

# **ENW Customer Engagement** (Capacity to Customers)

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## Innovatively releasing Capacity to Customers







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#### Capacity to customers



**Technical** innovation



New commercial contracts







- Combining proven technology & new commercial contracts
- Allows us to release significant network capacity back to customers
- Facilitating connection of new demand & generation without reinforcement

- Apply remote control equipment to the HV circuit and close the normal open point
- Enhance network management software
- This effectively doubles the available capacity of the circuit negating the need for traditional reinforcement
- To retain customers' security of supply we will utilise innovative demand side response contracts
- These contracts will allow us to control the consumption of customers on a circuit at the time of fault

## The C<sub>2</sub>C concept



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## **Primary Substation**

# **New** customers

Reduced charge for connecting to the network

# **Existing** customers

A variable revenue stream dependent upon level of flexibility

For both new and existing customers an opportunity to participate in an innovative trial that will generate learning for the future operation of distribution networks



# **Understanding the Customer Existing Customers**



Surveyed 200 customers for an n-1 DSR contract

Small number directly engaged initially via workshops

### Understanding the customer





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#### **Uncertainty**

regarding disruption or multiple disruptions

#### **Appeal**

of value added offerings

#### **Effects**

on the customer's business

#### **Flexible**

protected days and option for protected circuits

#### **Maximum**

outages per annum and duration to be defined

# Understand

price level

Open & Honest Way

Maximum of 2: Events P.A.

## Price model development





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### Rekon Report – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Aggregator

Other

electricity

Aggregator

#### Different views on the value of n-1DSR

£20k/MVA p.a. mid-point target (availability payment)

MVA p.a. £10k £15k

£20-30k

£401

£90k

#### Commercial contract terms







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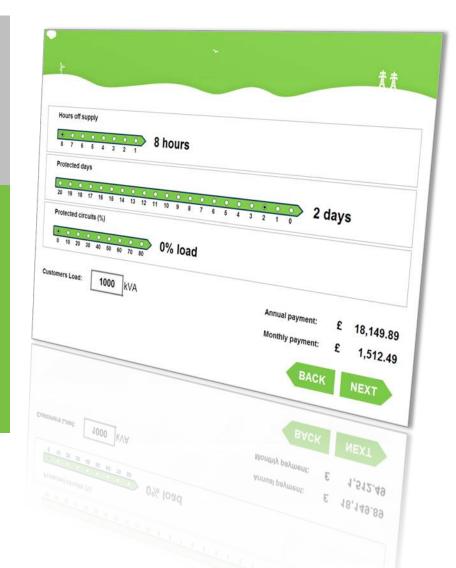
**Presentations** were crucial to the customer's understanding

Flexible options became less important

Face to face meetings are important



Customer interface developed to allow freedom to choose and explore price / flexibility







**Stuart Murray**Group Company Accountant





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Response and initial barriers to signing



Reasons for signing



Further low carbon initiative considerations



# Contract Development

**Existing Customers** 

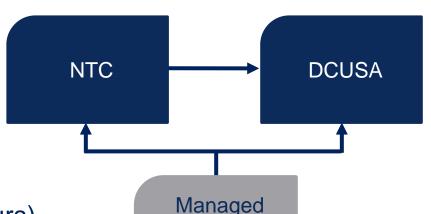
# Contract template development



**Demand and generation** 

**Existing** customers

Contract



connection

agreement

#### Options:

- Outage duration (from 2 8 hours)
- Protected days
- Protected load
- Outage times, days and seasons options

Customers requested the contract be as simple as possible Project deliverable to sign a minimum of 10 'existing customers'



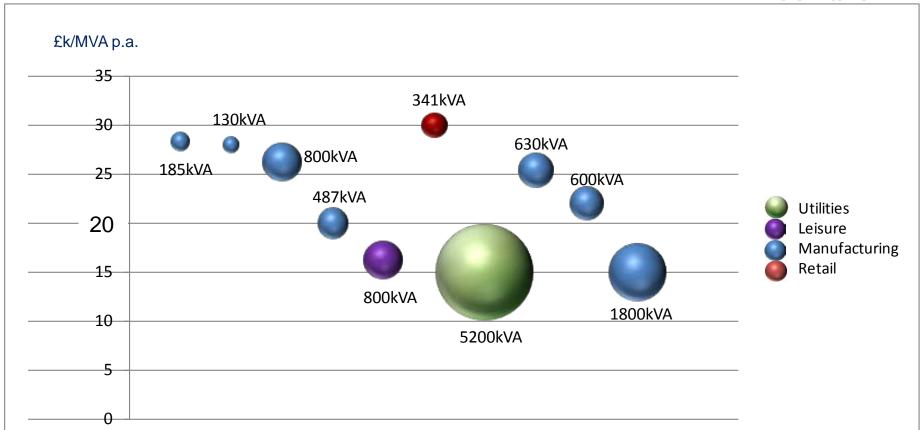
# **Progress to Date Existing Customers**

### Customer spread-load size v price v sector





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10 customers signed up, totalling 11.6MVA at an average price of £22,570/MVA p.a. varying different market sectors and size from 130kVA to 5200kVA

#### **DSR** observations









Larger catchment area, lower price

High Voltage feeder balancing reliant on SMEs (mainly manufacturing)

Grid & Primary
balancing –
access larger
strategic partners
and
manufacturers



# **Routes to Market Existing Customers**

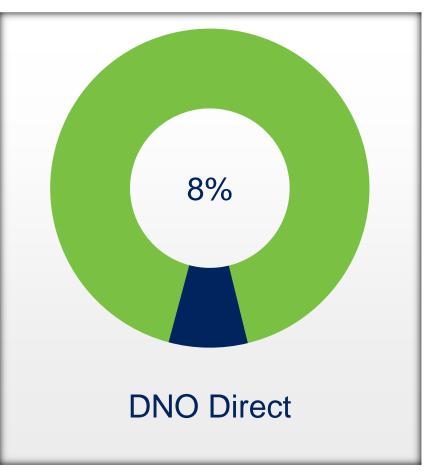
#### Routes to market



# On-cost



## Overhead





# **Conclusion Existing Customers**

#### Conclusion





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n-1 DSR

20%

n-1 DSR is highly viable and competitively priced under this model Opportunity for Aggregators to reduce their margin or DNOs to increase capability

DNO direct customer engagement is attractive because:

Lower overhead

Ongoing customer relationship management

ENW decision to discount G&P reinforcement in RIIO ED1 by 20% through the use of DSR/M contracts