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October 2026

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Dave Tuffery

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Dave Tuffery

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Joe Martin

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Sarah Kelara

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Will Topping

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Webinar Date: 14 October 2026

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Welcome

Dave Tuffery

Head of System Access Reforms

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



Key milestones

- We have received 45 of the 51 Phase 1 Agreement to Vary (AtV) from NESO
- We are currently issuing batch 9 of 11 Phase 1 batches on schedule as per our published plan
- Have run a bespoke webinar for every batch to provide early visibility of outcomes– available to view on our website



How have we been preparing and what happens next?

- For GSPs moved to a later batch it is because we are pending receipt of ATVs from NESO before we can progress
- We have created an additional batch 11 to allow NGET / NESO time prior to release to NGED whilst still maintaining our JIP commitments
- Both batch 10 and 11 webinars have been moved to reflect the timeline update (website updated). Customers will be directly invited to the sessions.



Forward Looking

- Our Demand Reform website is in development – please watch for a launch announcement
- We move into Phase 2 delivery programme as of 12th October

Connections Reform | Offers Updates

NGED Detailed Breakdown – Protected and Phase 1

	Offers to be sent	Number of offers sent	Offers in Preparation	Rejected	Rejected %	Accepted	% Accepted
Protected*	153	153	-	1	1%	152	99%
Phase 1	108	55	53	-	-	31	29%

Protected
*We issued all our Protected offers that were agreed were within scope of the (JIP) timeline and have got everything into a signed or rejected position

ENA Connections Reform Dashboard – Protected and Phase 1

Overall Project Offer Status – Including Protected and Phase 1						
All Offers Issued						
Description: Volumes of offers issued to customers, for protected projects offers with protected status of 1 and 2a* and Phase 1, including T & D breakdown and % completion against target volumes.						
D offers	Protected Offers		Phase 1 Offers		Total Offers**	
	Target	Offered	Target	Offered*	Target	Offered
	426	426	291	89	717	515
T connecting and large embedded offers	Target	Offered	Target	Offered	Target	Offered
	289	289	340	239	629	528
TOTAL***	Target	Offered	Target	Offered	Target	Offered
	715	715	631	328	1346	1043
*Phase 1 D offers begin mid-July						
**Total offers tracking to Nov 2026 targets (end of Phase 1)						
***20 Protected Clause 1 and 2A* 26/27 offers (representing 27 queue items) now come under Phase 1 delivery time scales. This follows ongoing discussions with customers in relation to their offer. Once these discussions are complete, they will be added to the Total Offers count.						

The table above shows the number of Protected and Phase 1 offers sent and accepted for D and T*.
*Data correct to 12.00 12 October 2026

*Phase 1 D offers begin mid-July
**Total offers tracking to Nov 2026 targets (end of Phase 1)

GSP Batch Offer Run Rates | Best view dated 08 Oct 2026

*TOCO – Transmission Owner Connection Offer
**ATV – Agreement to Vary
Green = Received or Issued

