



PRESS RELEASE:

EU WINTER PACKAGE INCLUDES MEASURES FOR STORAGE

The EU's draft "[Winter Package](#)" was released yesterday. These packages are important for continuing to open up energy markets and secure access for all to the most affordable, sustainable, and secure forms of energy.

The Electricity Storage Network welcomes the Commission's recognition in the Winter Package of the increasing importance of energy storage in the wider energy system. The Package gives additional impetus to the BEIS/Ofgem call for evidence on "[A Smart, Flexible, Energy System](#)," and the need to remove the regulatory and market barriers to storage such that it can participate in the energy and service markets (notably Capacity Mechanism and ancillary services) on an equal footing with generation and demand.

The measures explicitly include removal of discriminatory network charges (double-charging for demand and generation), and point also to the need to remove double-charging of consumption levies – two of ESN's key requests to policymakers.

The measures from Brussels also set out the requirements and restrictions on network companies to own and operate assets. ESN will work to ensure that these rules are interpreted in a way that ensure best value for the British consumer, by defining storage as a separate asset class.

A proposed EU "DSO Entity" will parallel the current ENTSO-E entity on transmission, to ensure that the role of distribution networks, including on storage, is developed in a coherent manner.

Regardless of future decisions around the UK's role in Europe, the Electricity Storage Network will work together with our colleagues at the European Association for the Storage of Energy (EASE), to learn from experience in the EU and to input our own experience from the UK, to ensure that the policy framework for energy markets, including for storage, is sensible, fair, and robust.

Electricity Storage Network Limited
Dairy Farm, Pinkney Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 0NX

Telephone +44 (0) 1666 84 09 48
Email info@electricitystorage.co.uk
Website www.electricitystorage.co.uk

According to the National Infrastructure Commission, a smart energy system, including storage, could save the British consumer £3-£8bn a year by 2030, while the global market for storage is worth some £280bn. We need to press on to ensure that UK consumers get a fair deal and that UK industry takes a leadership role on this agenda.

The [Electricity Storage Network](#) is an industry group for companies and organisations that are active in the deployment, design, consumption and research of electricity storage for network connected applications. Electricity storage projects in all categories are of interest, including compressed air, batteries, liquid air, pumped hydro and future technologies.