

**Electricity
Distribution**

Connections Reform Webinar

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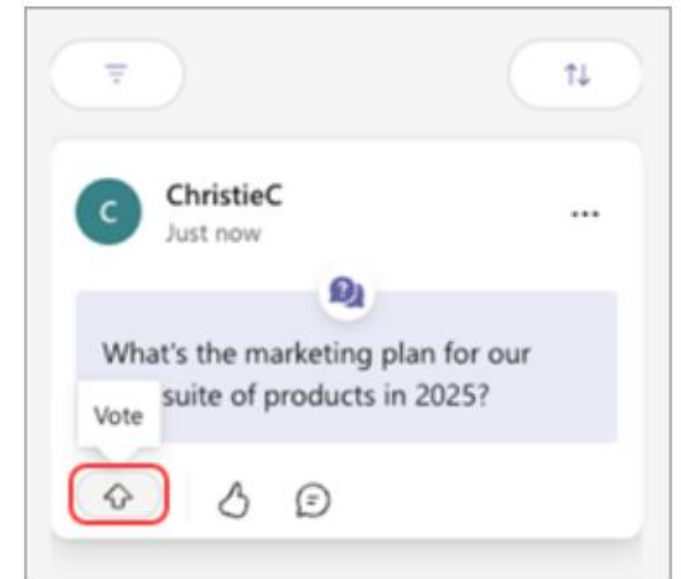


Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Programme Implementation Updates
3. Policy Update
4. Engineering Update
5. Q&A

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Laura Henry
Head of Connections Policy

Welcome

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



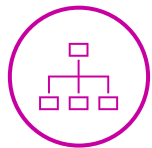
NESO updated timeline – important news on 2 October about the updated timeline from NESO. <https://www.neso.energy/industry-information/connections-reform>

- NESO evidence checking period until November
- Timeline indicates customer notifications in December for transmission and distribution



Customer Engagement Strategy

- Connections Reform in-person event (15 September) – good attendance and discussion around policy, programme, evidence portal and capacity allocations. Good opportunity to meet everyone face-to-face for construction engagement.
- Connections Collective in person event (2nd October) over 100 customers joined NGED to discuss all aspects of connections
- Customer survey in progress – date extended to Friday 10 October. • [NGED Customer Survey](#)
- Website updates – latest snapshot update on capacity allocations and insights into Gate 2 outcomes by region.



Internal Connections Team Structure – Updates

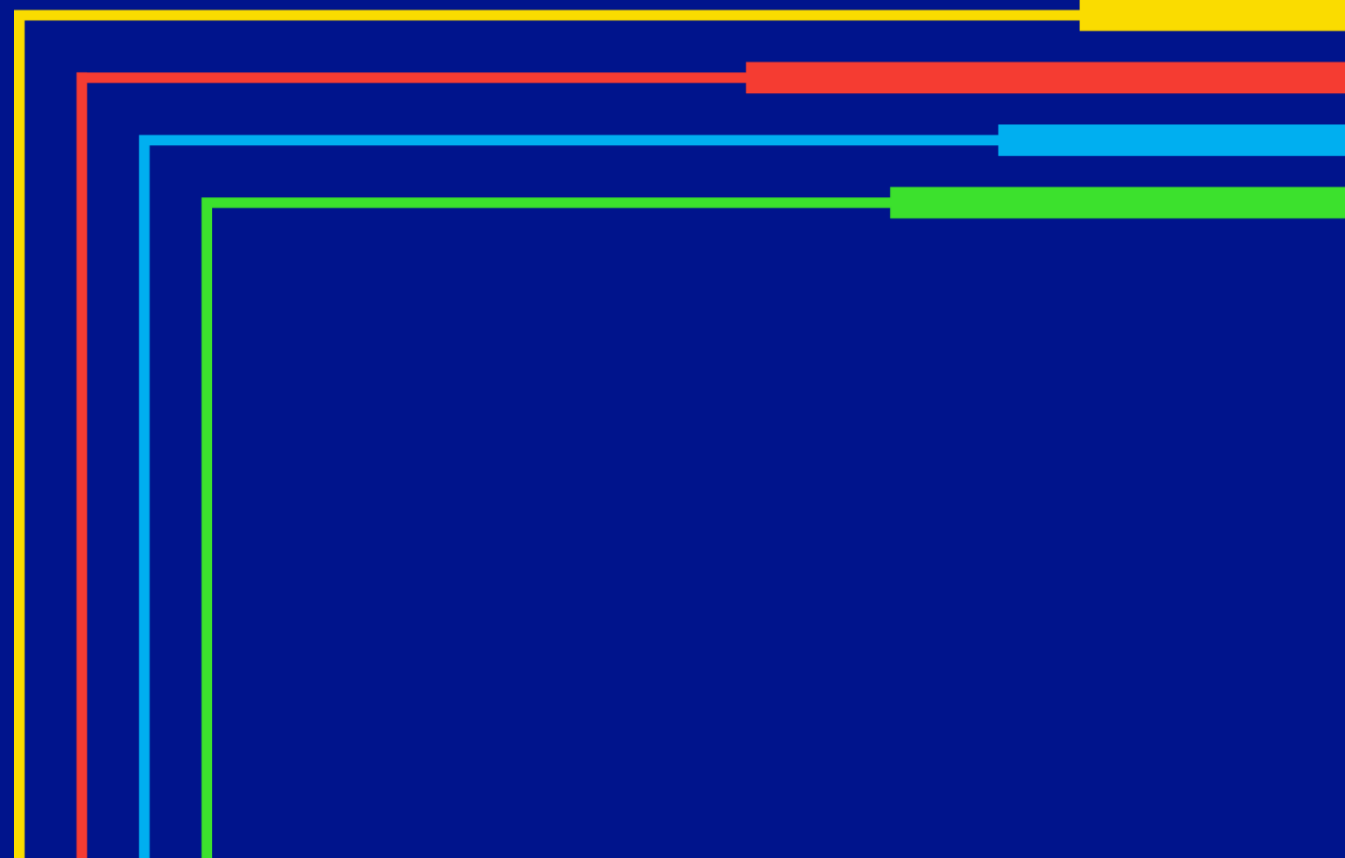
- **New Head of Connections Customer Contract Management** will join in November to lead the contract team and the preparation of all 2026 and 2027 contract variations to ensure we are ready ahead of NESO's updates on the reformed queue and revised contract frameworks.
- **Contract Managers** are in place covering the four regions:
 - South West - **Mahbuba Chowdhury** (Mahbuba.Chowdhury@nationalgrid.com)
 - East Midlands – **Sean Erensmith** (serensmith@nationalgrid.co.uk)
 - West Midlands – **Phil Brown** (Philip.Brown1@nationalgrid.com)
 - South Wales – **Romy Raman** (rroman@nationalgrid.co.uk)



