Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) Consultation Launch

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REMA Consultation Context & Objectives



REMA announced as key enabler in British Energy Security Strategy (BESS) published in April 2022. REMA launch call held on 12th April.



REMA consultation published as first step consultation on 18th July 2022 running until 10th October 2022. This begins the process of developing, refining and narrowing down options for reform under three core objectives:



Decarbonisation



Security of supply



Cost-effectiveness

Consultation Document Overview



Objectives for electricity market reform – the context for this work; our vision for the future; and policy objectives



Case for change – our analysis of the challenges a future electricity system needs to address and our case for change



Our approach – detailing our timelines for work, core outcomes and how REMA will link with the wider UK energy package



Cross cutting questions – exploring cross-cutting questions about our overall approach to market reform



Initial assessment of options – exploring the options for reform organised around core workstreams



Cross Cutting Questions

There are a number of cross-cutting questions and issues arising from our consideration of options for market reform, which will need to be addressed as part of this Review:



Role of the market



Extent of competition between technologies



Extent of decentralisation: where decisions are made



Role of marginal pricing



Minimising financing cost and maximising operational signals



More accurate price signals and the benefits for consumers



The scale of change: delivering our objectives throughout the transition



Delivering more accurate locational signals



Electricity demand reduction



Core Workstreams

The REMA team has organised work around five core workstreams which will be used to assess the options for reform:

Wholesale market -



considering whether alternatives to the wholesale market and balancing mechanism would better suit our renewables-heavy future, particularly by ensuring that there are sufficient operational signals for low carbon flexibility.

Low carbon investment -

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meet carbon budgets

considering options for delivering

investment in the production of the

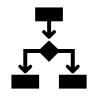
electricity which will be required to



Flexibility – referring to the ability to shift the consumption or generation in time or location. We regard this as critical for balancing supply and demand, enabling integration of low carbon power, heat and transport, and maintaining the stability of the system



Capacity Adequacy – considering all options for reliably delivering the overall capacity that will be required to ensure security of supply and considering how to do this in the most efficient way that best supports our decarbonisation goals.



Operability – considering options to promote investment in low carbon ancillary services that will meet the needs of a system increasingly dominated by variable renewable energy.

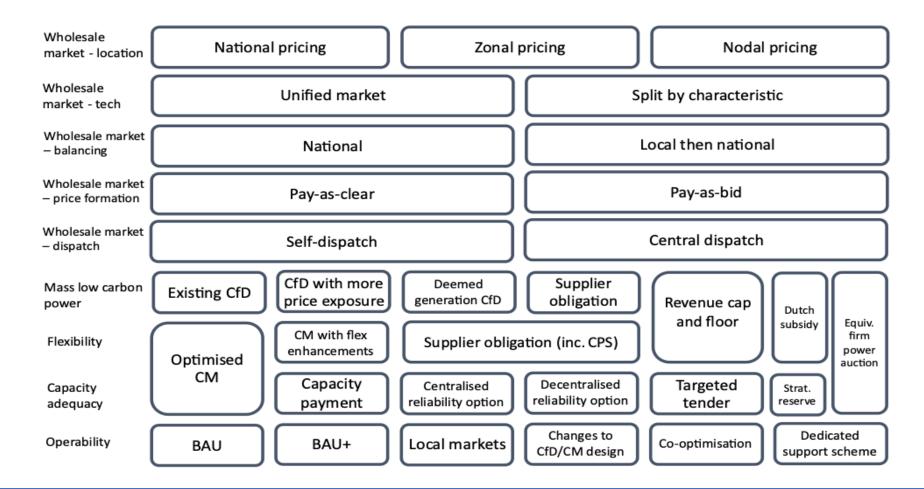




Options for Reform

Policy packages will need to select at least one option from each row

Reforms will be considered across the five core workstreams



Consultation Responses

We want to ensure that responses as are effective as possible to build our evidence base and prepare for our policy development process. We want content that can support us on:



Approach / case for change – have we identified the right issues; which ones would you prioritise (supported by evidence); do you agree with approach / objectives / scope?



Reform options - do you have evidence on key risks and opportunities (including international examples), including consumer, system and sectoral/commercial impacts? Have we missed any key ideas that would be more effective?



Engagement – can you point us to expertise, or groups that might be affected by different options that we should be talking to?



Responses should be provided online at https://beisgovuk.citizenspace.com/cleanelectricity/review-electricity-market-arrangements wherever possible, or alternatively use the response template and email REMA@beis.gov.uk. Please provide responses question by question.



Engagement Programme

| Engagement type | Description | Proposed dates |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Regular communication | Calls or newsletters | July onwards |
| Chapter specific events | Focused seminars on the consultation chapters | August – September |
| Strategic REMA wide events | Day-long in-person event in Sept/Oct followed by further events | September/October onwards |
| Attending industry events | Representing the REMA programme at your events | July onwards |
| Bilaterals | Small scale engagement with groups or individuals | July onwards |
| Focused engagement | Workstream-led workshop series | October onwards |
| | In-depth interviews / focus groups | October onwards |



If you would like to be involved in our stakeholder engagement plans going forward, please email REMA@beis.gov.uk with the subject 'Request to participate in future REMA Engagement'.



Please submit any questions in the chat box



