# PENSIONSBRIEF



The newsletter for the National Grid Electricity Group of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme









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# An introduction from the Chair



Welcome to the new style *Pensions Brief.* We hope you like the size and layout, which was introduced with the *Valuation Update* earlier in the year. This change is in line with our plans to reduce our impact on the environment and costs.

With the pandemic ongoing in December, I sincerely hope that wherever you are, you are coping well under the circumstances, managing to stay safe and keeping your spirits up. Our thoughts are with anyone who has been affected.

The Board has managed to carry on with business as usual, with sub-committees and Board meetings taking place remotely now for over six months; working from home has become routine. Over the past few months, we've worked closely with our administrator, RPMI, to ensure pensions are paid on time, and to try to ensure that no one has been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Our thanks to RPMI, and to anyone who might have experienced any delay in service, thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times.

We've also been keeping a close eye on the potential impact of the pandemic on the Group's funding and investments. No changes to the investment strategy are required at the current time, in line with the recommendation from the Group's investment adviser. We continue to monitor the situation and are ready to respond quickly should the investment recommendations change.

While we're all hoping to celebrate Christmas traditions as normal, the 2020 festive season is likely to be different for most this year. I hope you're able to make the best of it. On behalf of all the Group Trustee Directors, the warmest season's greetings to you. Here's to a better year in 2021.

Take care and stay safe.



# **Group pensions news**

### **Changes to the Group Trustee Board**

Sue Adam, an Appointed Trustee since 1 October 2016, stepped down in July following her decision to leave the Company. In addition, Richard Smith, an Elected Trustee since 1 April 2018, stepped down from the Board in early July, having also left National Grid. We thank them both for their contribution and wish them well.

Under the selection process, Panel Member, Paul Hernaman was chosen to replace Richard Smith as an Elected Trustee with effect from 3 July 2020. Paul will serve the remainder of Richard Smith's term of office.

Roisin Quinn, Head of National Control and Chief Engineer for National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO), was appointed by the Company as the replacement for Sue Adam with effect from 3 July 2020.

Articles introducing Roisin and Paul appear on the Group website: https://ngeg.nationalgridpensions.com.







### Understand your options when planning for retirement

This information is for Contributing and Deferred Group members only.

There are a number of options available to members when choosing how to access their Group benefits.

If you're considering taking your pension benefits from the Group, it's important to understand the different options available so that you can make informed decisions based on your own personal circumstances, retirement aspirations, and what's right for you. As far as possible, the Group Trustee wants to help prevent anyone from receiving or acting on inappropriate or fraudulent financial advice.

To this end, the Group Trustee has agreed that members who are interested in exploring their retirement options outside of the Group should have access to funded, independent financial advice.

WPS Advisory Ltd (WPSA) is a specialist firm of financial advisers who work with large pension schemes, such as the Group, to provide advice and support to their members. They are authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and abide by a set of rules which seek to ensure they always represent members' best interests. If you are a Contributing or Deferred member, WPSA can provide you with bespoke, impartial financial advice based on your individual pension figures and personal circumstances. They are familiar with



the Group's Rules and RPMI's processes, and their advice is not conflicted as they don't sell any products and are not paid commission. For eligible members, advice from WPSA will be funded by the Group.

WPSA receives the same fees regardless of the recommendations it makes and is completely independent of the Group Trustee, the Company, RPMI and the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS).

### **Group pensions news** (continued)

# When can I speak to WPSA?

RPMI will write to you seven months before your Normal Pension Age (NPA) – this is usually age 63 but may be different depending on when you joined the Scheme.

If you are a Deferred member, you will be sent an initial notification letter with a form to verify your personal details. and when that form is returned to RPMI, you will be sent your pension figures plus the necessary information and relevant forms in a 'Member Options' pack. If you are a Contributing member, you will be sent an awareness letter and IFA leaflet, and if you are interested, you can then request a 'Member Options' pack from RPMI. If you are eligible to receive funded advice, the pack will provide details for how to contact WPSA. Alternatively, if you request a quotation from RPMI

before your NPA, they will provide you with a quotation of your benefits and the options available to you, including, if you are eligible, how to contact WPSA.