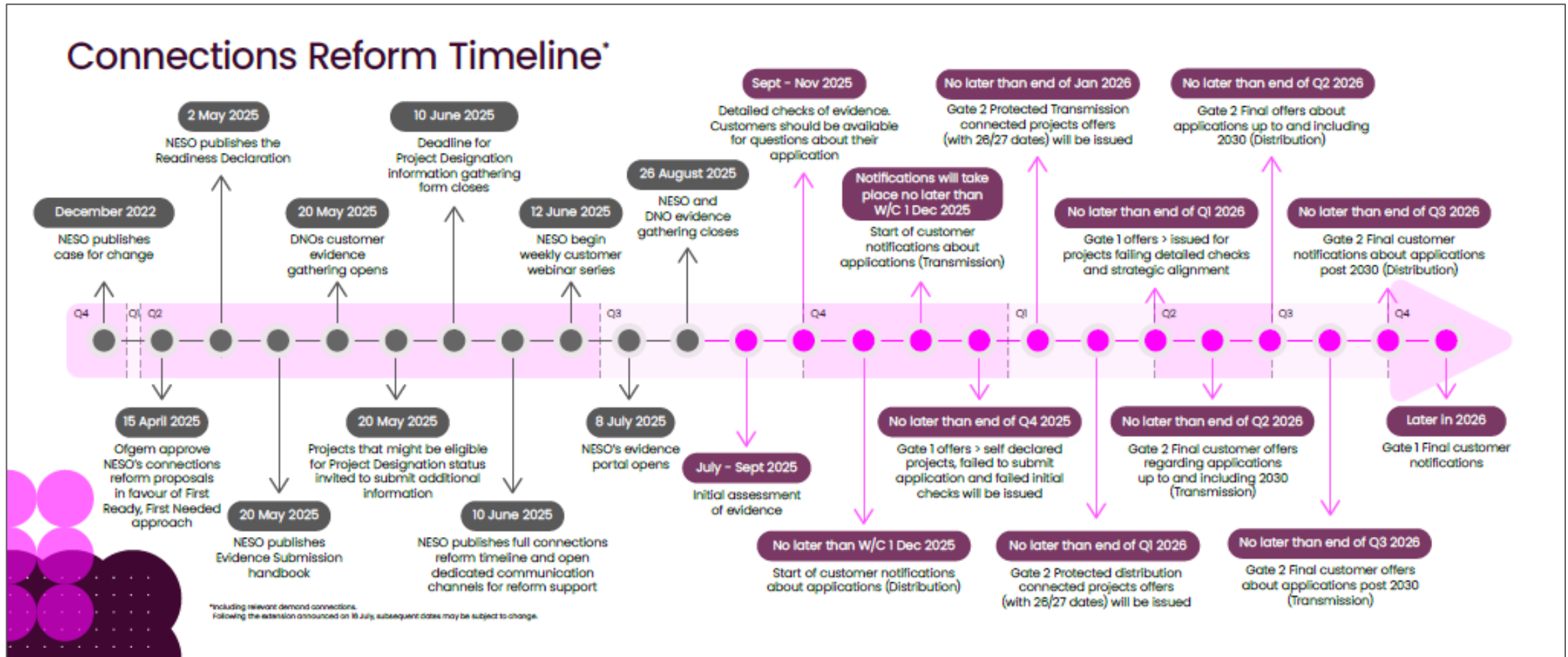
Kyle Smith

Connections Reform Implementation Manager

Programme Implementation updates



NESO timeline| Key updates for Distribution Customers



Readiness for Gate 2 | Contracts

Review of Customer Contracts submitted to NESO for Gate 2 to enable readiness for Variations later in 2025

1

What are we doing?

Review Submitted Information

Assess customer-provided updates to connection dates received during the evidence window.

Engage with Customers

Request feedback on their earliest viable or preferred connection dates, including any associated construction programmes.

Internal Assessment

Evaluate the requested dates against NGED's proposed connection solutions, scope, and cost implications.

Contract Review

Identify potential edits and risks ahead of any contract variations to ensure alignment and manage expectations.

2

When will this be done?

From the week of 19th September, Contract Managers will contact in-scope customers.

Phase 1 will prioritise customers with contracted connection dates up to 2027.

Contracts with 2028 dates will follow in a staggered, phased approach.

This aligns with NESO's upcoming phased updates to DNO Transmission Contracts.

Customers will have 10 working days from receipt to respond with the requested information.

3

Who will be involved with this activity?

Contract Management

Newly introduced Contract Managers will be leading the engagement for projects in scope of G2TWQ.

Contract Managers will be responsible for engaging with Customers during the contract review and variation stages, along with contract queries.

Internal Contract Review Team

Contract Managers are part of a wider internal team that will work with relevant representatives from PND, DSO, Delivery and Legal teams.



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Policy Update

Connections Reform Programme | Policy & Code Update



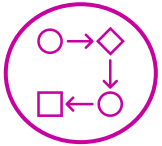
Gate 1

A defined process for how a project will move from a Gate 1 offer to a Gate 2 offer has now been agreed with DNOs. Gate 1 offers are due to go out towards the end of the year. Working with NESO to ensure commercial contracts are in place to allow DNOs to send Gate 1 Offers ahead of the full NESO Offers being received.



Update to Queue Management Milestones

The way the industry manages contractual milestones is going to be updated (milestone guidance). This will ensure that projects cannot stay in the connections queue without progressing through Gate 2. The new guidance is going to go live from the 1st October and will apply to Gate 2 Offers that are received as part of the CMP 435 process.



