

**Electricity
Distribution**

Connections Reform Webinar

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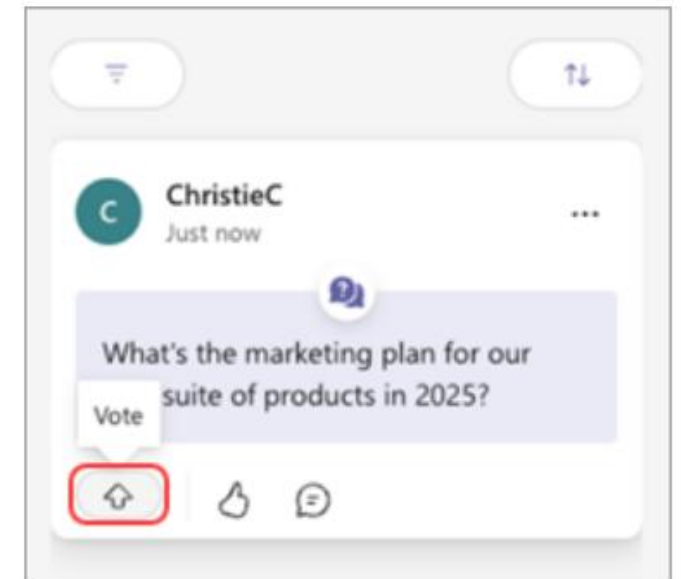


Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Programme Implementation Update
3. Contracts Update
4. Policy Update
5. DSO Update
6. Engineering Update
7. Q&A

To submit a question, please use the Q&A Function.

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Susana Neves e Brooks

Head of Connections Strategy, Policy and Reform

Welcome

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



Connections Reform – a key milestone on a over 3year journey has been achieved!

- NESO released new generation queue (combined Transmission and Distribution queue)
- We have clarity on what projects have secured capacity to deliver to near term energy transition targets, CP30, and beyond



What does the Reformed Queue mean to NGED and our Customers?

- Our new Gate 2 queue is 19GW, combining solar, storage, wind, gas and other technologies
- Reduction of our solar capacity allocation for Phase 1 when compared to allocation noted on CP30 Plan from Dec 24



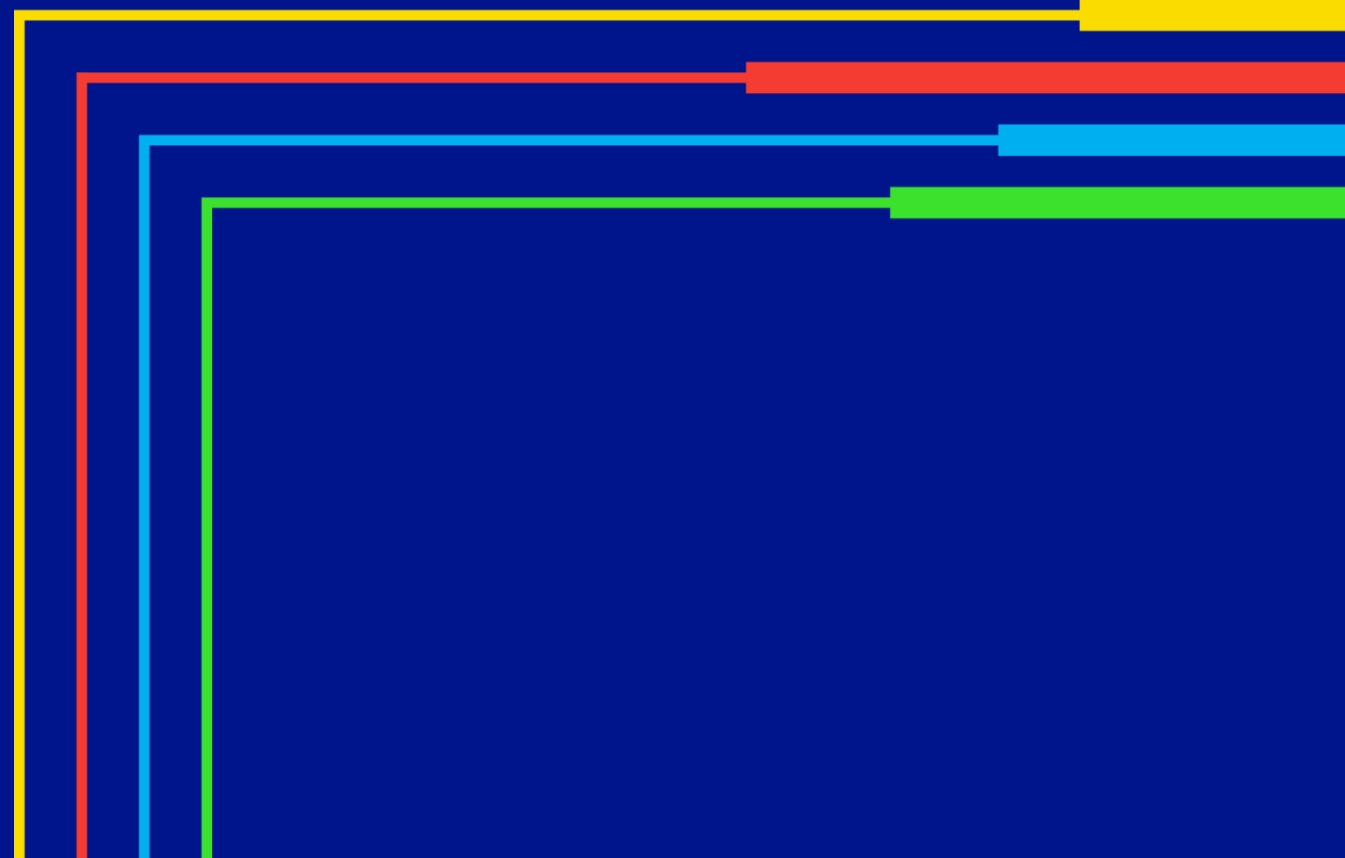
How have we been preparing and what happens next?