# Am I eligible to speak to WPSA?

The majority of Contributing and Deferred members will be eligible to receive funded advice as they approach retirement, however, there are some reasons why a small number of members may not be eligible, for example, if you live overseas.

### Find out more

A Q&A introducing WPSA – who they are, the service they provide, who is eligible to contact them, who is eligible for funded advice, and when – is available on the Group website.

# Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)

If you are a Contributing member and would like to open an AVC account or top up an existing account during the 2021/22 tax year, please return your completed AVC form to RPMI by Friday 5 February 2021. Forms are available from RPMI or can be downloaded from: Library / Forms on the Group website.

Please note: your AVCs will be combined with the increase in the value of your pension over the year to establish whether you have exceeded the Annual Allowance. If you exceed the standard Annual Allowance of £40,000\*, then you may be subject to a tax charge.

\*Your individual Annual Allowance may be lower, if you are a very high earner or have accessed your retirement savings flexibly in the past.

### **GMP** equalisation – an update

Guaranteed Minimum Pension, known as GMP, is the name given to the minimum level of pension income workplace pension schemes had to provide to employees who had been contracted out of the State pension scheme.

GMP equalisation is the name given to the process of reviewing the benefits people built up when they were 'contracted out' between 17 May 1990 and 6 April 1997, and correcting these benefits, where necessary, so men and women are treated the same.

The industry is waiting for guidance on GMP equalisation from the Department for Work and Pensions, HMRC, and an industry working group who are considering how equalisation will work in practice. Once available, it will take some time for us to work with our administrators, RPMI, to complete the project.

It's not yet possible to say exactly who will be impacted. For many members, there will be little or no change at all.







### **Pensions** increase 2021

National Grid Electricity Group pensions will increase by 1.1% from 1 April 2021, in line with the Retail Prices Index for September 2020.

This rate also applies to spouses' and dependants' pensions, and pension benefits other than those that are a replacement for State benefits, e.g. Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP). The different increase on the GMP will apply to the pensions of members over age 65 (if men) or 60 (if women) and to spouses at all ages. The Government will set the increase, if any, on the GMP in due course

Proportionate increases will be applied to any pensions that came into payment on or after 2 April 2020. The 1.1% increase also applies to children's allowances, whether or not these have been in payment for more than a year as at 1 April 2021.

### **Group pensions news** (continued)

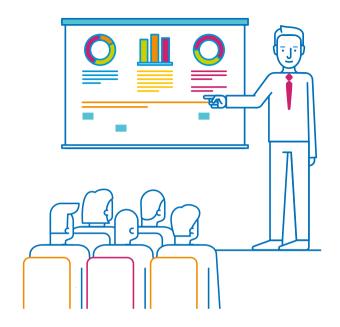
# Changes coming in from 2030 to the way annual pensions are increased

In March 2020, the Government and the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) launched a joint consultation on proposals to review how the Retail Prices Index (RPI) is calculated.

Following the consultation, on 25 November 2020, the Government and the UKSA announced that the UKSA will proceed with planned reforms to the RPI from 2030, aligning it with the Consumer Prices Index, including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), another measure of UK inflation. More information is available on the Government's website: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-consultation-on-the-reform-to-retail-prices-index-rpi-methodology.

This change is expected to affect defined benefit (DB) schemes such as the Group because annual pension increases are linked to RPI. Group pensions are currently increased from 1 April each year, in line with increases in RPI (except for Guaranteed Minimum Pensions), as measured over the 12 months to the previous September.

However, because this change is expected to come into effect from 2030, there is no immediate impact on members' Group pensions. In addition, due to the



way in which the Group's funds are strategically invested and managed, the change is unlikely to have a material effect on the Group's funding position.

As this change is not being introduced until 2030, we will continue to update members in due course via *Pensions brief* and the Group website.

# **Group Trustee 2020/21 Key Priorities**

## **Board effectiveness & governance**

Maintaining Board effectiveness is integral to the duties of the Group Trustee to ensure it is using its time efficiently.

