Reforming Energy Governance for Net Zero Roundtable
29th October 2019
Mall Room, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH

Aims of the Roundtable

This roundtable will explore reforming energy governance to support the shift to a Net Zero economy.

The transformation to achieve Net Zero within the next thirty years will likely require substantial changes to the governance of the UK's energy system. In recent years, significant work has been undertaken by organisations such as Energy Systems Catapult / IET (through the Future Power Systems Architecture (FPSA) work) and the IGov project at the University of Exeter. The Government is currently consulting on a new governance regime for the set of industry codes and in September committed to producing a report on energy governance reform in 2020.

This roundtable will consider:

- What is the need for reform of the governance of the current energy system? Which roles should be integrated, which separated and what gaps need to be filled?

- Do we need new institutions such as a system architect or an Energy Transformation Commission to address these gaps & functions? What role would they play and how could they be set up?

- How do we clarify roles and relationships between institutions (government, regulators, standard-setters, networks, etc); how should markets be harnessed and governed? And what alternative approaches need to be considered?

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Agenda

10.00 – 10.15   Introduction, framing and identifying key objectives

10.15 – 11.15   Perspectives on the key questions for the day

11.15 – 12.15   Session 1: What is the need for reform of the governance of the current energy system? Which roles should be integrated, which separated and what gaps need to be filled?

12.15 – 13.15   Lunch

13.15 – 14.15   Session 2: Do we need new institutions such as a system architect or an Energy Transformation Commission to address these gaps & functions? What role would they play and how could they be set up

14.15 – 14.30   Tea/Coffee

14.30 – 15.30   Session 3: How do we clarify roles and relationships between institutions (government, regulators, standard-setters, networks, etc); how should markets be harnessed and governed? And what alternative approaches need to be considered?

15.30 - 16.00   Wrap Up to pull together key insights from the day