Strategic Demand

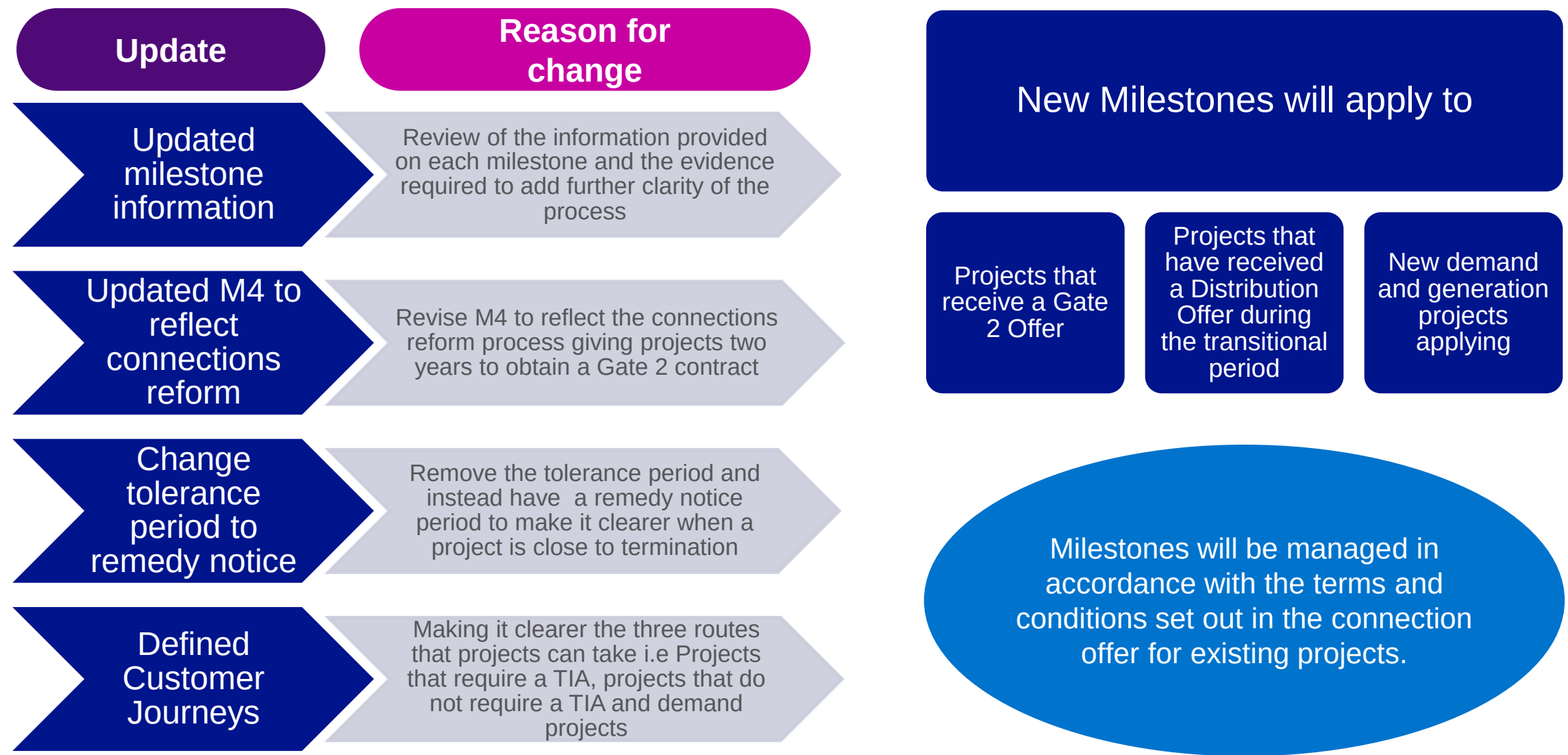
NGED continues to work closely with DESNZ, Ofgem, DNOs, TOs and NESO to develop a strategy for strategic demand.



CMP 448 (Progression Commitment Fee)

CMP 448 is now with Ofgem for a final decision. NGED provided a response to the Code Admin Consultation, not supporting this Code Modification. This will impact projects receiving a Gate 2 Offer if the decision is made before the Offers go out. Decision due in November 2025.

ENA Queue Management Milestones | Updated Guidance live from the 1st October 2025



Gate 1 proposal for DNOs | DNOs have agreed on the following options for projects that wish to go from a Gate 1 to a Gate 2 offer.

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- Projects requests a full distribution offer before going through the next Gate 2 window
- Offer will be fully studied where a point of connection, date, works and costs will be determined
- Queue position will be from the date the customer asks for the variation
- Project will still be subject to the outcome of the NESO Offer