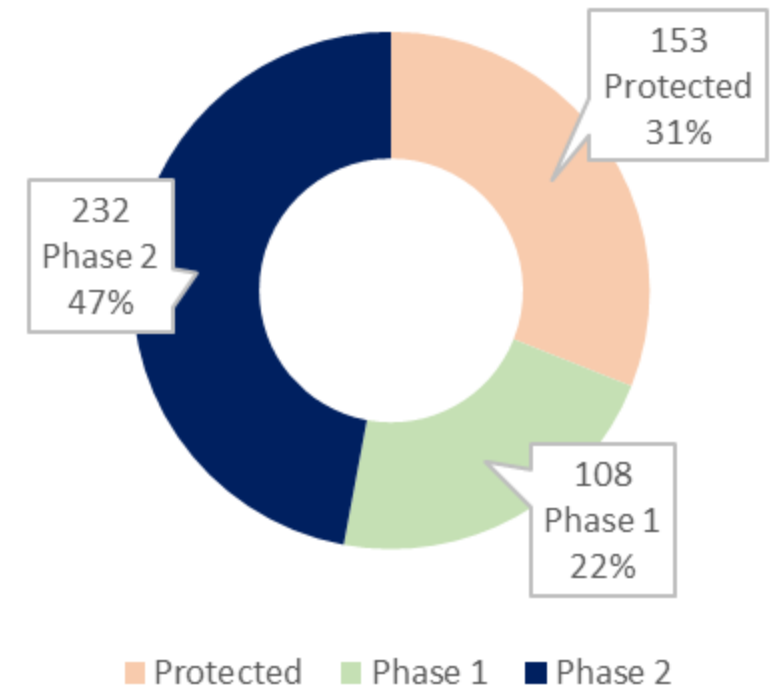
GSP Batches – Expected Offer Dates Per Batch											
Batch Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Early sight of TOCO info	08 June 2026	06 July 2026	22 June 2026	24 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	03 Aug 2026	20 July 2026	27 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	10 Aug 2026	TBC
Expected AtV receipt from NESO	10 July 2026	15 & 17 July 2026	27 July 2026	28 July 2026	4 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	11 Sept 2026	28 Sept 2026	05 Oct 2026
Expected Offer Issue Date (week commencing)	17 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	07 Sept 2026	14 Sept 2026	21 Sept 2026	28 Sept 2026	05 Oct 2026	12 Oct 2026	16 Nov 2026	23 Nov 2026
Status	3x Offers sent	1x Offers sent	N/A	9x Offers sent	7x Offers sent	15x Offers sent	9x Offers Sent	6x Offers Sent	11x Offers being prepared	Awaiting information (23x offers)	Awaiting information (24x offers)
GSPs per Batch	Swansea North	Exeter		Landulph	Grange	Alverdiscott	West Burton	Iron Acton	Coventry	Drakelow	Cellarhead
				Port Ham	Bridgwater	Lea Marston	Cardiff East	Staythorpe (moves to Batch 10)	Berkswell	Rugeley	Ratcliffe
				Taunton	Sandford	Indian Queens	Pyle	Rassau	East Claydon (moves to Batch 11)	Willington	Walpole
				Upper Boat 132 & 33 KV		Axminster	Drakelow (moves to Batch 10)	Willington (moves to Batch 10)	Uskmouth	Staythorpe	East Claydon
						Pembroke					Grendon
						Chesterfield					

Connections Reform | Phase 2 Programme

Phase 2 has commenced as of Monday (12 October 2026)

- Protected had 153 variations, Phase 1 has 108 and Phase 2 has 232.
- NGED have provided a planned delivery programme to NESO / NGET awaiting final agreement
 - This plan builds in a mid-phase pause to account for festive period and any necessary improvements
 - We enter 6 weeks of Phase 1 & Phase 2 concurrent work
- **NGED remain ready to proceed with Phase 2 upon receipt of ATV's from NESO**
- We are working with NESO/NGET to agree smoother run rate sequencing across Phase 2

Number of Offers



Contracts Update

Joe Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract
Management

Distribution JIP Deadlines

- The current published deadline for DNOs as per NESO's timeline on their website is 13 November

13 May 2026 – NESO request an extension to transmission offers from mid September 2026 to 30 September 2026

3 June 2026 – Ofgem responded accepting transmission delay and also approving a distribution extension for phase 1 offers to the **30 November 2026**

The NESO industry plan was not updated to reflect either the T or D extension

25 September 2026 – NESO request a further extension of phase 1 offers to 31 October 2026

2 October 2026 – Ofgem approve further extension to timeline and restate **30 November for D offer deadline for phase 1**

Distribution JIP Deadlines

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Email: connections determinations@ofgem.gov.uk

Date: 2 October 2026

To: All interested stakeholders,

Ofgem agreement to a further alternative timetable for issuing Gate 2 Phase 1 connection offers under the Gate 2 to Whole Queue ("G2tWQ") process

On 25 September 2026, we¹ received a letter of request from the National Energy System Operator ("NESO") in respect of Condition E12.14(c) of its Electricity System Operator licence, to amend the deadline for issuing Gate 2 Phase 1 connection offers under the G2tWQ process from 30 September 2026 to 31 October 2026.

NESO's Request

On 3 June 2026, the Authority agreed an alternative timetable which set a revised deadline for Gate 2 offers to be issued in its decision letter.²

The 25 September letter represents NESO's second request for an extension to the deadline for issuing Gate 2 Phase 1 connection offers and affects a small subset of projects (approximately 62 offers).

The request was initially required due to delays by NGET in providing the necessary Transmission Owner Construction Offers (TOCOs), meaning that NESO requires a short further extension to finalise and issue the affected offers.