Ensuring good governance is essential to the obligations of the Group Trustee Board and paramount in managing the pension scheme. This includes the maintenance of a robust governance framework which covers integrated risk management to ensure compliance with legislative, Scheme and regulatory requirements.

# Member experience & engagement

The Group's communications strategy is formed by the Communications Committee to provide cohesive and pertinent information to members.

The Committee believes it is vital to effectively engage with all Group members to ensure they are aware of and fully informed of their pension benefits and the position of the Group, particularly its funding.

The Committee also considers it important that members have positive experiences when dealing with their pension. This is especially true when making what can be considered very important financial decisions.

## **Investment & funding**

Following the conclusion of the 2019 actuarial valuation, the Investment Committee is working on an appropriate longterm approach to funding for the Group, and the Group's drive towards full funding. This includes considering the long-term options available to the Group, the appropriate investment strategy to achieve the objectives, and mitigating risks to ensure the Group reaches full funding.



# **Summary Funding Statement for 2020**

Each year, the Group Trustee is required to provide an update on the level of the Group's funding that supports your benefits. This year's Summary Funding Statement shows the updated position as at 31 March 2020.

The position as at 31 March 2020 reflected the very uncertain times due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, but since then the Group's funding level has recovered by around 4% compared to the level at the time of the actuarial valuation at 31 March 2019. As at 30 September 2020, the funding level was 96.5%. In addition, the NGE Group continues to enjoy significant additional financial protections provided by the Company which were extended during the 2019 valuation.

The Group Trustee remains satisfied that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (the Company) continues to be able and willing to continue to support the Group. The Group Trustee continues to use the services of an independent covenant assessor to review the ability of the Company to provide the funding needed by the Group in future.

The Group is continuing to make progress towards full funding and remains well supported by the strength of the Company.



## 2020 Group funding update

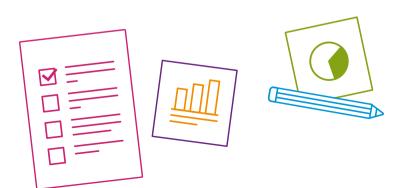
The Group is set up as a shared fund of money, into which both members and the Company make payments. These assets are invested with the aim of increasing their value to pay for all of the pensions and other benefits due from the Group in the future.

One way that the Group Trustee monitors the financial health of the Group is to ask the Group's Actuary to carry out a regular valuation – an in-depth assessment of the Group's finances at a specified date. Detailed valuations are usually carried out every three years, with the most recent valuation completed as at 31 March 2019.

# Funding position as at 31 March 2020

In addition to valuations every three years, the Group Trustee also receives an annual update from the Group's Actuary. The most recent update was prepared as at 31 March 2020. The table below compares the 2020 update with the 2019 valuation:

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
The value of the Group's liabilities (technical provisions) was:	£3,452 million	£3,381 million
The value of the Group's assets was:	£3,124 million	£3,144 million
This means that there was an estimated deficit (i.e. the difference between the value of the liabilities and the assets) of:	£328 million	£237 million
The Group's estimated funding level (i.e. the value of the assets divided by the value of the liabilities) was:	90.5%	93.0%





## **Summary Funding Statement for 2020** (continued)

# **Changes in funding levels**

The table on the previous page shows that the Group's funding level fell from 93.0% to 90.5% over the 12 months to 31 March 2020. This was largely due to market movements late in the period due to the Covid-19 global pandemic.

Since 31 March 2020, the Group's funding level has increased as the result of a recovery in investment markets and more favourable investment returns on the Group's assets, together with additional Company contributions. As at 30 September 2020, the funding level was 96.5%.



### Bridging the gap

To reduce the shortfall, the Company is making deficit payments of £53.6 million per year, increasing with inflation from the date of the 2019 valuation. Additional protections are in place, over and above the deficit contributions that the Company is required to make.

These arrangements include:

- •£500 million of additional funds that the Company has committed to provide to the Group, should its credit rating fall below a certain level; and
- •£100 million of additional security which would be passed to the Group Trustee should certain conditions arise which would affect the Company's ongoing business.



