

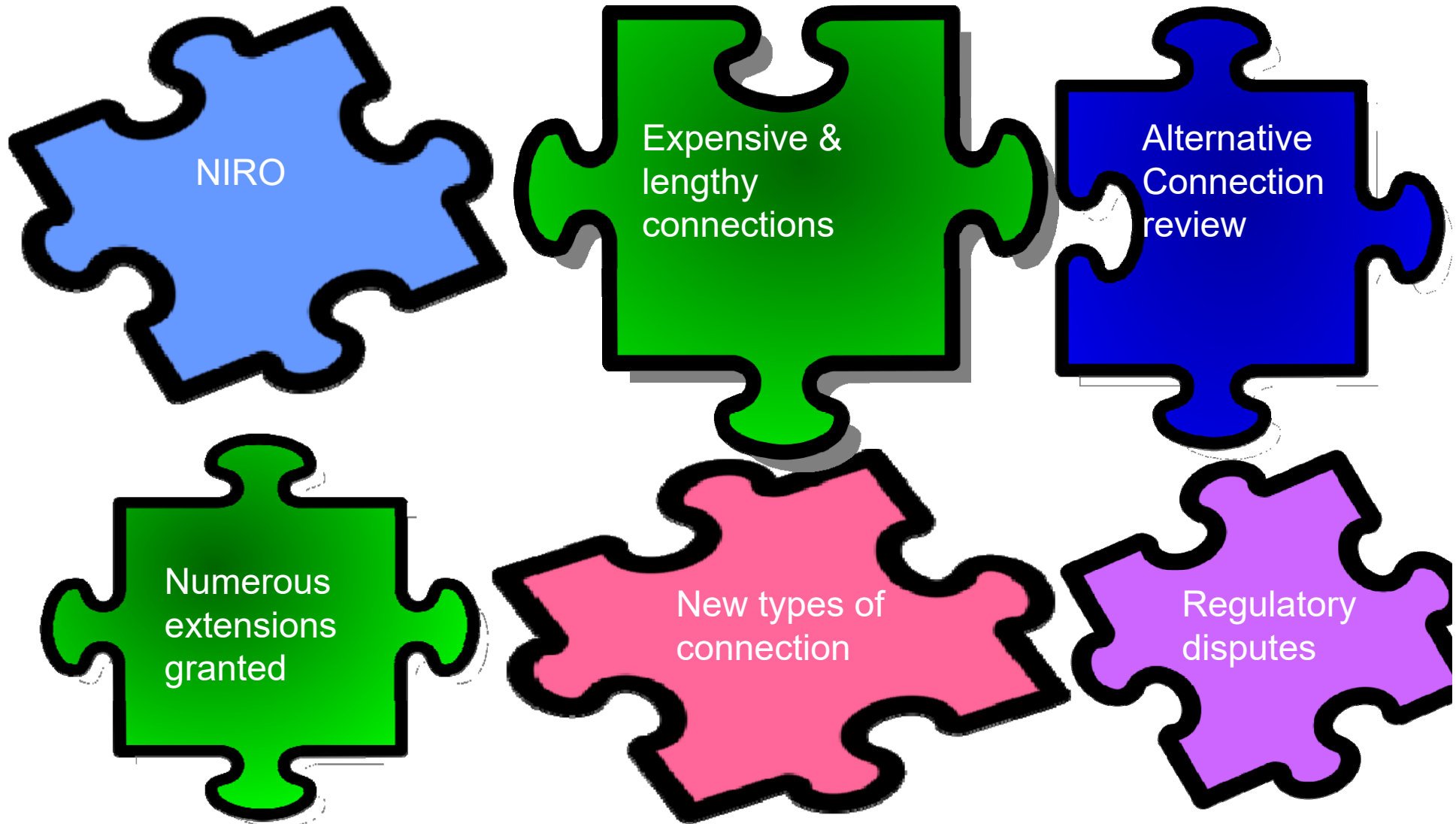
Electricity connections policy review – RGLG 28 March 2017



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Wider environment and context



