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## Introduction





## Introducing Electricity North West





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## £12 billion of network assets

56 000 km of network ● 96 bulk supply substations 363 primary substations ● 33 000 transformers

## Our smart grid development



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## Leading work on developing smart solutions





#### **Customer choice**

**LCN Fund** Four flagship products (second tier) £36 million



#### Respond - The fault level challenge



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Faults cause large currents to flow through our network Fault current will damage our network assets if not controlled

Estimation	Mitigation	New connections	Another way	
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Design tools estimate the maximum possible fault current or fault level	Sub-optimal network configuration Removal by reinforcement, cost and time	Reinforcement, cost and time May make the connection non-viable	Deliver value from existing assets Customer choice	

#### Real time fault level assessment



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Network Management model derived from geospatial information systems Respond will overlay fault level assessment onto this NMS Assessment will recalculate, after changes and periodically (real time)



Real Time • Assessment • Comparison • Action ?

#### Real time mitigation techniques



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Enabled pre fault – No Change • Operate post fault – When required

#### Adaptive Protection



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## $I_{S}$ limiters





## Fault Current Limiting (FCL) service



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Wider choice of fault level mitigation techniques for DNOs

Offers customer choice through FCL service

Updated charging methodology allows for new techniques

**Fault Current** Adaptive I<sub>s</sub>-limiter **Protection** Limiting service Electricity North West scale potential benefits (2050)\* £106m < £110m £45m **GB** scale potential benefits (2050)\* < £1456m £1400m £598m **Planning and installation time** 18 times faster 4.5 times faster

\*DECC medium scenario achieved by 2050

#### Project partners - technical



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Outram – fault level monitors TNEI – support of IPSA design product in ENWL EATL – partial discharge equipment

#### Project partners – customer/commercial



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Carbon impact assessment

## Respond summary







## Respond high level project plan





		2015	2016	2017	2018
ase	Mobilisation of Project Management Office				
μÅ	Project Governance				
Phase II	Site selection and installation plan				
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	Install and commission fault level mitigation equipment	i			
	Build, test and commission fault level analysis tool				
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	Live Trial				
	Research, data analysis and modelling				
NS3: Customer Cn	Successful Delivery Reward Criteria	$\star \star$		*	
	Customer Survey/ Engagement				
WS4: Knowledge Dissemination Auton Auton Auton	Successful Delivery Reward Criteria	* * *	$\star \star \star$	$\star \star \star$	**
	Website development				
	Various Knowledge Dissemination Activities				
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	Decommission equipment				
	Close Down Report				



#### Progress to date





#### Next steps



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Knowledge sharing and dissemination

#### Early lessons







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## ANSWERS



## For more information on Respond







