# 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 winter 2023 issue of Pensions Brief, which includes the annual Group Summary Funding Statement showing the Group's latest funding position as at 31 March 2023. This is a follow-up to the Group Valuation Update as at March 2022, which we sent you over the summer.

This issue of the newsletter also includes a summary of the Group Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023, as well as the usual round-up of latest news and events

Welcome to new Appointed Group Trustee. Rachel Croft. who joined the Board in August, Rachel is a professional independent trustee with 20 years' specialist pensions experience who works for Independent Governance Group. We're delighted to have her ioin us.

If you are a contributing member who has received a Pension Savings Statement this year, there's an article of interest on pages 6 and 7. Railpen delivered two webinars on the Annual Allowance to affected members during November. A copy of the slide pack can be found on the Group website. Ouestions raised at each of the webinars will also be made available on the website shortly.

For all members, there's a reminder to sign up with PenNet. To date. nearly 2.000 Group members have registered to view their Group pension record online. If you haven't already done so, we'd really encourage you to.

The Group Trustee is considering reinstating the email update service it previously used to keep members informed by email between newsletters. We'll keep you posted on developments.

In the meantime, on behalf of myself and all the Group Trustee Directors, season's greetings to you and your kin. All the very best for the new year.

**Stephen Yandle** Chair of the NGE Group of the ESPS

# Group pensions news: all members



# Welcome to a new Group Trustee

Rachel Croft joined the Group Board as an Appointed Group Trustee in August. Rachel, who is a professional trustee and represents a company called Independent Governance Group, has over 20 years' experience

in pension scheme governance, having worked in a wide variety of roles within the pensions industry and on a range of schemes similar to the Group.

Rachel is a fully accredited trustee with the Association of Professional Pension Trustees (APPT), a qualified Solicitor and a Fellow of the Pensions Management Institute (PMI). She's also an active contributor to the pensions industry thought leadership and a regular speaker on webinars. She's a member of the APPT Council, which interacts regularly with the Pensions Regulator and the Department for Work and Pensions.

# Log in to PenNet and view your Group pension

Group members can now access and update certain aspects of their Group pension online at PenNet which is provided by Railpen. It's easy to register at:

**https://nationalgrid.myesps.co.uk** and there's a link from the Group website at **https://ngeg.nationalgridpensions.com** 

#### Pensioner and dependant members

You can log in to PenNet to view your monthly payslips, latest P60 and pay history. You can update your contact details and bank details. If you retired from the Group within the past five years and are eligible for a lump sum death benefit, you can complete or update an Expression of Wish form.

#### **Deferred members**

You can run retirement quotes, fill in an Expression of Wish form and update your contact details – please make sure you update PenNet (or let Railpen know) if you move house or change your email address.

#### **Contributing members**

You can run retirement quotes and complete or update an Expression of Wish form.

## Coming soon – a new web page for former Gas scheme members

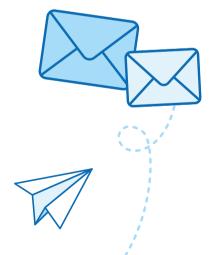
During 2022, c.150 active former members of the National Grid UK Pension Scheme (NGUKPS) joined the Group due to reorganisation within the Company. If this applies to you, you retained the right to your core benefits under the NGUKPS when becoming a member of the Group.

An area of the Group website is being developed with information relevant to your specific benefits. The new web page is currently being developed and will be available from the Group website in the new year.

## Can you comfortably read this newsletter?

As well as being posted, *Pensions Brief* is available as a PDF on the Group website. If you have any issues with reading the paper version, you can download the latest copy from the website and enlarge it to read it in a more comfortable font size. Most modern computers also offer 'read aloud' technology that will read information to you from a web page, Word document or PDF, should you need it.

If you're not online and have a disability or medical condition which makes it difficult for you to read the various communications issued by the Group, please contact **NGEGESPS@barnett-waddingham.co.uk** and we'll provide you with a copy in an alternative format that suits your needs.