Ofgem's decision in respect of NESO's Second Request

Ofgem's latest letter:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-10/Ofgem-agreement-for-revision-to-G2TWQ-timetable.pdf>

Wording from letter relevant to distribution phase 1 timeline:

- "Accordingly, for the purposes of E12.14(c), the Authority agrees that the timetable for NESO issuing relevant G2tWQ offers will be as follows..."

As a result, we would expect (in line with the timeline):

- Gate 2 Phase 1 Distribution Offer Completion: no later than **30 November 2026**
- Gate 2 Phase 2 Distribution Offer Completion: no later than **31 March 2027**

Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

CMP434 Window (Enduring)

- The dates for the first CMP434 window have not yet been confirmed. NGED is proactively engaging with NESO to open the window as soon as reasonably practicable.

Signing Period

- Projects will have 30 days to accept their variations. If a Gate 2 variation is not accepted within this period, the Gate 2 variation will be revoked and a Gate 1 notice issued

Rejection

- Either Gate 2 variation lapses or customer confirms on the signature page that the Gate 2 variation is rejected – this can be done ahead of the 30 days.

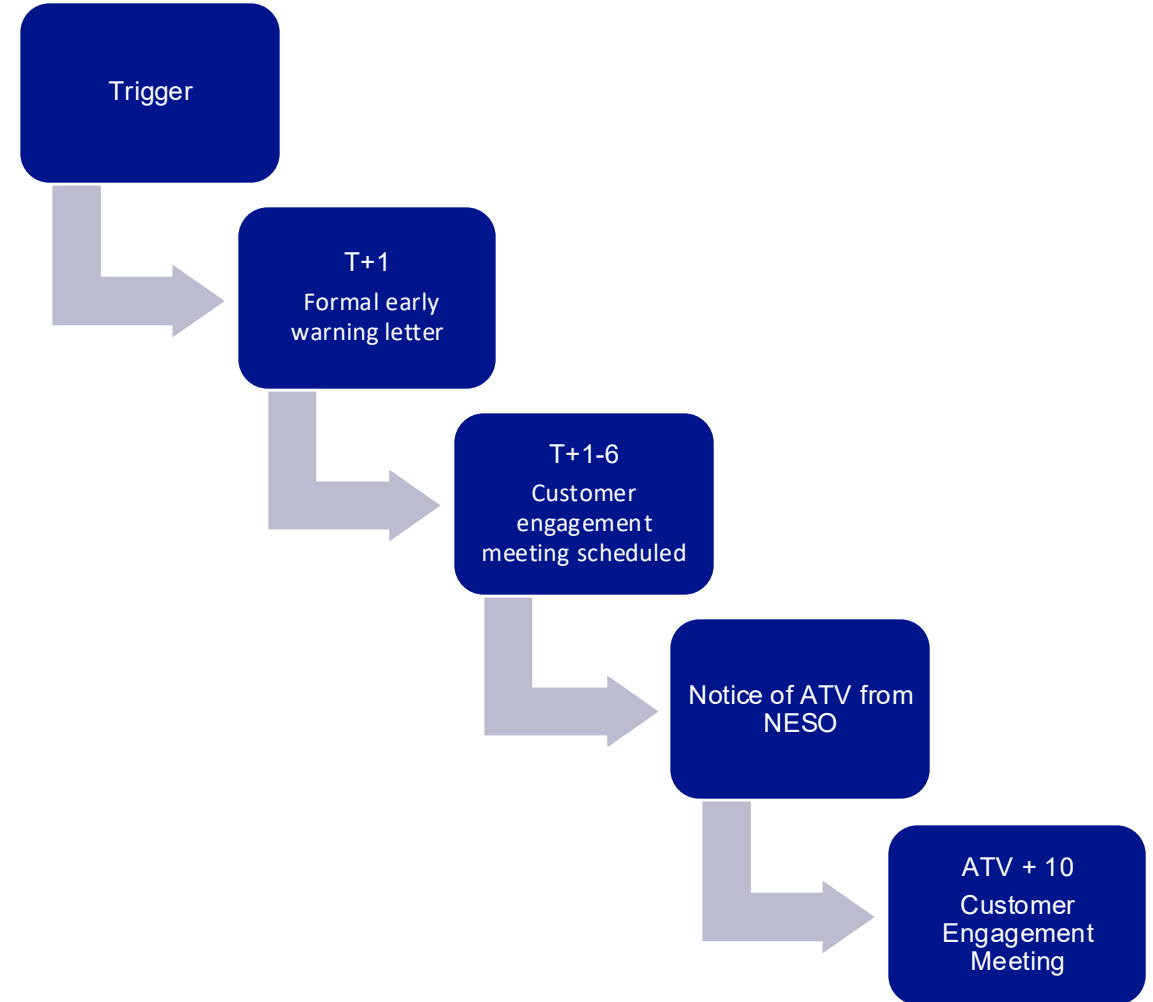
Hybrid Variations

- Projects with more than 1 technology have the ability to decline individual technologies on the Gate 2 variation. Declining an individual technology also declines any associated capacity.

Early Warning Engagement Plan for T delayed schemes

Delays following a Gate 2 outcome

- NGED are aware there have been a small minority of projects where the Gate 2 variation has delivered suboptimal outcomes
- **Affected developers have started to be contacted by NGED** and we are continuing dialogue with all respective parties to minimise impact to developers
- NGED have hosted a series of workshops with NESO and NGET. Outcome shared with developers as and when any engineering outcomes are decided upon
- Going forward NGED have developed an “Early Warning” process **if** these situations were to present themselves again
- NGED have produced a series of “principles” defining what triggers this process
- The purpose of this is to provide a defined and structured process enabling NGED to give developers as much transparency as possible, as early as possible.



Demand Reform Update

Sarah Kelara

Head of Demand Reform

Connections E2E Data consultation: Demand Capacity Register

Connection customers: your views matter.
We are concerned the consultation may not have reached all relevant stakeholders.

Please respond by 6 November 2026.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/transforming-connections-data>

Connectionspolicy@ofgem.gov.uk

This survey does not replace a consultation response.

Transforming connections data

Our proposals for new datasets, data standards and improving existing electricity connections data publications.

Consultation description