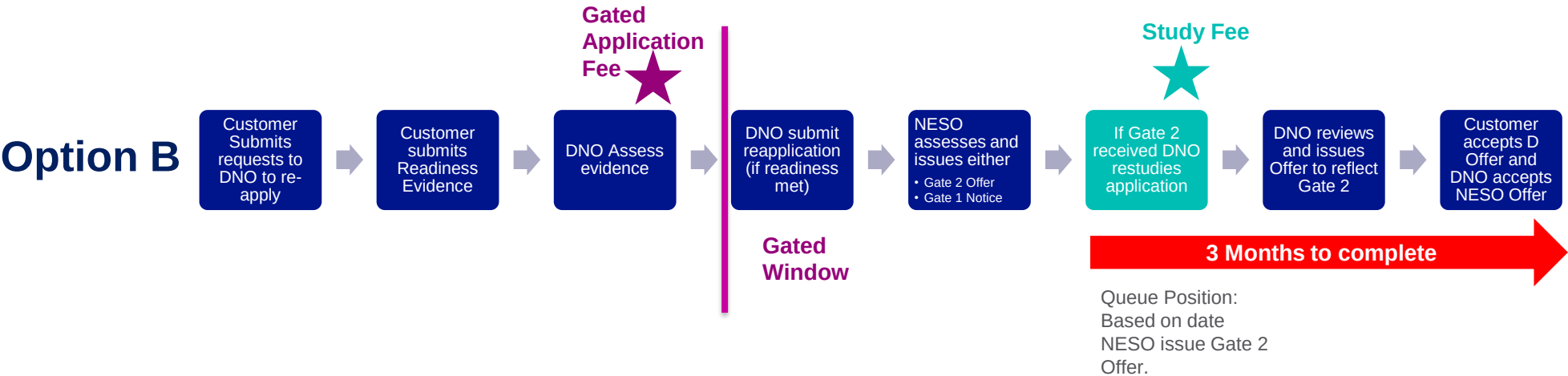
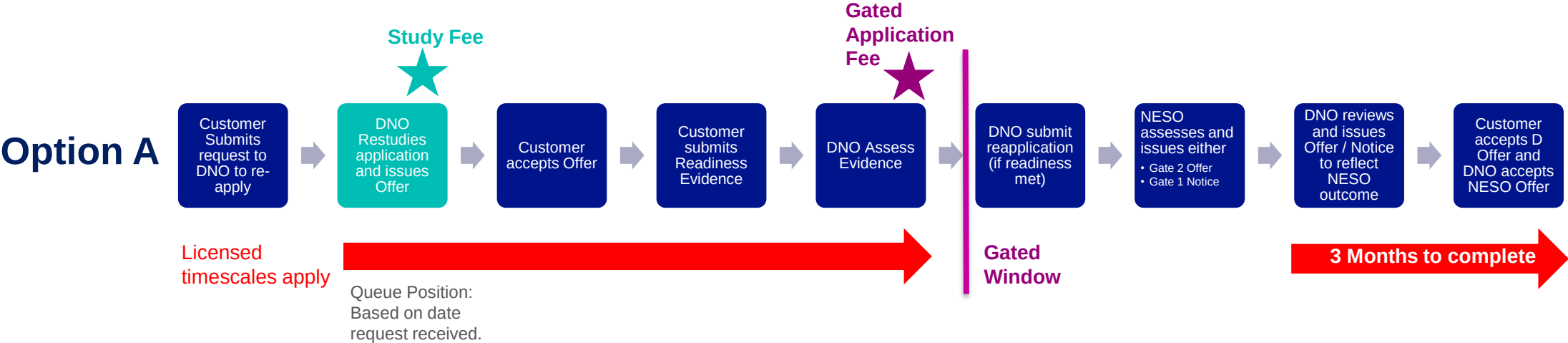
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- Project goes through the next Gate 2 window with no updated distribution offer
- Project does not know the point of connection, date, works or costs from the distribution perspective
- Queue position is granted from the date the offer comes back from NESO
- Project will find out both the distribution and the transmission aspects of the offer at the same time and may have less time to sign due to the 90 day period in which the DNO has to sign the NESO offer

Disallowable change

- Project changes outside of the allowable changes process
- A brand new application will be required
- The Gate 1 Offer will terminate

Gate 1 proposal for DNOs | Options



Register your interest to join Connections: Steering

This event is a soundboard for ideas, providing an opportunity for representatives from each stakeholder to share their perspectives and insights.

The sessions are designed to encourage attendees to provide feedback on existing processes, propose new ideas, and share their experiences.

Attendees are invited based on their subject knowledge.

