

## Personal Statement

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My name is Nan Chen, an academic staff at the University of Birmingham. I am applying for continuing with my current CIGRE UK NGN role as the Secretary & Treasurer for the year 2023-2024.

Since being elected as the Secretary & Treasurer of the CIGRE UK NGN on the NGN AGM in December 2022, I have attempted to complete the daily house-keeping responsibilities of a Secretary & Treasurer. With 5-year working experience as an engineer and 4-year experience of holding external engagements, I have managed to accomplish all duties to the satisfaction of all committee members. For example, (1) I kept using the MoM form to track actions of committee members to ensure planned activities to be performed smoothly and each meeting to be held efficiently; (2) I built up and maintained the Knowledge Management System, and invited new members to KMS in time and provided mandatory training materials; (3) I took responsibilities of coordinating activities, especially the in-person event, the site visit to National Grid ESO on 4th August, where I prepared and brought with me the promotional materials such as NGN stand and CIGRE UK notebooks, and promoted NGN by presenting the stand at the assembly point and arranging joint photos; (4) I managed to plan and discuss the annual NGN budget with committee members, guide reimbursements, manage the budget, and report to CIGRE UK Treasurer. (5) Besides, I also supported other CIGRE UK activities such as CIGRE UK Technical Committee meetings, CIGRE UK B4 liaison meeting, and CIGRE UK C1 activities.

If I continue with my current Secretary & Treasurer role, my future plan will be: (1) perform required responsibilities and duties of this role; (2) Organise the CIGRE UK NGN promotional event to be held on 8th December, 2023; (3) Together with a group of academics and researchers from the University of Birmingham, I am currently planning a Birmingham Decarbonisation Summer School (BDSS) 2024 with the topic of "Power System Net-Zero", with the support of CIGRE UK NGN and CIGRE UK Study Committee regular members. This BDSS is expected to invite 40 postgraduate/doctoral researchers from UK universities to work on a Power System Net-Zero challenge; (4) Establish the CIGRE UK NGN University of Birmingham Hub, which aims to further engage the local community with CIGRE by organising local activities such as seminars, face-to-face talks, panel discussions, interest group within the framework of 16 Study Committee, etc. Activities will be open to undergraduate students and postgraduate students; (5) Support CIGRE UK activities.

All of the above activities and plans stand behind my strong aspiration to fulfil my potential as well as my abilities to make a significant contribution to the CIGRE UK NGN. I firmly believe that the CIGRE UK NGN Secretary & Treasurer role would facilitate me to continue making a positive difference to the CIGRE UK NGN as well as my professional development.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Nan Chen