This consultation builds on the decisions we have made in our previous consultation, [Connections end-to-end review: updated proposals and next steps](#).

We are seeking views on proposals to introduce new datasets, including a demand capacity register and distribution works report, and to improve existing connections and network reinforcement datasets. The consultation also seeks views on cross-cutting issues, including interoperability, data standards, data quality, and approaches to data publication and governance.

This consultation forms part of Ofgem's Transforming Connections Data programme, which has evolved from Theme 1 of the Connections end-to-end review.

Your views will help to shape the proposed policy changes before we start to draft and roll-out new regulatory requirements in early 2027.

Who should respond

We would like to hear from individuals and organisations that publish, manage,

Publication type: Consultation
Publication date: 25 September 2026
Closing date: 6 November 2026
Status: Open
Topic: Electricity transmission
Subtopic: Connections

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Connections E2E Data consultation: Demand Capacity Register

What would become public?

Ofgem plans monthly DNO and NESO demand registers. Consultation covers fields, size thresholds and quoted projects before contract.

Proposed fields (grouped)

Identity: project ID and name, connection ID, applicant ID

Dates and status: quote issue, record creation, last update, offer acceptance, application status, data correction flag

Capacity and location: MVA, restricted access, load/technology, project location, licence area, connection topology, point-of-connection ID and coordinates, reinforcement IDs

Milestones: contracted projects only in the draft schema

Land rights, planning, financial close and technical design submission status.

Ofgem asks which to disclose and at what stage.

Some fields apply only where relevant.

Connections E2E Data consultation: Demand Capacity Register



Quick Poll
Please share your views

Connections E2E Data consultation: Demand Capacity Register

NGED draft view:

Customers should determine whether quoted-project and milestone publication offers enough benefit to outweigh commercial risks.

Please respond by 6 November 2026.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/transforming-connections-data>

Connectionspolicy@ofgem.gov.uk : This survey does not replace a consultation response.



DEMAND REFORM: Data centre connections: oversubscription and BESS lessons from G2WQ justify additional community and/or grid benefit tests for access

~150 GW

UK demand queue

~70 GW

Data centre applications in GB queue

<10 GW

May be needed, according to DESNZ

**Prioritisation
required** 

What is being considered now + NGED view

1 Commitment fee + DC milestones– 2027 (TBD)

Developers say: too high, too early, many times global equivalents. Risk of investment moving abroad.