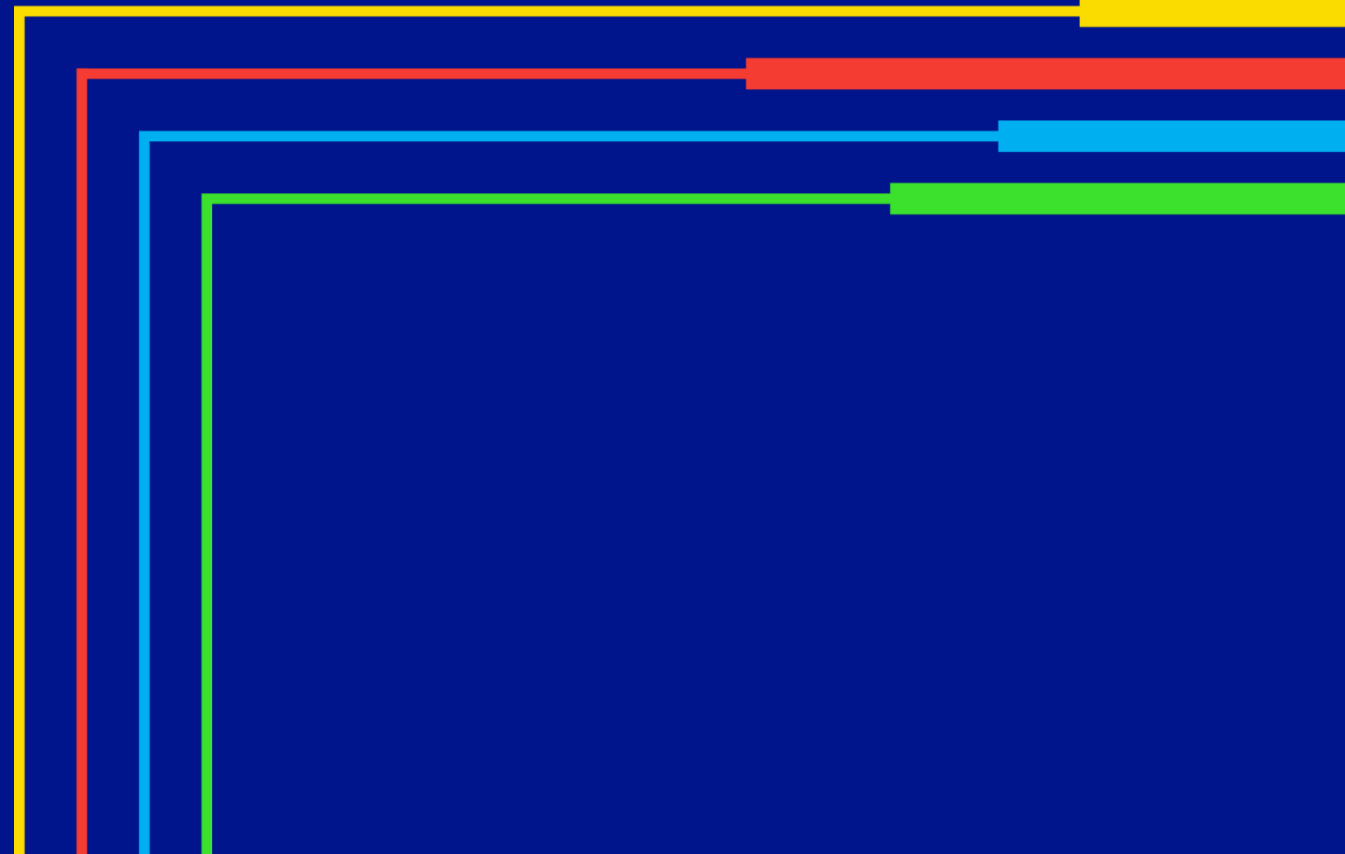
Please register your interest.





Ollie Easterbrook
Connections Policy and Reform Managery

Demand Update



Demand | Industry Engagement

In light of significant growth in demand connections, we are working with industry to identify improvements to the BAU process, alongside supporting DESNZ with the development of acceleration mechanisms for strategic demand.

Strategic Demand		
Improvements to BAU processes • Reviewing the demand connection process, identifying possible changes.	Connections Accelerator Service (CAS) • Announced through the Industrial Strategy, the CAS will provide support to strategic demand projects with securing timely connections. • We are feeding in to the development of the service through DESNZ-led workshops, which is expected to be in operation end of 2025.	Regulatory Change • Drawing on new powers within the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (PiB) to support timely connections for strategically important projects. • We are exploring how powers to designate government strategic documents will translate in to acceleration mechanisms for strategic demand.

