

TOP 10 ISSUES

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- Managing ageing assets
- Significant increases in electricity prices driven by network charges
- Impacts of the substantial structural evolution of the power industry including issues regarding efficiency, cost reflective pricing and market economics.
- Challenges associated with changing patterns of generation and demand including the impact of climate change and newer technologies
- An increasing need for keeping stakeholders engaged during the development of the network of the future
- Fostering a performance culture
- Encouraging enterprise and embracing new ideas through supporting innovative and responsive workplaces and not being afraid to challenge the status quo.
- Operational and network issues associated with managing the integration of renewables and new emerging technologies such as wind, PV, storage and how to manage associated intermittent, inertia and peak demand issues.
- The use of new technologies to mitigate fire safety and environmental risk whilst maintaining a safe workplace and ensuring public safety.
- Maintaining an appropriate age/experience/business profile of industry technical staff to ensure that technical expertise is not lost in each organisation nor across the industry.