# Solvency funding level

The Group Trustee is also required to compare the value of the Group's assets with the estimated level of assets that would be needed to buy annuities from an insurance company, in order to cover the Group's liabilities. This comparison is called the 'solvency funding level'.

The level of assets that would be needed to buy annuities to cover the Group's liabilities is expected to be much higher than the value of the technical provisions. As at 31 March 2020, the Group's solvency funding level was approximately 76%.

### Other information

We are also required to inform you that no payments have been made to the Company out of the Group's funds since the last Summary Funding Statement (the recent Valuation Update) was issued. In addition, the Scheme has not been subject to any modifications or directions imposed by the Pensions Regulator.

### **Further information**

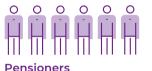
A copy of the Valuation Update and further information is available from the 'Latest news' section of the Group's website at: https://ngeg. national gridpensions.com

# **Summary of the Group Annual Report** & Financial Statements 2020

### **Group membership**



**792** 



**4,708** 





**Total members** 

8,467

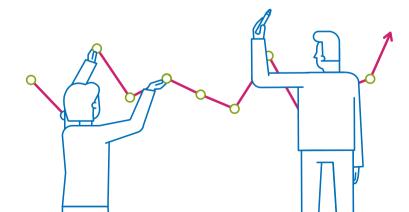
### How the Group assets are invested



### Asset type

- Global Equities (active)
- Insight LDI
- Longevity Swap Collateral Portfolios
- Unconstrained Bonds
- Absolute Return Fund of Funds
- Property and Cash

A list of asset definitions is available on the Group website under: Library / Valuation Update.



### Change in value of Group assets

As at 31 March 2020*	£m
2020	3,200.9
2019	3,220.2
2018	3,050.9
2017	3,010.3
2016	2,559.4

### **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Investment Principles**

The Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) sets out the principle governing decisions about the investment of the assets of the Group. The SIP is issued by the Trustee of the Group (National Grid Electricity Trustee Company Limited) to comply with relevant regulations. You can view the Group SIP on the Group website at:

ngeg.pensions@nationalgridpensions.com

### Money paid in

For the year to 31 March 2020	£ million
Members' contributions	0.8
Employers' contributions	88.7
Transfer values received	2.5
Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)	0.1
Net increase on investments	57.4
TOTAL	149.5

### Money paid out

For the year to 31 March 2020	£ million
Pension and dependants' benefits	105.4
Commutation and lump sum retirement benefits	15.3
Lump sum death benefits	0.3
Taxation where lifetime or annual allowance exceeded	0.4
Payments to and on account of leavers	44.1
AVC purchase of annuities	2.5
Administrative expenses	0.8
TOTAL	168.8

<sup>\*</sup>The value of the Group's assets required for the Group's Annual Report & Financial Statements is different to the value shown in the Summary Funding Statement on page 11. This is mainly due to a difference in the way that the Group's longevity swap is accounted for. More information on the longevity swap is available on the Group website under: Library / Valuation Update.

# **Company news**

# 2020/21 half-year results

National Grid's results for the half year ended 30 September 2020 were published in November.

'In the first half of this year we delivered strong operational performance whilst managing the impact of Covid-19 costs on our financial results. We have continued to ensure safe, reliable networks and have delivered on our investment programme through the pandemic. With the launch of our Responsible Business Charter, we have underlined our commitment to our environmental goals, whilst supporting employees and communities across our jurisdictions.'

John Pettigrew, CEO



(£m at actual exchange rates)

A summary can be read here: https://investors.nationalgrid.com/results-and-events/results-centre#2021

## **National Grid Ofgem update**

In July, Ofgem, published its RIIO-2 draft determinations for the price control period 2021 to 2026.

RIIO stands for Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs and is the regulatory framework through which funding is set for our Electricity Transmission (ET) and Gas Transmission (GT) businesses. This in turn determines National Grid's outputs, service commitments and costs.

Following a consultation period, National Grid responded in September, and proposed a number of changes that they believe should be made in Ofgem's final determinations.

In October, Ofgem held open meetings to discuss the RIIO-2 draft determinations for ET and GT. The meetings, held virtually, were an important opportunity for National Grid to state their case directly to senior Ofgem executives and Board members.