Engineering Update

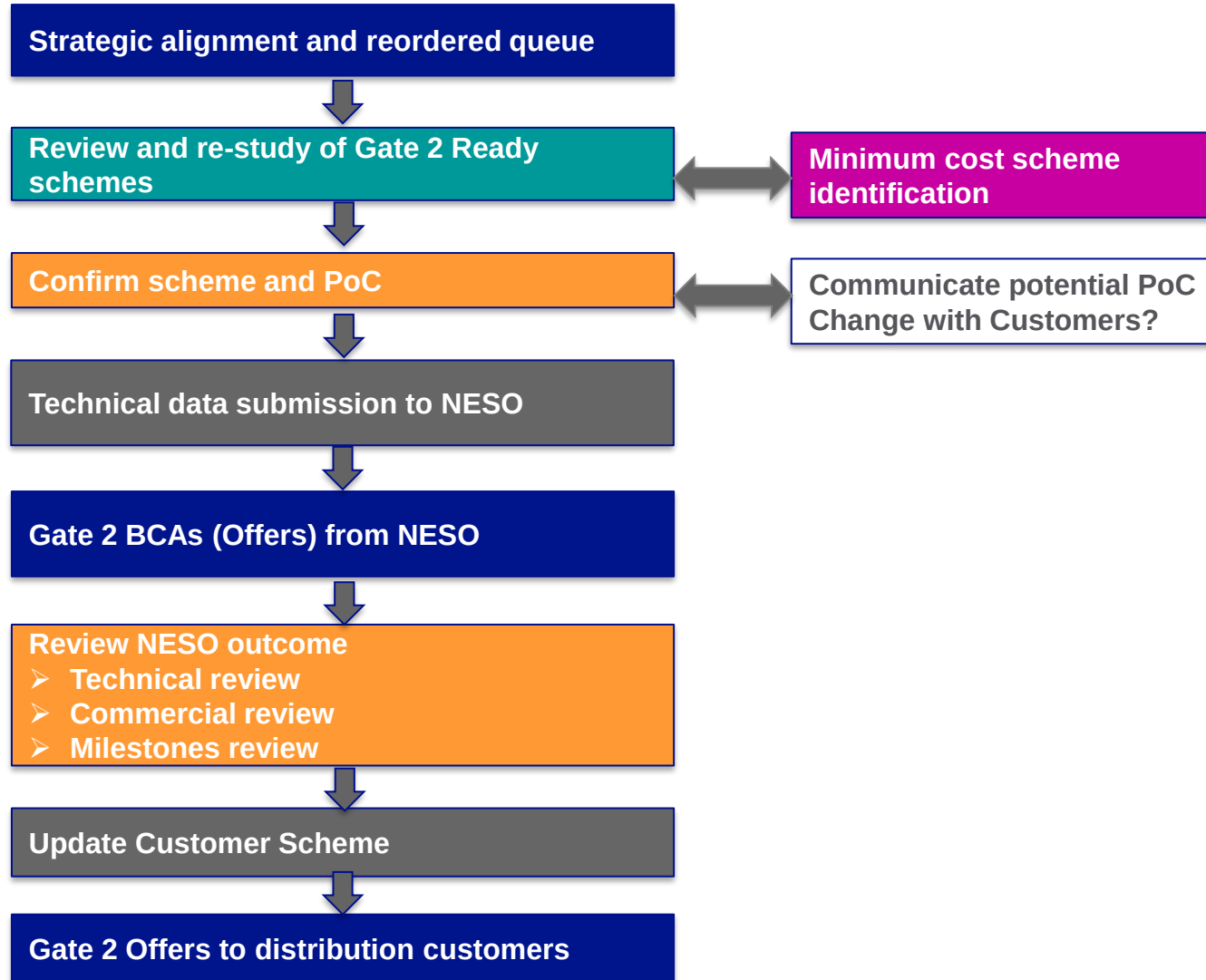


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