## Information for contributing members

### **Pension Savings Statements**

#### What is the Annual Allowance?

The Annual Allowance is the amount of savings individuals can make each tax year to registered pension arrangements which benefit from income tax relief. If your pension savings exceed the Annual Allowance (after allowing for any carry forward of unused allowances from prior tax years), you must declare this on a Self-Assessment Tax Return, and you will need to pay an Annual Allowance tax charge.

The Annual Allowance test relates to pension savings in all registered UK pension schemes, and so you should ensure you take into account any other pension savings that you have, apart from the State Pension, to establish whether you may be liable for a tax charge.

The Annual Allowance is a complex matter. This article is not intended to provide detailed advice and should not be relied upon as such. Neither the Company nor the Trustee can give you financial or tax advice, and you should seek specialist advice as needed.

#### How much is the Annual Allowance?

From 6 April 2023, the standard Annual Allowance increased from  $\pm 40,000$  to  $\pm 60,000$ .

For members who have a total taxable income of more than £260,000 (2023/2024 tax year), the Annual Allowance will reduce by £1 for every additional £2 of taxable income above £260,000. The maximum reduction will be £50,000, so anyone with an income of £360,000 or more will have an Annual Allowance of £10,000. This is known as the Tapered Annual Allowance.

If you have flexibly accessed benefits from a defined contribution (DC) pension but continue to work and save into a different pension, the maximum tax-free amount you can contribute is currently set at £10,000 for the 2023/2024 tax year. If you save over this amount, you will pay tax on any excess. This is known as the Money Purchase Annual Allowance.

#### What is a Pension Input Amount?

This is the amount of Annual Allowance used up through the pension savings you make over the tax year.

#### **How is the Pension Input Amount calculated?**

The way this is calculated is determined by the government. For savings into a defined benefit scheme, it is the notional value of the growth in your accrued pension over the tax year. For savings into a defined contribution scheme, it is the total contributions paid during the tax year.

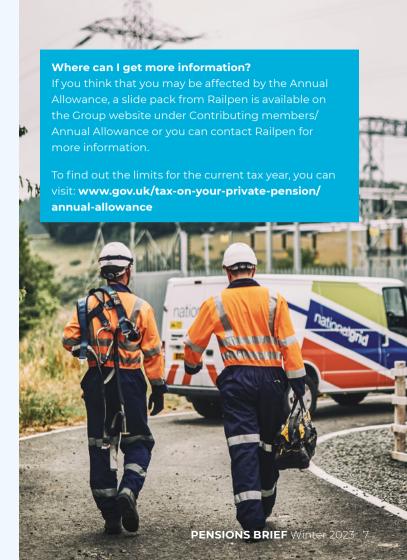
#### What is a Pension Savings Statement?

A Pension Savings Statement is a written summary of your Pension Input Amount to help you assess whether you need to pay an Annual Allowance tax charge. It is issued automatically by Railpen to all members whose Pension Input Amount for savings in the NGE Group pension (including AVCs) exceeds the standard Annual Allowance. It also includes the Pension Input Amount for the previous three tax years.

#### What is Scheme Pays?

If you are subject to an Annual Allowance tax charge, you can either pay this yourself directly to HMRC using the Self-Assessment system or, in certain circumstances, you can ask your pension scheme to pay the charge on your behalf. This is known as 'Scheme pays'; if you use this facility, your NGE Group pension or money purchase AVCs will be reduced accordingly.

If you choose to use Scheme pays, your decision cannot be revoked or withdrawn at a later date, although it may be amended if the amount of your Annual Allowance tax charge changes.



## Pay more into your Group pension

You can choose to increase your benefits from the Group by paying in more as Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs).

AVCs are deducted from your pay and automatically get tax relief, just like your normal pension contributions. If you are considering paying AVCs, please refer to the article on pages 6 and 7 about Pension Savings Statements and the Annual Allowance.