In summary, National Grid argued for a regulatory regime which protects network reliability, allows it to develop at sufficient pace to meet the demands of a net-zero transition, and provides the right overall funding. Ofgem's final determinations are due to be published in December.

# The **Electrical Industries Charity**

The Electrical Industries Charity (EIC) is a registered charity in the UK and Wales that looks after those working within the electrical and energy industries, and their families, whenever they need help with life's challenges.

Group members are reminded that the charity offers a range of services and support including:



- · a free confidential helpline
- · debt advice
- · respite for carers
- · financial assistance
- · careers advice and outplacement services.

You can find out more on the charity's website: https://www.electricalcharity. org/services

# The EIC powerLottery

The powerLottery is one of the biggest revenue streams for the charity: 25% of the cash received is returned as prize money, with the remainder going to the charity. There are 40 winners a month with cash prizes ranging from £50 to £1,000, and twice a year there's the chance to win £10,000.

Group Pensioner members can take part in the monthly draw by arranging for payment direct from their monthly Group pension. If you would like to take part, please visit the EIC website: https://powerlottery.charitypayments.co.uk/play to complete the necessary form. A list of latest and recent winners is regularly updated on the EIC website: http://powerlottery.charitylotteries.co.uk/winners/



# **Bygone days**



# Your memories of the Great Storm

We had a terrific response to Tony Malins' article in the last issue of *Pensions Brief.* Many of you wrote in for an unabridged copy, including John Tweddle who was the scheduling (costing) engineer on shift that night at Leeds Grid Control Centre, Becca Hall.

John writes: 'Reading about the Great Storm made me look back and re-live the night myself. On starting my shift at 10pm, I checked the weather forecast and demand estimates (no mention there of what was heading our way) and went about my usual scheduling. At that time, we used the Generator Ordering and Loading (GOAL) programme to optimise generation production costs and match generation and demand on a half-hour by half-hour basis. We checked the figures every 30 minutes to make sure all was in order before agreeing this with National Control, and despatching the generators.



As the night wore on and demand tailed away, it was not unusual to observe circuits being switched out along the south coast ring for voltage control, so when the Lovedean – Bolney circuit tripped, it raised little suspicion in Leeds of what was to come. Around 2.30am I was in the kitchen making tea, when one of my colleagues came running down the corridor saying I was needed back in the control room pronto as all hell was breaking loose. When I got there, the National diagram was lit up and flashing like a Christmas tree. It wasn't uncommon for there to be an indication change-over in the early hours, usually when BT did some unannounced maintenance causing lights to flash on the National diagram, but this was different and very soon the frequency was dancing around. It was clear the grid system was experiencing serious disturbance.

As Leeds had most of the generation on load at the time and I'd completed the morning scheduling, we were in the best position to take over, leaving National Control to start the system recovery. We had a portable radio in the control room tuned to the BBC, and soon reports were flooding in of the hurricane hitting the south-east. There was a sudden and rapid rise in frequency accompanied by indications that the south-east was now split off from the rest of the network. National Control were in the dark, quite literally, as they had no radio.

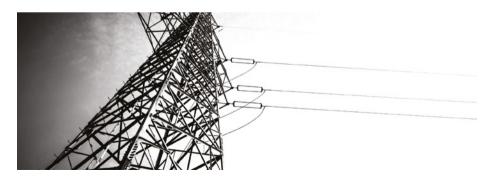
Working closely with Manchester and Birmingham, and through them Bristol, we worked out a block-loading program with half hourly demands, and their scheduled morning generation. National Control advised us on demand reconnection and we did the balancing. Manchester took control of Dinorwig and Ffestniog pumped storage stations for frequency control, and Birmingham liaised with Bristol Control Area. By this time, Scotland was involved in the ongoing conversations. Only National

Control had the complete picture and they were fully occupied coordinating the restoration of the network.

