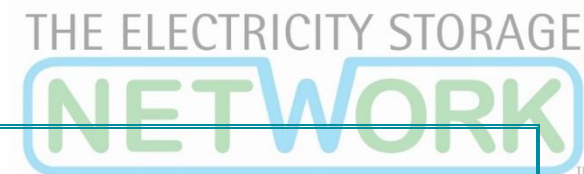


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	Regen's policy and innovation focus	Member opportunities to engage
<p><b>Creating a fair regulatory framework for low carbon generation and technologies</b></p>	<p><b>Aim: A better defined, statutory remit for Ofgem to consider decarbonisation, including thorough analysis and prioritisation of decarbonisation in network charging reforms and the RII02 process.</b></p> <p>Through our work on network charging, our involvement in the RII02 working groups, and feedback from members on REGOs and access to markets, we have seen the consequences of Ofgem's lack of statutory remit to consider decarbonisation.</p> <p>Our efforts last year to push this issue forward resulted in politicians raising this in parliament, and Ofgem addressing the issue directly as part of their network charging reforms and in their forward planning.</p> <p>Our paper, <a href="#">Energy Networks for the Future</a>, provides research and evidence on the RII0 process and recommendations for its improvement.</p>	<p>We sit on the network charging reform Challenge Group – see our recent <a href="#">webinar</a>.</p> <p>Regen sits on the RII02 Decarbonisation and Environment Working Group and the Smart Systems Forum where these issues can be raised further.</p> <p>We invite members to attend our Solar Developers' Forum to contribute to this debate</p>
<p><b>Electricity markets for a net zero electricity system</b></p>	<p><b>Aim: Better valuation of carbon in electricity markets, including clear carbon reporting on all markets and services, and setting emissions limits where feasible/appropriate.</b></p> <p>Our work on markets over the years includes our insight papers on storage and local flexibility, regular community engagement work with DNOs on their local flex offerings, engagement with BEIS and Ofgem to improve the Capacity Market and working with the ESO to improve markets for storage. This has given us a practical understanding of how markets need to change to enable net zero.</p>	<p>We invite members to attend our Solar Developers' Forum to contribute to this debate.</p> <p>We also engage regularly with the ESO from a storage perspective and we invite ESN members to input and attend these meetings, as well as furthering discussions at our Markets and Revenues Working Group.</p>
<p><b>Sustainability and ethics of the mineral supply chain</b></p>	<p><b>Aim: Increased awareness and a position in the industry on the concerns with the mineral supply chain. This could include further research and working towards a standard for the industry.</b></p> <p>The ESN's Health and Safety Working Group has previously identified this issue as a key problem to address and has heard from experts in the field.</p>	<p>We sit on the BEIS/BSI Health and Safety Governance Group and welcome any input from members.</p> <p>Members are invited to attend the ESN Health and Safety Working Group to input into this debate.</p>

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	<p>As a member of the BEIS/BSI Health and Safety Governance Group, and our links to international standards bodies and academia, the ESN is in a good position to lead the debate on this difficult issue.</p>	
<p><b>Creating a legal framework for storage</b></p>	<p><b>Including storage formally in the electricity licence framework. This would include a constructive industry debate on options available, including defining storage as a subset of generation or creating a new licence.</b></p> <p>The ESN’s Markets and Revenues Working Group has regularly discussed the issue of a legal framework for storage, including putting together <a href="#">a paper outlining the issue in 2019</a>. Our broad representation of industry types and technologies makes us well placed to understand and lead this debate.</p>	<p>Members are invited to attend the ESN Markets and Revenues Working Group to input into this debate</p>
<p><b>Local energy planning and investment</b></p>	<p><b>Aim: We need a new model for local governance of energy which allows local bodies to plan for and invest in energy policies which can deliver their ambitious climate goals.</b></p> <p>Our delivery projects and advisory work with devolved governments, local authorities, and DNOs, have helped us identify where the barriers are to delivering low carbon energy and how such barriers can be addressed.</p> <p>Actions might include; a new body to oversee local energy plans, better reflection of local priorities in the price control and investment process, and support for co-investment and risk sharing models.</p> <p>Our recent paper, <a href="#">Energy Networks for the Future</a> outlines our research and recommendations to improve the regional authority and DNO relationship. Our upcoming paper, “Communities, cities and regions leading the low carbon revolution” will provide a sound evidence base and recommendations to support local energy planning and investment</p>	<p>Regen sits on the RII02 Decarbonisation and Environment Working Group and we welcome input from members.</p> <p>We invite members to attend the launch of the paper, “Communities, cities and regions leading the low carbon revolution” and provide feedback on our recommendations.</p>