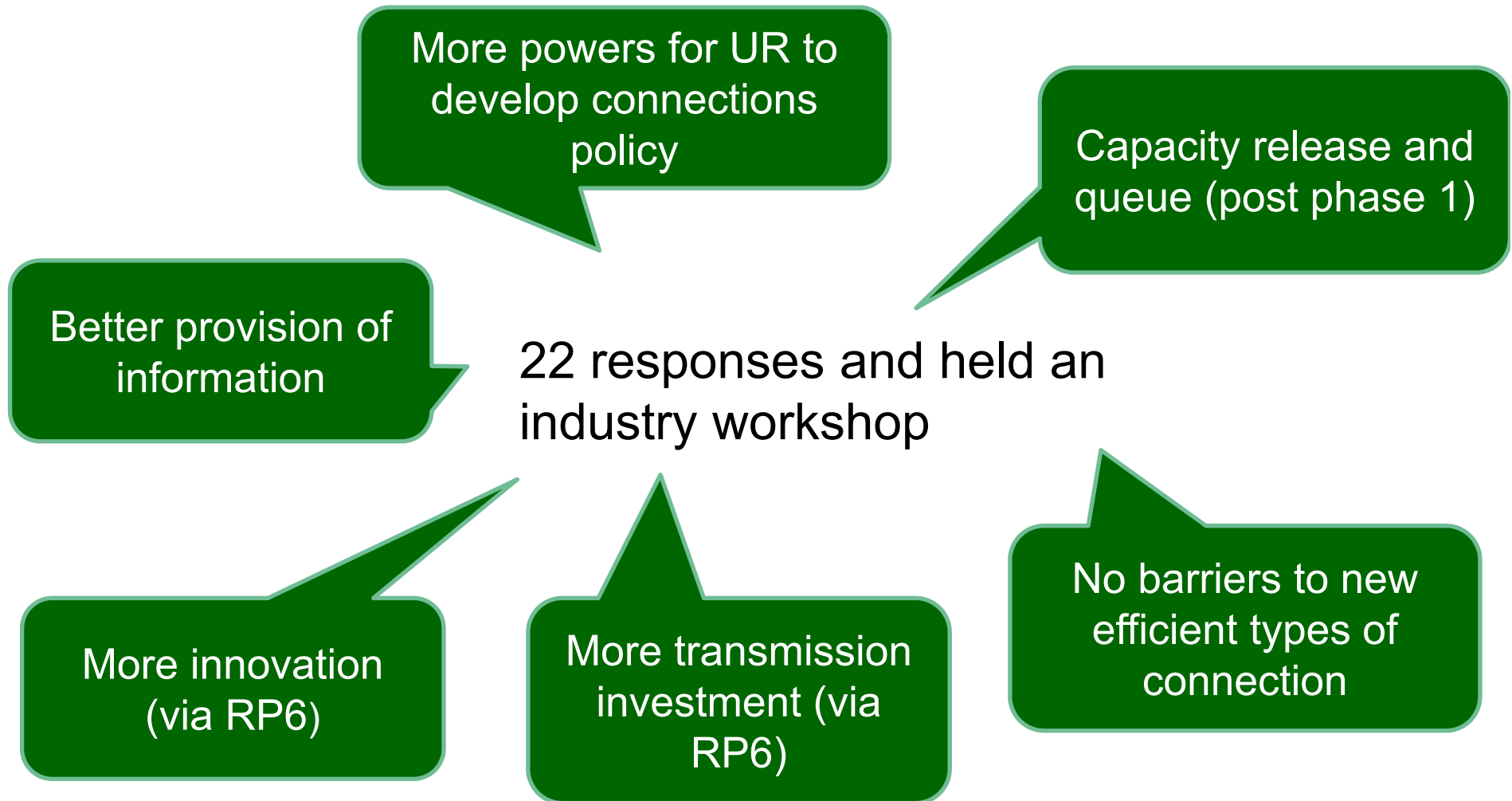
Key review objectives and approach

- 1. More regulatory certainty:** what can be done within the regulatory framework
- 2. Setting parameters of debate and expectations:** aiding connections without building more network
- 3. Ensuring consistency with RP6:** reviewing in parallel
- 4. Emphasising that NIE and SONI have responsibility for developing their connection policy**

Framed debate around three areas

- **Network management:** utilisation of existing capacity
- **Connections queue and offer process:** how capacity should be released.
- **Customer service, transparency and engagement:** service standards and pricing transparency

Emerging views and consensus



Connections process management



Issue	Action	Who & When
Extensions	Design a clearer, more formal extensions process, to request extensions in exceptional cases	UR licence mod. NIEN and SONI implement by 31 August 2017
Connection offer process	Design a robust process for considering new applications beyond Phase 1.	NIEN and SONI by 31 August 2017
Preferential treatment	Clarify when prioritisation may be allowed (e.g. Storage and DSR)	UR clarify. NIEN and SONI to consider how to incorporate by 31 August 2017

Network management

Issue	Action	Who & When
Releasing capacity from customers	Consider materiality and measures to release from connected parties	NIEN 31 August 2017
Charging framework	No review of charging framework to make deeper, or rebates	UR in March publication (and DFE re.rebates)
Clusters	No review of methodology	UR in March publication
Building more network and innovation	Reference RP6 DD and FD positions Engage with SONI on publishing a long term development statement	UR RP6 DD & FD & UR /SONI

Service, transparency and engagement



Issue	Action	Who & When
Network and generator information	Increased, more readily available, information	NIEN 31 August 2017
Pricing transparency	<p>Strengthen comparability between connection charging statement and connection offers</p> <p>Consider a voluntary Quotation Accuracy Scheme (like Gas)</p>	NIEN by 31 August 2017 for comparability element (maybe UR licence mod)
Standards of service	Consider voluntary guaranteed standards of service for connection	NIEN to consider

Key milestones and activities