- We have focused on ensuring readiness to deliver reminder of the programme, i.e. reviewing all our Customer contract data, ensuring readiness of new contract format, embedding new internal processes and continued development of detailed activity programmes
- Reviewing impact of the changes to our generation queue and getting ready to issue notifications and support our customers through next stages of the Reform programme



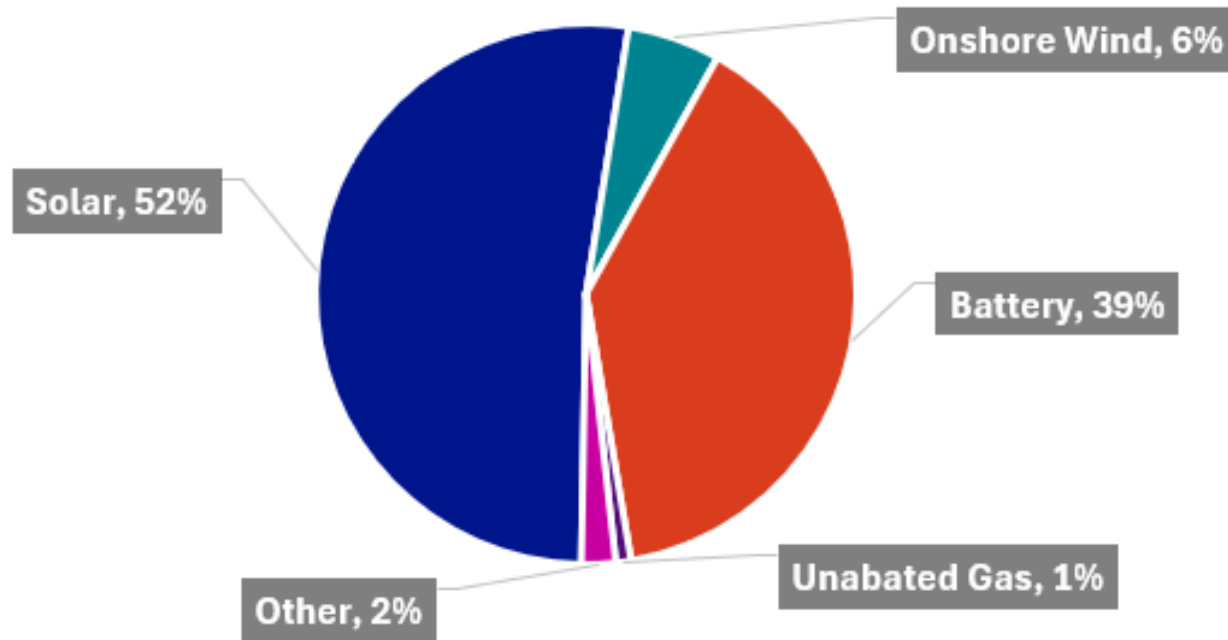
Sarah Kenny-Levick
Head of Reform Implementation