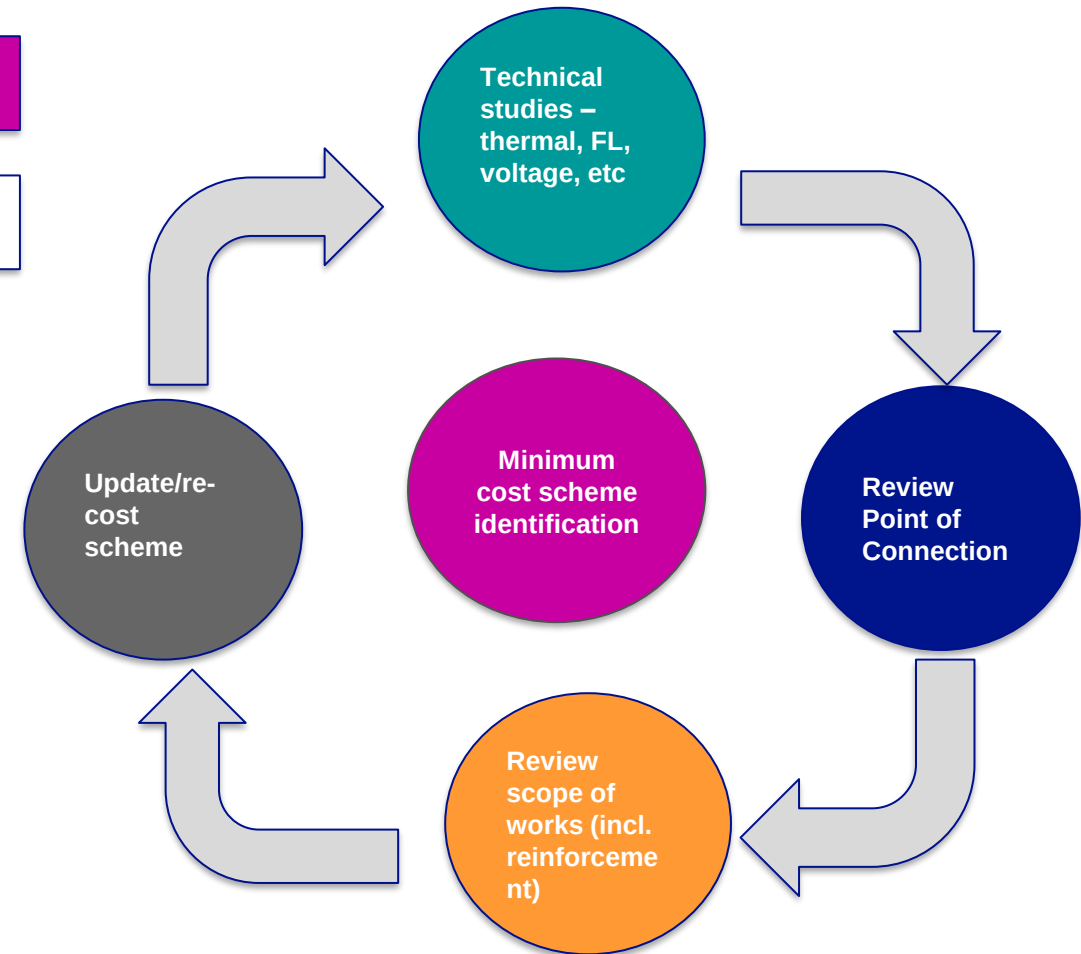
Primary Network Design Manager