#### AVCs are used to:

- buy added years of contributing service. The cost of added years AVCs will depend on your age and your pensionable salary – please contact Railpen for a quotation
- pay contributions to a defined contribution (money purchase) arrangement to build up an extra pot of money.

You can make AVCs on a regular basis or as a one-off payment, but there is a limit on the total amount that you are able to contribute to the NGE Group, which is 15% of your total earnings (including any non-pensionable elements).



#### **Defined contribution (money purchase) AVCs**

You can pay these AVCs via Legal & General (L&G). You pay contributions into your chosen fund(s), and at retirement the value of the fund is used to either enhance your lump sum payable from the Group to the permitted limit, or it can be used to 'buy' extra pension by way of an annuity, which you can purchase from L&G or from an alternative insurance company. Please visit the Group website or speak to Railpen for more information.

#### Reminder to contributing members about AVCs

If you're a contributing member and would like to open an AVC account or top up an existing account during the 2023/2024 tax year, please return your completed AVC form to Railpen **by Friday, 2 February 2024**. Forms are available from Railpen or can be downloaded from the Library 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 Annual Allowance, then you may be subject to a tax charge. Please refer to the article on pages 6 and 7.



# Information for pensioner and dependant members

### 2024 Group pensions increase

This year, the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for September 2023 was announced in October 2023 as 8.9%.

The ESPS Scheme Rules provide for pensions to increase in line with the 'Cost of Living Index' (defined in the Rules as RPI), but with a specific power for the Company to cap those increases at the rate not lower than 5% where RPI increases exceed that level. This is written into the Rules and, we understand, has been unchanged since the inception of the Scheme on privatisation. The Group Trustee has no power to change the Rules of the Scheme as this power rests with the Company. Last year, September 2022's RPI of 12.9% was capped at 5% for Group pension increases from 1 April 2023.

The Group Trustee is concerned that in the current inflationary environment, the cumulative effect of capping at 5% would create challenges for our members, and as such, the Board has formally written to the Company asking it not to apply a 5% cap to the Group increase this year but to use its discretion and apply the full 8.9% increase to Group pensions from 1 April 2024.

The points raised in the Group Trustee's letter to the Company included:

- The UK is experiencing what is expected to be the highest level of continued inflation in the last 40 years.
- The moral obligation of the Company towards pension scheme members in line with National Grid's core vision and values of 'Doing the right thing', and their commitment to being a responsible business in everything they do.
- Affordability against the backdrop of increased profits by the Company and the funding position of the Group.

The Group Trustee is currently waiting for a response from the Company. We will update you via the Group website and include a message in the January 2024 pension payslips.

This information does not apply to retired former Gas scheme members – your core benefits, including how the annual percentage pension increase is determined, are governed by the National Grid UK Pension Scheme Rules.

## Pensioner payroll cut-off dates 2024

Pay date	Cut-off date for work received via post or email	Cut-off date for PenNet transactions
24 January 2024	2 January 2024	9 January 2024
23 February 2024	2 February 2024	9 February 2024
22 March 2024	1 March 2024	8 March 2024
24 April 2024	2 April 2024	9 April 2024
24 May 2024	2 May 2024	9 May 2024
24 June 2024	3 June 2024	7 June 2024
24 July 2024	2 July 2024	9 July 2024
23 August 2024	2 August 2024	9 August 2024
24 September 2024	2 September 2024	9 September 2024
24 October 2024	2 October 2024	9 October 2024
22 November 2024	1 November 2024	8 November 2024
*24 December 2024	TBC	TBC

<sup>\*</sup>In line with previous years, there is likely to be a slightly earlier December pay date.

# Let us know if your marital status changes

If you are a pensioner member and your marital status changes through marriage, death or divorce, please let Railpen know. They need to maintain up-to-date pension records so they can contact your next of kin when benefits are due.

