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**Innovation Project Manager
Role Profile**

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Directorate: Policy and Markets

Job Ref No: R5853

Do you have what it takes to play a key role in shaping the electricity distribution network of the future and be at the heart of achieving net zero?

We are Northern Powergrid, and we are responsible for powering everyday life for 8 million people across the North East, Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire. We are a diverse team, creating a smarter, more flexible electricity distribution network that will enable our region to decarbonise and meet the needs of our customers now, and in the future.

Distribution System Operation (DSO) involves us delivering an increasingly smart and flexible energy system for our customers that delivers a greener grid, with maximum resilience at minimal overall cost.

This is an exciting opportunity at a time of significant and fascinating change within the energy sector. As a **Innovation Project Manager**, you will play an integral role as you will be primary responsible for a £15m, 5-year Community DSO project while also supporting the wider NPg DSO function on other project activities such as System Flexibility, System Forecasting and DSO Policy Development.

Our vision is to be the best energy company in serving our 3.9 million homes, whilst delivering a sustainable energy solution.

The Community DSO project will lead on develop and trial different approaches to identify how communities and local stakeholders can best work together, with their local DNO, to deploy Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES). Trials will take place in four local communities encompassing rural and urban networks.

What's the package?

Along with a competitive salary of up to £65k (dependent on experience), we also offer great benefits such as;

- Agile working
- 25 days holiday – increasing with service
- Up to 15% bonus
- Transport provision
- Excellent opportunities for career growth
- Enrolment into our double-matched pension scheme

What will you do?

- Project management and governance; day to day running of the project, managing project deliverables and project finances per Ofgem requirements.
- Managing our project partners, Delta EE and TNEI, with associated engagement and travel.
- Dissemination of project knowledge and outputs with the wider energy innovation community.
- Be the figure head for Community DSO - engaging and updating other DNOs on progress via the innovation summit and creation of industry steering groups.
- Ensuring the project aligns to and meets Ofgem's technical requirements and timely completion of any change management where applicable.
- Close liaison with senior colleagues who are the internal customers for innovation, establishing support for the project and reporting progress.
- Primary focus on Community DSO, secondary focus on other projects and tasks within wider DSO team.

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Key Competencies

- **Strong planning and organising** skills including programme and project management with distributed teams.
- Strong **commercial skills** particularly in bid production
- Highly effective **relationship manager** - influential with internal and external stakeholders.
- Strong **written and spoken communication** skills – clear, concise, engaging and persuasive - ability to produce high quality bids and plans.
- Ability to convert **strategic priorities** into actionable innovation portfolios.
- Strong **analytical** skills to interpret information and apply judgement to decision making.

Essential Qualifications and Experience

- Energy sector experience and knowledge of the decarbonisation energy transition.
- Full UK driving license.
- Relevant third level degree in project management or equivalent third level qualification

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Previous work within energy industry innovation projects.
- Have worked or are currently working in a Distribution Network Operator (DNO).
- Experience in delivering renewable project in local communities

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Posted: 18 May 2023

Closing date for applications: 1 June 2023

In order to comply with our electricity distribution license, we have to ensure our colleagues are fit and proper to visit and enter our customers premises. Consequently, as this role may involve visiting and entering our customers premises, please be aware that the successful candidate will be subject to a basic Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Please confirm in our application if you are content for this check to be completed.

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post irrespective of sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, race, age or disability, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.