2 CAZ implemented for Tx BUT needs teeth

Outside Gate 2 today – must embed in methodologies; project designation and CNDM prioritisation of strategic projects or reallocation of BESS

3 Higher barrier to entry

Implemented June 2026 – same as generation >5MW

4 Readiness and strategic alignment

Expected for the next application window, TBC and DESNZ DC strategy TBC ~03/27

NGED propose further criteria to DESNZ

International precedent supports good grid and community citizenship – given the oversubscriptions and we intend to engage with DESNZ to offer our view

Good grid citizen

Offset energy needs, grid balancing and impact reduction

Good community citizen

Supply district heating and use closed-loop water systems.

Flex provider

Solar power and storage behind the meter

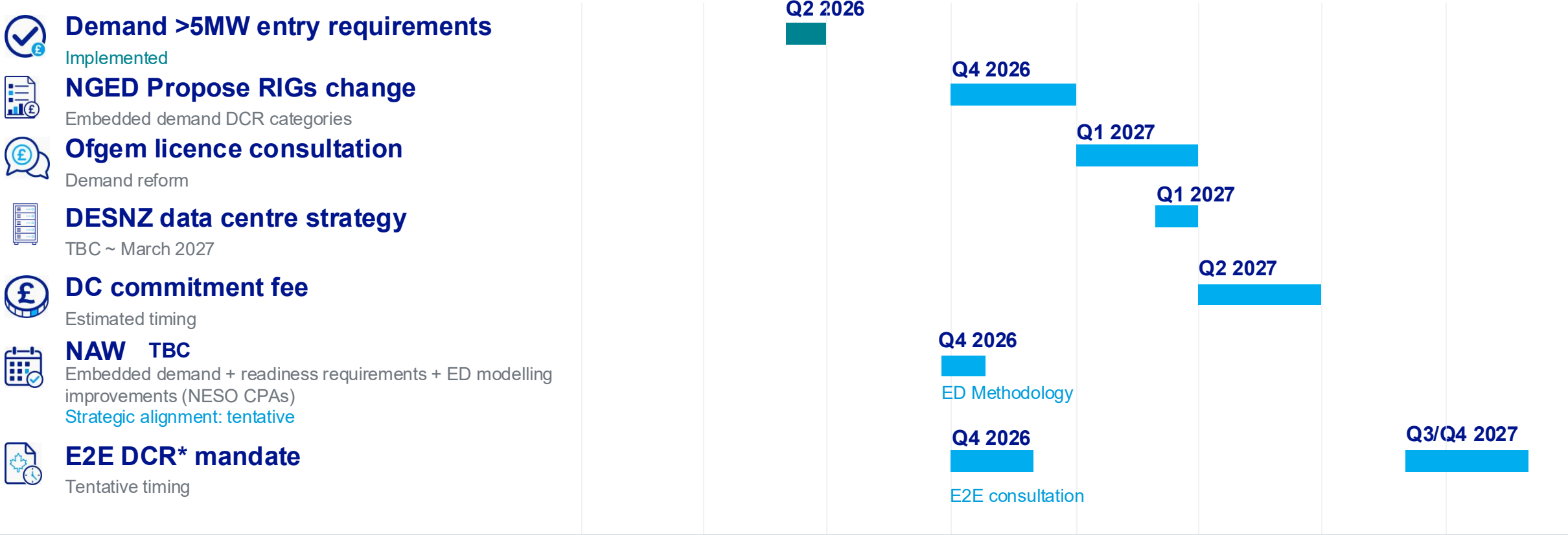
Community resources e.g. District heating for nearby homes

Closed-loop water reuse on site

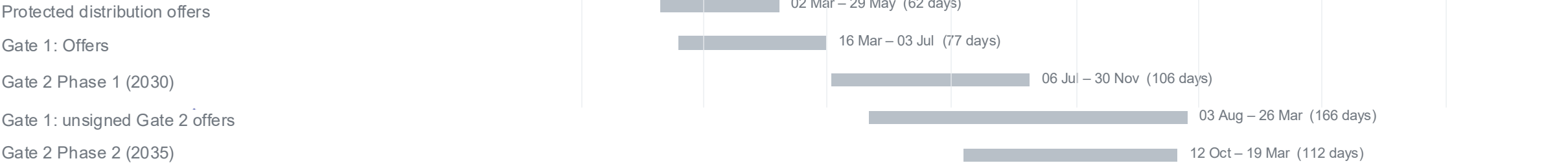


Hypothetical / DRAFT Demand reform implementation timeline

DEMAND REFORM



JOINT INDUSTRY PLAN G2WQ CONTEXT



Other NGED-led embedded demand (ED) reform initiatives

IN PROGRESS



Methodology for fair demand studies alongside G2WQ

Industry workgroup exploring how to confirm demand queue positions relative to generation projects.