# Pension overpayments following the death of a Group member

If there is an overpayment of pension following the death of a Group member or their dependant due to Railpen being notified late, any overpaid pensions payments will need to be returned. The Group Trustee is obliged to recover pension overpayments as part of its responsibilities. We appreciate your understanding.

# **Summary Funding** Statement 2023

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 2023.

The Group's position as at 31 March 2023 has improved over the previous 12 months due to the performance of the Group's return-seeking assets, as well as a contribution of £57m from the Company. The funding level increased to 101.9%, representing a rise of 3.7% compared with 31 March 2022. In addition, the Group continues to enjoy significant additional financial protections provided by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (the Company), which were extended during the 2022 valuation.

The Group Trustee remains satisfied that the Company continues to be able and willing to continue to support the Group. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), appointed as independent covenant assessor, monitor the ability of the Company to provide the funding needed by the Group in future on an ongoing basis and provide advice to the Group Trustee.





## **2023 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 2022.

The Group is now fully funded on an ongoing basis and remains well supported by the strength of the Company.

## Funding position as at 31 March 2023

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 2023. The table below compares the 2023 update with the 2022 position:

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
The value of the Group's liabilities (technical provisions) was:	£2,548 million	£3,423 million
The value of the Group's assets was:	£2,597 million	£3,363 million
This means that there was an estimated surplus/(shortfall) (i.e. the difference between the value of the liabilities and the assets) of:	£49 million	(£60 million)
The Group's estimated funding level (i.e. the value of the assets divided by the value of the liabilities) was:	101.9%	98.2%

## Change in funding level

The table above shows that the Group's funding level increased from 98.2% to 101.9% over the 12 months to 31 March 2023. This was largely due to the performance of the Group's return-seeking assets, as well as a deficit contribution of £57 million from the Company.

## **Protecting the position**

The Group Trustee has taken action in recent years to reduce the risk associated with its investment portfolio, to protect the favourable funding position of the Group, including the use of assets that closely match the Group's liabilities.

The Company is also continuing to provide additional security for the Group which would be passed to the Group Trustee should certain conditions arise which would affect the Company's ongoing business.

Following the deficit contribution of £57 million paid in 2022 and the Group reaching full funding, the Company no longer pays deficit contributions but does still pay contributions for the new benefits earned by contributing members.

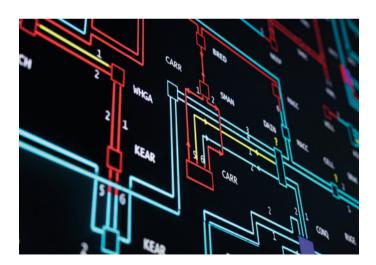
The funding requirements will be assessed again at the next actuarial valuation, due to be carried out as at 31 March 2025.

## 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 2022, the Group's solvency funding level was 92%



## Our work on climate change

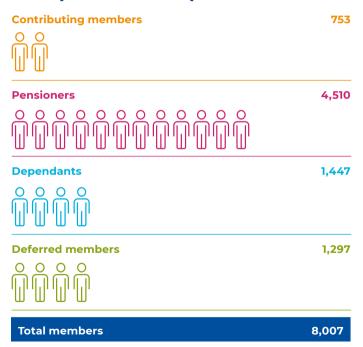
The Group Trustee is required to produce an annual Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) report, which provides information on our identification, assessment and management of climate change risk. A copy can be found on the Group website at ngeg.nationalgridpensions.com under the section, About the Group / Group Financial Information. A paper copy of the TCFD report is available

### Other information

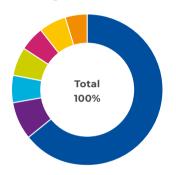
have been made to the Company out of the Group's funds