By now, CEGB Board Management, the media, and the Government wanted to know what was happening, and we were bombarded with calls. The regional system operation manager arrived, made us all a much-needed cup of tea, and took control of communications, leaving us to get on with coordinating generation across the country to meet the morning demand increases. Step-by-step, block-load by blockload, we balanced the generation to meet the increasing demand in line with what we had manually prepared earlier. For many of us, this was how we used to operate before the days of GOAL.

Mercifully the storm headed out into the North Sea through the Wash, sparing the Trent Bus and Aire Valley stations where the bulk of the country's generation was based. Some months later, the CEGB made a documentary 'Riding the Hurricane' which powerfully portrays the events of that night. It is still available on YouTube, https://youtu.be/tHP\_tiTJQBM, as are the ITN newsreels.'

A full copy of John's story appears at: www.grid-bygones.org



### Bygone days (continued)

### Ah yes! I remember it well...

The storm of 1987 was one of those events that has staved with people, and lots of you wrote in with what you were doing at the time. While most of us battened down the hatches and hoped it would pass quickly, there were many of you valiantly working through the night to restore power.

I remember the event well. Near Coventry, we slept through it although the nearby bus shelter lost its roof. Shortly afterwards, I visited Sussex and Suffolk and saw for myself the devastation. Whole areas of pine forest laid flat. On holiday in Brittany the following year, I saw it there too. Later, as a training engineer at Eakring, I watched the CEGB film 'Riding the Hurricane', which showed the scenes from inside the Grid Control room at Bankside. Power stations were shown dropping off the grid and some, like Kingsnorth, became islanded – this is where a power station is working on its own and not

connected to the grid a very unstable situation where all load balancing has to be managed by the station control room.

William Waddilove, former first engineer At the time, I was a junior main plant engineer in the overhead lines & cables section of Meaford Transmission District. I was on standby that night when a neighbour called to say our shed had blown into their garden. I also took a call from Birmingham

Grid Control to say that the double circuit 132kV Cellarhead to Rugeley, Nos. 1 and 2 circuits had tripped and locked out. The shed had to wait! Mike Hall



The day after the storm, I had a meeting at Wokingham. which back in 1987 was still a building site. The trip around the M25 was eerily quiet from my home near Watford, and I made it in record-breaking time as there was no traffic whatsoever. Many of the guys working at Wokingham were living in caravans nearby and some of them were ashen faced as

they genuinely thought they weren't going to make it through the night! The funny thing was I'd slept through the whole thing.

**Robert Ames** 



# Saving the past for the future

Mick Joy, former project manager with Gridcom, and telecomms engineer Dave Gunning, have set up an independent website and are developing an archive of information covering the heritage of the electricity industry: www.grid-bygones.org.

They have joined forces with retired member, Tony Malins, and the site now features an archive of 'Bygone Days' stories, which Tony has compiled over many years from talking to

retired former colleagues. The site features the full accounts of articles, some of which have been previously summarised in Pensions Brief, including Joe Hirst's memories: From Huddersfield PS to PowerGen, and Tony's own, unabridged account of the Great Storm. If you are interested in reading about the industry in the past, the website is well worth a visit. If you have any relevant information you'd like to share with Mick, please contact him at: mick.joy@talktalk.net.



# **REA noticeboard**

Unsurprisingly, this year most groups have been obliged to cancel their monthly get-togethers, annual lunches, regular walks, trips to places of interest and Christmas events. Sadly, the pandemic has also denied many of you the opportunity to attend the funerals of friends and former colleagues.

A number of REA branches produce regular newsletters, which can help you keep in touch even when you can't meet up face-to-face. The committees play an important role in providing genuine support to those who are feeling isolated or who are on their own. The usual list of REA contacts is provided on the pages that follow, if you'd like to get in touch with your local group.

### Severnside REA

Secretary Hilary Landers writes, 'Belinda Pascal has retired from the Committee following her move to Kent. Belinda was an inaugural member of the Committee back in November 1999, became Secretary in 2003 until 2017, and remained a Committee member until the end of August 2020. She has given sterling service to us over the years, not only in her role as Secretary, but also in organising numerous theatre trips over the years. We are all very sorry to see her go. To mark her departure back in the summer, we held a socially distanced garden tea party (within Covid-19 guidelines).'



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