



Pixie Energy – November update

October saw structural changes at Pixie Energy, as I stepped down from direct control and moved to an oversight and leadership role. I'm delighted to introduce Ken McRae our new Pixie Energy General Manager, who entered post on 29 October. Ken brings with him a wealth of senior executive experience, predominantly through managing major internal and customer projects at Gemserv where he served as Chief Operating Officer for six years, including leading on their moves into several new sectors (Smart Metering, Gas, Water and Environment), and several major energy and water governance, regulatory and systems projects. Ken is the ideal individual to drive delivery on Pixie's projects now we have clearer scopes.

Progress on several of our workstreams in October was considerable. We now have several participants engaged with our FiT aggregation workstream. Local authorities, generation installation companies and collective purchasing groups have all been keen to learn more. We originally intended to enter the first aggregations into the January 2019 auction, but are now considering if it will be feasible to move this up to the December or even November auctions to show proof of concept.

A successful briefing with BEIS was held towards the end of the month to bring officials up to speed with the Ipswich Local Energy Community and present findings. These were well received, and we are now in a position to close out phase one of this work and circulate our summary. We will look to move to phase two over the coming weeks and will be reviewing how to secure new funding – potentially from BEIS – and new sources of data, including smart meter data, to develop the project further.

During October, we continued to push Ofgem and Elexon for clarity on the route to access the BSC sandbox. They are meeting this week to confirm next steps. For NVEC we have a draft contract for participants, which is being iterated but which is substantively complete. The project is therefore ready to start installation of assets.

We completed development of our mapping platform for the Scottish regions and moved on to mapping Yorkshire and the North East. This will join up our information layers from John O'Groats to the Thames estuary down the east coast. The new additional information will support a tender bid in the Humber area to provide an energy strategy to the Local Enterprise Partnership, which we will submit in early November.

We also held a discussion with potential partners regarding their needs in a mapping platform, which will automatically retain and transform data uploaded by users in addition to the data provided by the Pixie mapping team. A commercial route to market and funding platform upgrades will now be taken forwards.



Development work on the ECO Switch prototype was begun by e-Power, and we have begun to scope a contractual framework for the platform. We also established what a product sold by the platform might look like and how information will be shared between parties on the platform. Currently, we hope to be able to share an early prototype with project participants at a meeting in early December.

Linked to this, the development of the (tentatively named) Energy Efficiency Forum continued. We will meet early in November with key stakeholders to flesh out the proposal and set a date for the first meeting. The forum will review and explain the ECO3 framework, and allow us to talk with installers, agencies and suppliers across the energy efficiency supply chain. This will support our knowledge of energy efficiency and create a talking shop for energy efficiency stakeholders to share challenges and discuss best practice.

I also have exciting news to announce regarding Energy:2030. We intended to present 16-18 pages of content to subscribers on a fortnightly basis from issue 13 (January 2019). This will allow us to address topics of the moment more immediately, as well as offering more content in total. You can also sign up to receive our *Energy:2030 Chart of the Week* by dropping us a note at enquiries@pixie-energy.com.

Looking ahead, we will introduce stakeholders to Ken on our monthly telecon on 21 November, where we will also give more detailed updates on our projects and allow stakeholders to ask questions. Another date for the diary is 19 December, when we will host our final update of 2018. I will also be establishing early meetings with funders to properly introduce Ken.

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