# **Summary of the Group Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023**

### **Group membership statistics**



## How the Group assets are invested



Asset type	% of Group assets
<ul><li>Insight LDI</li></ul>	64.30%
<ul> <li>Longevity Swap Collateral Portfolios</li> </ul>	7.96%
<ul> <li>Unconstrained Bonds</li> </ul>	5.98%
<ul> <li>Property and Cash</li> </ul>	6.01%
<ul> <li>Private Credit</li> </ul>	5.21%
<ul><li>Infrastructure</li></ul>	5.91%
<ul> <li>Multi-Asset Credit</li> </ul>	4.56%
Absolute Return Fund of Funds	0.07%
Total	100.0%

## **Change in value of Group assets** over the last five years

As at 31 March 2023	£m
2023	2,597.8
2022	3,429.8
2021	3,356.9
2020	3,200.9
2019	3,220.2



## Money paid in

For the year to 31 March 2023	£m
Contributions receivable	87.5
Transfers in	108.4
TOTAL	195.9

## Money paid out

For the year to 31 March 2023	£m
Pension and dependants' benefits	116.8
Payments to and on account of leavers	31.2
Administrative expenses	3.2
Net decrease on investment returns	876.7
TOTAL	1,027.9

## **Annual calendar of Group events**

#### Spring 2024



- Annual pension increase applied from 1 April each year
- Pensioners P60s issued

#### Summer 2024

- Pensions Brief Issue no. 89
- Contributing and deferred members annual benefits statements issued
- **Deferred members with AVCs** statutory Money Purchase illustrations issued
- Details of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme AGM made available on the Group website



#### Autumn 2024



- **Contributing members** annual Pension Savings Statements issued
- Electricity Supply Pension Scheme AGM online event takes place
- Group Annual Report & Financial Statements available on the Group website

#### Winter 2024



 Pensions Brief Issue no. 90 including the Group annual Summary Funding Statement

## **Company news**

## The 'supergrid' at 70

It's 70 years since a circuit-breaker was closed to energise Britain's 275kV supergrid for the first time.

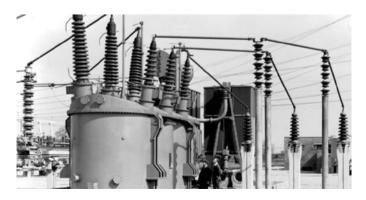
By 1950, Britain's original 132kV grid was at capacity. It hadn't been designed to carry power in bulk around the country, instead operating as seven distinct networks serving regions. Major investment and expansion would be needed to meet demand for electricity that had risen nine-fold since the first grid was built.

In particular, there was a need to transmit electricity from proposed new coal power plants, sited mainly at coalfields in the East Midlands and Yorkshire, to where that energy demand was increasing, predominantly in London and the southern counties. Manchester. Mersevside and Tyneside.

In 1950, a committee of engineers at the newly formed British Electricity Authority (BEA) calculated that it would be cheaper to transmit electricity over long distances than it would be to transport coal. They conceived a new transmission system to be built and superimposed over the existing 132kV grid circuits - nicknamed the 'supergrid' to help capture the public's imagination. The BEA committed £52 million over ten years in the 1,150 miles of new 275kV supergrid transmission lines, equivalent to around £1.4 billion in today's prices.

Forward-thinking engineers at the BEA's predecessor, the Central Electricity Board (CEB), had already begun researching insulator technology for higher voltage transmission in the late thirties. These glass suspension insulators needed to be strong enough to support the heavier wires that would be needed, while preventing the whole tower becoming live from the current

In 1953, an experimental, 40-mile 264kV overhead line was erected between Staythorpe, Nottinghamshire and West Melton near Sheffield, to evaluate the new technologies. Successful trials led to the engineers boosting the voltage to 275kV, more than double the highest voltage used in Britain at the time.



But the engineers had greater ambitions, and the foresight to match it, and were to build towers to easily accept future upgrades to heavier 380kV lines. True to their vision, these higher capacity lines were later installed during the sixties. insulator technology having advanced so that 400kV could be used.

While the Staythorpe-West Melton route trialled as a single circuit line, all subsequent supergrid lines were built as double circuits - with larger towers to carry the wires. Many of these original routes continue to reliably transmit power today, on towers erected 70 years ago.