IN DESIGN



Growth Capacity Programme

Secure Tx capacity for general load growth

Forecast — Plan — Secure

Align with Gate 2

Opportunity for a more streamlined and comprehensive process

Quick wins identified

Industry workshop imminent

CHAMPIONING



Tx/Dx interface commercial models

Equivalent contract changes for general load growth

Mod App demand

BCA commercial + technical changes

+

General load growth

Equivalent CUSC changes

Appendix G / Appendix F

Curtailment Estimator

Will Topping
Curtailment Lead

Curtailment Estimator – Live Demonstration

For more information after the demo, please visit:

- The Curtailment Estimator Tool: <https://curtailment.nationalgrid.co.uk/sign-in>
- Information about Curtailment Analysis: <https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/curtailment-analysis>

Q&A Session

Q&A



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We'll be answering pre-submitted questions then moving onto live questions.

If you see a question submitted by another attendee which you would like to hear answered, please use the **vote button on the question**

Presubmitted Q&A – 14 October 2026

Question	Answer
What do you think about NESO opening a small window end of this year for Transmission Customers to apply for a pushing their connection date back ahead of next securities period (April), seems like embedded generators are being unfairly treated again?!	We are not aware of when a new gated window will open. We have not heard anything from NESO to confirm any window timings or scope. If a "Small Window" were to be positioned, we would discuss with NESO the impact on embedded projects and ensure that no project is detrimentally affected by such window.
The new Early Warning process for Gate 2 offers was outlined in the September webinar. Can NGED share further detail about what the 'triggers' are for an EW notification? Will NGED be publishing further information regarding this process on its website?	As discussed in the webinar session, we will trigger this early warning once we have confirmation from transmission that a scheme is going to receive a material change as part of their outcome. We are still developing this process and have shared with all other DNOs/TOs to encourage an industry aligned approach to providing early visibility to material changes.
How to maximise the scale of renewable energy and battery storage across our current community and new development within the next 3 years to meet CP30 - currently too many restrictions or funds required to upgrade the local grid to enable this to happen. Why can't microgrids and community batteries be part of the solution along side the reduction in voltage requirement to enable more generation to go into the grid?	We see community batteries, microgrids and other flexible solutions as an important part of the future energy system and a way to help unlock additional capacity on the network. However, while these solutions can reduce constraints and defer reinforcement in some areas, they are not a universal alternative to network upgrades, so the most effective approach is likely to be a combination of smart network operation, flexibility, storage and targeted reinforcement to enable the scale of renewables needed for CP30.
A query was raised during the September webinar on how an additional technology could be added to an existing Gate 2 offer. We would expect this to require a Gated ModApp, but this was unclear from the response provided by NGED. Please can this be clarified.	The second technology would need to be applied for to NGED. This would then need to be assessed and an offer provided accordingly. Once Accepted, this new offer for the second technology would need to proceed through a Gated window, provide readiness criteria and meet strategic alignment to be given a place in the connections pipeline to proceed to connection.

Live Q&A – 14 October 2026

Question	Answer
How can we know which batch our project's gsp is included in?	This information can be found on our website: https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/connections-reform/gate-2-phase-1-offer-schedule/
Could you please let us know when Gate 2/Phase 1 Variation for schemes under Drakelow GSP group (Batch 7) are expected to be issued out to the relevant qualified schemes? Thee latest Gate 2 Phase 1 Offer Schedule updates shows 28/09/2026 but nothing has yet come out.	Drakelow has been moved to batch 10 and is expected to be with customers no later than 20th November - we will update the website to reflect this
Please could you explain how you understand "Backstop Date" in NESO language to mean? And can a project seek to push connection date back a bit if they stay within this 2 year window, given that Embedded schemes excluded from CMP471 scope?	The backstop date is the date by which the works required for the connection to be completed need to be completed, this is commonly 2 years after the target completion date. Where a distribution connection doesn't require physical transmission works (e.g. new bay at infrastructure site) the date we have for a customer is a 'connect no earlier than' date, so can be done without requiring a mod-app. Noting that schemes will still be subject to distribution milestone management processes.
Please can you explain your understanding of NESO term "Backstop Date"? Can we connect at any point between Completion Date & Backstop date without needing to apply to NESO via you guys? Pertinent given embedded schemes excluded from CMP471.	
For a Gate 1 project with planning submitted before 20 December 2024, can we keep the original application reference and Protection Clause 3a by notifying NGED of our intention to re-apply in the CMP434 window, without going through an Option A reassessment? If Option A has already been requested, can it be withdrawn or switched to Option B?	Please reach out to your Primary Network Design Planner to discuss in detail. In short, however, You are able to keep your reference number and protections for both Option A and B. Option A allows you to be provided with an updated Distribution offer ahead of a future window, where as Option B provides that detail once you have been strategically aligned. If you project has already requested Option A and you wish to change to Option B, please discuss with your Primary Network Design Engineer as costs may have already been incurred for the Option A process.

