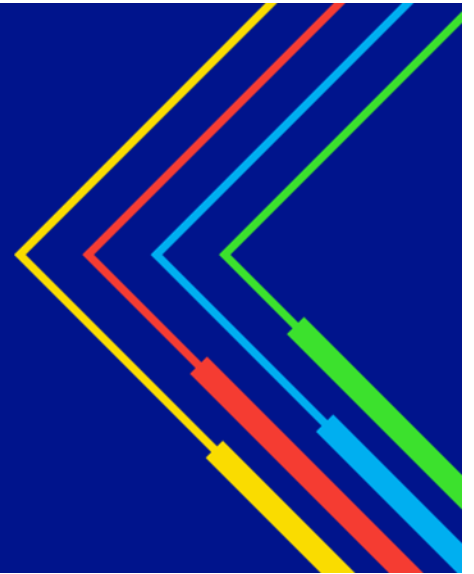


NESO Transmission Connection Pause: What It Means for You



Key Announcement

NESO has announced a temporary pause on all transmission connection applications, effective from 29th January 2025 until the first new application window, expected to open in November 2025¹ ([CMP 434](#)).
During this time, NESO will not accept or process any new transmission applications.

Impact on NGED and DNOs

While NGED and other DNOs support NESO's pause, we will not be mirroring it. Customers can still apply to NGED for a Connection Agreement. However, for projects exceeding 1MW, NGED will not be able to forward those agreements to NESO for a transmission impact assessment until the new application window opens.

Who Will Be Affected?

Impacted Projects:

- All generation and storage projects exporting over 1MW.

Unaffected Projects:

- Embedded demand.
- Generation and storage projects below 1MW.
- Projects limited to export under 950kW (e.g., behind-the-meter projects).

¹ As communicated on the NESO Press Release [Next steps in grid connections reform | National Energy System Operator](#)

What Does This Mean for Your Project?

If your project is over 1MW:

- You can still apply to NGED for a Connection Agreement as usual.
- NGED will issue an offer within the standard Licenced timescales, but we cannot submit your agreement to NESO for transmission assessment until the new application window opens in late 2025.
- You will have until the new window opens to gather necessary Gate 2 evidence for your project.

Connections applications already in progress

For any Customer who has accepted their Distribution Offer and is still subject to Project Progression / Modification Application, we will make all reasonable endeavours to submit the application to NESO before the 29th of January. However, we are not able to guarantee at this moment in time that all signed offers that are pending completion of the Transmission Impact Assessment will be clock started by NESO before the Pause comes into effect.

We will look to follow up with further communications and engagement with Customers whose Offer was pending Project Progression/Modification Application after the 29th of January to provide an update on the status of your Connection Offer.”

Two-step projects

We continue to work with NESO to resolve outstanding issues with Modification Offers. The volume of Modification Offers resulting from the two-step process and continuation of BAU offers after this period has meant this has taken longer than usual, but we are committed to close out all outstanding issues ahead of the implementation of connections reform.

For smaller projects or embedded demand, the connections process will continue as per normal.