Developing and installing new designs of equipment to work on the ambitious supergrid tested BEA engineers and a post-war British manufacturing industry to its limits. In the interests of speed of manufacture and delivery of substation equipment, designs were standardised. This allowed competing manufacturers to build interchangeable equipment that was compatible with designs from their rivals, which reduced the engineering burden on busy factories.

Transformer and switchgear design both benefited from this approach, with rival manufacturers such as General Electric Company and English Electric even collaborating on circuitbreaker technology. The rapid pace of progress saw early 7,500MVA designs quickly replaced with 10,000MVA circuitbreakers, and later 15,000MVA during the sixties.

Around 60 transformers, often weighing over 150 tonnes and standing as tall as a London bus, were installed as part of the supergrid build up to 1960. The limiting factor in boosting transformer capacity during that time was often the difficulty transporting the units on Britain's roads - a logistical challenge that still needs managing!

The original supergrid is a story of remarkable engineering prowess and transition. National Grid has invested billions. over recent decades to continue innovating and evolving the transmission network, and today they are embarking on The Great Grid Upgrade, the biggest overhaul of our electricity grid in generations.

Tomorrow's network will take a different shape, connecting us to clean energy out at sea and with new infrastructure in new places. Today, new technology and innovation is already driving the clean energy transition. From new T-pylons bringing low-carbon electricity to millions, to the London Power Tunnels project to rewire and reinforce the capital's network, National Grid is building the next supergrid to help Britain reach net zero.

For more on the history of the supergrid, please visit

www.nationalgrid.com/supergrid-history







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## Severnside REA follow the free-range herd

Hilary Landers, Secretary for Severnside REA writes, 'In May, some of our members visited a robotic milking parlour in South Gloucestershire courtesy of the owners, Tom and Sue Grey, who gave the group a guided tour of the set up.

'The individual cows decide when they want to come in from the fields to be milked and are fitted with sensors to allow them access through gateways to the correct milking / feed stall. A great demonstration of a very interesting concept!'



## A request for Ordnance Survey maps of the former SW Region

Andrew Smith, chair of Severnside REA writes, 'I am the librarian for the Western Power Electricity Historical Society Museum and Library, now under the aegis of NGC Distribution.

'We have a significant collection of the cream-coloured cover one-inch Ordnance Survey maps of the former SW Region overprinted with CEGB sites and lines, dated 1964. However, we are missing Sheets 158 - Oxford and Newbury, 159 - The Chilterns, 178 - Dorchester, 179 -Bournemouth, 180 - The Solent, 181 - Chichester and 190 - Truro and Falmouth.

'If anyone has copies of any of these maps which they might be prepared to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Postage and packaging can be refunded to you, and your assistance would be recorded in our Donors' register. I would be most grateful for any help.'

If you are able to help Andrew, please contact him at severnside.rea@gmail.com

### Friends reunited

In September, three retired former National Grid colleagues came together unexpectedly. Angus Murray writes, 'Myself and my wife Frances had booked a short holiday break in Bognor Regis and subsequently discovered that my former colleague, Peter Bish, was on the same trip. We were very pleasantly surprised at the coincidence.



'An aspect of this holiday included a day trip to the well-known Amberley Heritage Museum, in West Sussex, which features the industrial heritage of South East England. Probably the most interesting exhibit to former power engineers was the Electricity Hall, where to our surprise the guide was former colleague, Bob Lilley, whom we hadn't seen for years.

'Peter. Bob and I had all been based, at different times, at Sundon 400kV substation and could recall many former staff with whom we'd worked closely. Sadly, quite a number of them have passed on, so it was nice to meet up and see others still going strong and taking an active part in life. It really was a pleasant experience to meet up and definitely made our day!'

Amberley Museum is an open-air industrial heritage museum in Amberley, near Arundel in West Sussex:

www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

# With regret

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