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Question	Answer
Where a firm demand connection uses all the available P2 group demand at a POC, can additional load still connect without reinforcement, either a co-located BESS with non-firm import or shared site import, or a third-party customer supplied from an IDNO's unused contracted capacity?	Please reach out to your Primary Network Design Team to explore this in further detail as relevant for your specific application. There are a number of options but these depend on your exact circumstances.
For large embedded demand (30–50MW at 132kV), does NGED need a NESO assessment or project progression before issuing an offer, and can these be submitted now?	NGED is currently leading a working group that is looking to standardise the demand Transmission Entry Assessment (TEA) thresholds across all DNOs and TOs to make this clearer. Currently any capacity where NGED identify that we can't connect within our currently secured demand capacity will require a Modification Application (mod-app) to be submitted.
Any distribution projects (embedded) that are moved to transmission ? (change of voltage level)	Projects have not moved between Distribution or Transmission as part of Connections Reform. All Embedded projects which proved readiness and were strategically aligned are still connecting to the Distribution Network.
How come Gate 2 Phase 1 projects have connection dates beyond 2030 (up to 2033) - was it not a certainty that such projects with gate 2 phase 1 would remain before 2030?	Gate 2 Phase 1 did not guarantee that projects would receive a pre-2030 connection date . This was communicated by NESO in their webinars going into the reform process.
Will all offers be shared for certain before the end of November, as we have seen on a monthly basis an additional monthly delay? (Batch 11 project now, offer was expected 19/10, now moved to end of November)	We cannot speak on behalf of NESO and NGET but providing we receive competent agreements from NESO by the agreed timeline then NGED will be able to meet the end of November deadline

Live Q&A – 14 October 2026

Question	Answer
We were issued a letter from NGED confirming receiving the Gate 2 offer for a project under Rugeley GSP by 19th of October. Will this be pushed back to the longstop for that batch?	You are correct. We appreciate this may be frustrating but we want to ensure we have explored every possible avenue before we proceed with the contracts.
Leading up to 31st March 2027, will Gate 2 Phase 2 offers be issued in the same order (by GSP group) as those issued for Gate 2 Phase 1?	We expect that the ordering will be change compared to Phase 1, accounting for the complexity we're seeing at the different sites. We are pushing for a better spread of the GSPs, rather than having all of the complex grouped together. We have provided our view to NESO and will share the final decisions as soon as they're made.
How are you guys getting on with publishing some sort of register that shows all your Gate 2 & Gate 1 schemes?	This is already published . Here: NGED Projects Connections Reforms Outcomes - Dataset - National Grid's Data Portal
When do you anticipate to share GSP Batches for Phase 2?	We have submitted our recommendation for the Phase 2 Batches/Run Rates to NESO, and the decision now lies with them. We are in consistent contact with the NESO team and will share any insights as soon as we're able.
We received a 2027 connection date and countersigned the Gate 2 offer in May (a protected project), we started construction and procured all equipment, in July we were notified we will probably need to wait to 2033 for earliest energisation due to ongoing conversations with NGET. When is the latest we can received a revised Gate 2 offer that can change significantly the previous countersigned Gate 2 offer? Will NGED be issuing any formal letter to confirm the project has passed all internal and external processes at any time; so construction from our end can start without this unbearable risk?	There are a small number of customers in this position, and we're communicating with them directly. Wherever possible, we're working with NESO and NGET to accelerate these projects and, if not, clearly articulate the rationale for how we've arrived in this position. This situation affects a small number of projects that were Protected and we won't see this situation again in Phase 2.