Engineering | Updates



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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

NESO handles customer queries through its [Connections Portal](#) | [National Energy System Operator](#) and the dedicated mailbox box.connectionsreform@neso.energy

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Pre-submitted Questions

Can you please confirm how long developers will have to accept offers?
When will the new connections reform start
Will Technical Limits offers follow Gate 2 offers and on what timelines?
What is the new timeline for the receipt of the Gate 1 and Gate 2 offers?
When will we know the outcome from Gate2?
At what stage in the process can we expect to confirm any amended connection date?
When is the timeline expected to be released?
What is the proportion of projects in you queue which demonstrated readiness?
How will the new connections queue be ordered by NGED and with it align with NESOs methodology?
Understand timelines fro revised grid offers and securities
- it was initially advised that customers would receive an indication of success from NESO as to whether they have successfully achieved a gate 2 offer, when will this be issued and what should we expect to receive? will this include indication as to whether the project has received a phase 1 or phase 2 offer?
-When is it expected that customers of phase 1 (pre 2030) projects will receive their revised connection offers
When is the next submission window opening
When are we expecting to receive our Gate 2 offers?
When is the next gated window expected to open?
when stage 2 offers will be received thank you
When will results of the previous gate 2 window be released?
When will we be told whether our gate 2 to whole queue application has been successfull
Gate 1 submissions - please provide a summary of when these will be issues.
If my project has a connection date of 2033 with 50% curtailment, and I request an advancement that results in a Gate 2 offer with an earlier connection date (for example, 2029), would the curtailment improve?
For customers connecting to the distribution system, when are GATE 2 offers to be expected?

Pre-submitted Questions

What is happening with generation connections that accepted after the NESO pause but no longer require TIA (those that are 1MW - 5MW and are not effected by fault level constraints?).
What is the new timetable for Gate 2 offers? Cancellation securities were frozen until March. Has this changed?
What is the anticipated date for G2tWQ Grid Offers?
Can you please confirm the minimum acceptance period NGED customers will have to accept Gate 2 offers?
In the initial queue formation feedback on our Gate 2 submitted projects, will we have an indication of if our advancement date request was successful? Also, will TL offers, where requested in the application, be applied in initial queue formation?
I would like some clarity around Private wire and peer to peer trading on an industrial estate (single substation). Do these still count as 'connections' what are the regulatory implications of 'local power sharing' ?
When will we receive Gate2 Offers
Timelines for NGET offers post Gate 2
an update on the progress and program please
When is a timeline for the issue of gate 2 offers expected?
1. Please provide an update on timelines (assuming it has been agreed between NESO, Ofgem, DESNZ). 2. We were told NGED would contact customers about their 'real' connection date. We have a project contracted to connect in 2026 but have yet to receive comms on this (as of 26/9) - please provide an update.
When will NESO announce the new timeline for Gate 2 Offers.
When can we expect the full list of projects that receive a Gate 2 offer? In what format will this data be released?
When is the next Gate 2 evidence submission window expected to open and close?
When shall we expect the variations to be due?
Update on Gate 2 connections.
When will we receive our Gate 2 offer
Just wondering how our approximate queue position will be notified to us next month (when we get told if G2 ph1, G2 ph 2 or G1)? Will NESO publish a list, or do we got told individually, and if individually who tells us, you guys or NESO?

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