



Monthly Stakeholder E Bulletin - June 2025

Your Northern Gas Networks Update

Shaping the Future of Gas Distribution



Next month, Ofgem will release its Draft Determination for gas distribution networks, a pivotal moment in the business planning process. This sets the stage for the final decisions that will shape the industry for the next five years, with proposed funding, targets, and priorities for 2026-2031.

For our stakeholders, this is an important milestone. The Draft Determination provides an early indication of proposed service levels, network charges and sustainability commitments, providing a key indicator on how we invest in our infrastructure, maintain safety, and support the transition to a low-carbon future.

Over the Summer, we'll be sharing feedback with Ofgem on how these proposals align with our priorities and highlight any key considerations ahead of the Final Determination in December. Whether it's ensuring fair and transparent costs, strengthening support for vulnerable customers, or making vital investments in sustainability, we strongly encourage our Stakeholders to take this opportunity to raise any thoughts about our plan and make your voices heard.

In the meantime, you can watch our new video, which sets out just how we propose to protect our customers and our planet on our journey to a fairer, greener future for the North of England.

Watch our video about what we plan to deliver for our customers from 2026 - 2031

ISG Annual Report



This month, our Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG) have published their Annual Report.

Our Independent Stakeholder Group (ISG), which was previously known as the CEG, is responsible for providing scrutiny and challenge to ensure that we are delivering the commitments set out in our current business plan for the price control period known as RII0-GD2 (2021 – 2026).

The group aims to represent the needs and interests of current and future customers and hold us to account for the delivery of an affordable and sustainable service, including encouraging the company to consider the impacts on the environment and wider society in a customer context.

While the focus during this past year has been on the development of our plans for RIIO-GD3, the ISG have continued to provide challenge and scrutiny on behalf of stakeholders and customers on our performance against outputs and outcome commitments set out in our RIIO-GD2 Business Plan.

As part of the RIIO-GD3 planning process the ISG carried out a critical and detailed audit of our current performance and identified areas where there were opportunities to improve or refine the approach.

This scrutiny has provided reassurance that our future commitments can be met, and the company is ready to deliver the future outcomes that customers expect.

[Read the ISG Report](#)

Other News

East Coast Hydrogen funding kickstarts major clean energy programme



We're proud to share some exciting news about a major step forward in East Coast Hydrogen (ECH), the industrial decarbonisation partnership we're delivering alongside National Gas and Cadent.

On Friday 20 June, Ofgem confirmed £96 million in combined funding to support the next phase of work and help drive forward the UK's journey to net zero. This is a huge moment for our industry and the region, and one we should all feel very proud of.

Hundreds of gas-reliant businesses across our network are currently unable to electrify their processes, and hydrogen can offer a solution as they look to decarbonise.

[East Coast Hydrogen](#) plans to use new and existing gas distribution and transmission networks, to connect planned hydrogen production and storage with industrial and large commercial users of gas, supporting industrial decarbonisation while securing jobs and investment for the North East, Yorkshire, the Humber and the East Midlands.

Over the next two years, the new funding will allow all three networks to deliver Front End Engineering Design studies (FEED), the natural next step in enabling us to start repurposing and constructing our infrastructure, to understand how a hydrogen network can be operational in time to meet the UK government's net zero plans. It will also help define further how a hydrogen network can support industry, drive economic growth and create jobs.

The ECH partnership will now press ahead with engineering, planning and public engagement work, to pave the way for a hydrogen-ready pipeline network over the next decade. The funding announcement follows last week's £500 million Government commitment to develop regional hydrogen transport and storage.

[Find out more](#)

Get involved

You're invited – Join our Annual VCMA Showcase!

We would like to invite you to register for the **4th Annual Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA) Showcase** which is taking place on **Wednesday 9 July 2025, from 9.30am to 3.15pm**. This is a free online event that you won't want to miss!

Join us to hear about the successes and challenges of the past year's VCMA funded activities. The event will feature:

Keynote speeches from leading voices in the energy and sectors supporting customers with lived experiences of vulnerability

Updates on VCMA funding and first-hand accounts of its impact

Interactive activities and polls to explore the issues most important to you.

Please register below to confirm your attendance at the Vulnerability & Carbon Monoxide Allowance Showcase 2025.

[Sign up](#)

Save the date! Register your interest in our Annual Stakeholder Conference.

You are invited to attend Northern Gas Networks' 'hybrid' stakeholder conference, which will take place on 16 October 2025, 10:00 - 13:30.

Northern Gas Networks would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming stakeholder conference. This event will be held simultaneously in person, at our offices in Leeds (with lunch provided), and online.

Please register your interest via the booking form below. More information about this event will be provided in due course.

Register your interest

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