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Question	Answer
For projects that originally had a shared connection arrangement, what happens if one project receives Gate 2 status while the other is moved to Gate 1 or no longer progresses? Will the Gate 2 project be required to bear any costs associated with the unrealised project, or will the connection scope, connection capacity and costs be reassessed and allocated solely to the progressing project? Just to add, the Gate 2 Notification we received has combined connection capacity allocated to the project which should be reduced.	From a transmission pass-through perspective, it will only be the technologies that passed Gate 2 that will trigger works. The distribution works and components will be updated to reflect this position of the technologies within the Gate 2 Offer.
Once a TOCO and ATV have been issued, can Project Support provide an early indication of the expected connection timeline, scope and cost position ahead of the formal Gate 2 offer.	We will be holding customer webinars for the different batches in Phase 2 in the same way that we did for Phase 1. We'll share details with customers in each batch as the webinars are arranged so that we can continue to provide as much early detail as possible.
For the curtailment tool, does this now include import curtailment analysis as well?	Not yet, but it is on development timeline. We want to understand the impact that Demand Connections Reform will have on the demand queue before we implement an import curtailment assessment.
The Curtailment Estimator indicates that assessments have been completed, but the reports are never received. Is this a known issue, and how can developers access the completed reports?	We're sorry to hear that you've experienced an issue. Please contact the team and we'll look into it for you: nged.curtailment@nationalgrid.co.uk

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Question	Answer
Why was East Claydon moved from batch 9 to batch 11?	There are complex engineering solutions at East Claydon. As per the Early Warning Letter conversations that have been underway, moving it into Batch 11 gives us the maximum time to study all options and get the best possible outcome for our customers.
Please share the links to the curtailment analysis again, thank you	The dashboard can be found here: https://curtailment.nationalgrid.co.uk/dashboard
How will BESS schemes be affected by the Demand reform? Will they need to be assessed separately for both import and export for queue positioning?	BESS is currently treated as generation, although it does have assessment requirements for import and export. We're not expecting to see any changes as most BESS schemes will have had their firm Gate 2 offer before Demand Reform comes in. We're actively trying to bring focus on this issue so that generation and demand are assessed together in the future because we believe that there are improvements to be made for our customers by looking at this from a whole system perspective.
how can we know if an ATV received has passed or is still pending all the required transmission queries to allow energisation? We find no reference to this on our Gate 2 offers.	Clause 6 in the Gate 2 variation caters for this change – if you would like to discuss a particular scheme please email us and the team will come back to you as soon as possible: box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.com
if we elect for option 2 - reassessment at the same time as T-assessment, but someone in the same GSP queue as us elects for option 1, could they jump ahead of us in the queue?	If a Gate 1 project elects Option A (which can be done at any time) the distribution queue position, Point of Connection, Costs and works will be provided ahead of the gated submission. As such they would proceed through the gate ahead of any Gate 1 project electing for Option B within that window. If however, 2 projects request each option at the same time (provided the window is open) then no, the Option A project could not jump ahead as its unlikely they would receive a Distribution offer and be able to proceed before the closure of the window.

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Question	Answer
Do you have an estimate for when the next window (CMP434) will open?	We don't have an update or estimate at the moment. As soon as we do, we'll share this with our customers through our website, webinar and emails as appropriate
Realistically will the first CMP434 Gate 2 window open before G2TWQ completes? Surely there is no point opening it before as any Gate 2 offers subsequently issued would then be based upon a hypothetical queue which wouldn't have all received/accepted its G2TWQ offers?	We do agree that ideally the G2WQ position should be finalised ahead of the first CMP434 - and there is also industry pressure to proceed at pace with the next window - so, whilst we can't speak on behalf of NESO - they do need to strike that difficult balance.
Will the delay to 31/03/27 for Phase 2 likely impact CMP434 timelines? i.e. will NESO wait until Phase 2 offers are sent before opening CMP434?	We currently don't have visibility for when the next CMP434 window will open. We have forwarded your question to NESO to provide an answer
NESO have an obligation to hold a CMP434 window every year. Will they be applying for a derogation to this obligation on the basis its unlikely that they will be releasing the next CMP434 window by the end of this year?	We have forwarded your question to the NESO team as it is not in our gift to answer.

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