Programme Implementation updates



Connections Reform | Overall NGED Queue Outcomes

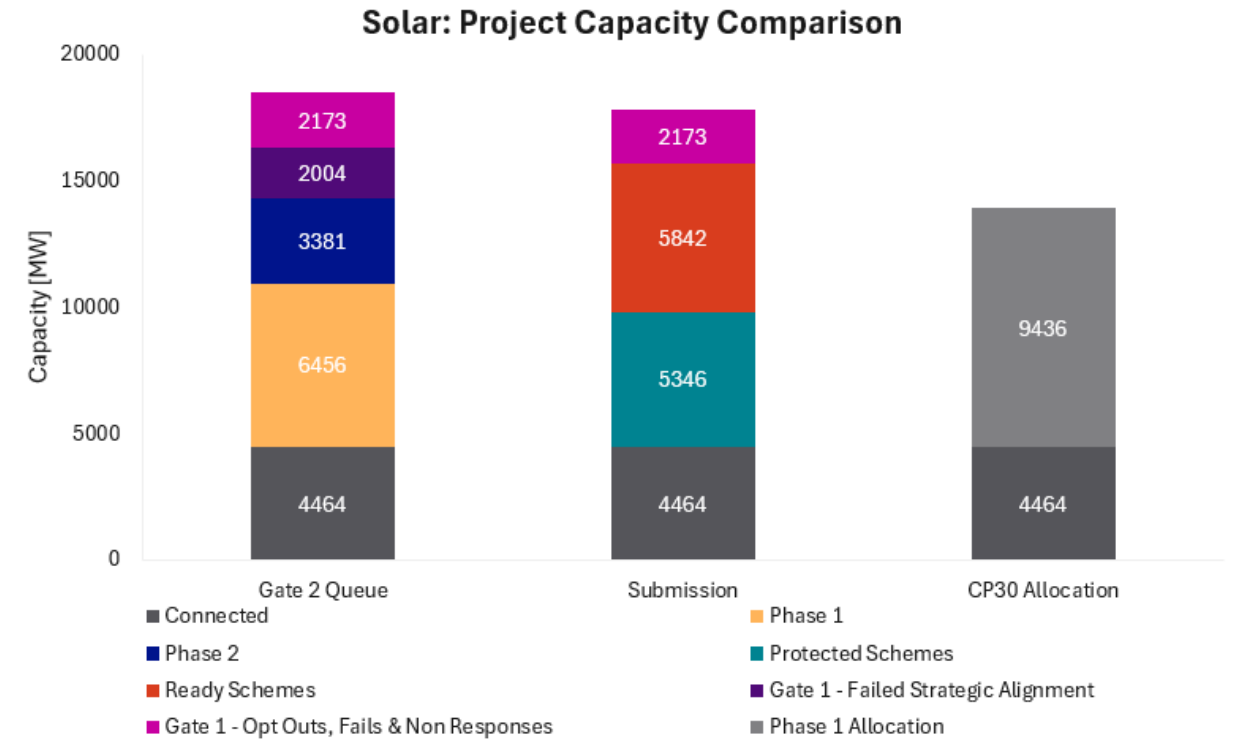
Overall NGED Technology Split



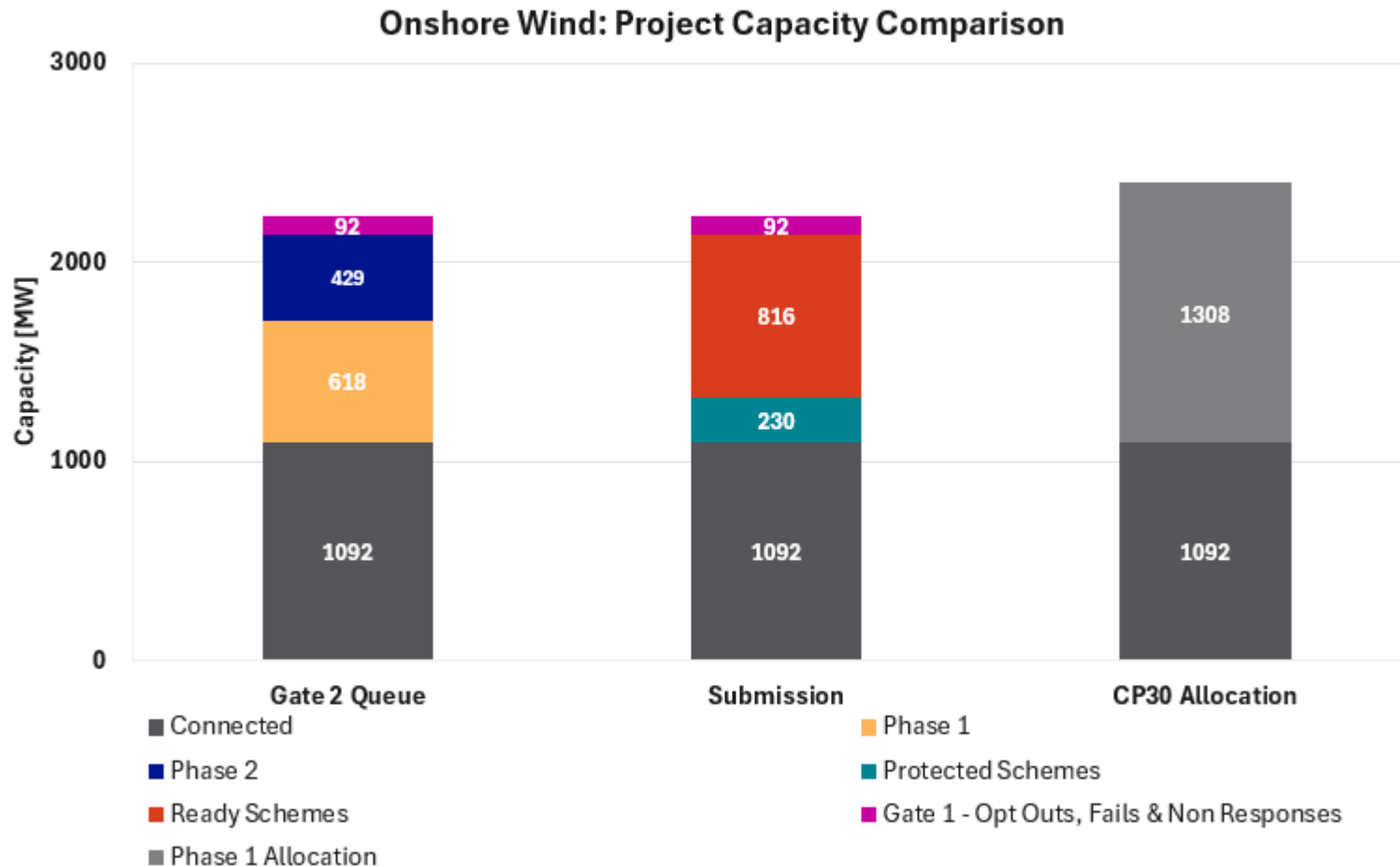
- NGED's regional allocation was ~23GW (no 2035 for wind & solar)
- **A total of 18.8GW** has been confirmed through strategic alignment
- 9.8GW solar, 1.0GW Wind and 7.4GW storage
- **~50% of the NGED queue** has been deemed ready and aligned to the CP30 plan
- Phase 1; 10.1GW and phase 2; 8.7GW

Connections Reform | Solar Allocation

- The solar confirmed within NGED is broadly equivalent to the phase 1 allocation originally given
- Some phase 1 capacity was re-balanced across to transmission – as projects were more ready
- Some additional rooftop solar was added on to the CP30 baseline – removing some of the needed capacity above 5MW
- ~4.5GW connected, ~6.5GW phase 1 and ~3.4GW phase 2.
- T8 & T9 have remaining solar capacity to 2035 – this relates to joint T&D SWales and SWest. A total of 500MW available across all 4 zones.

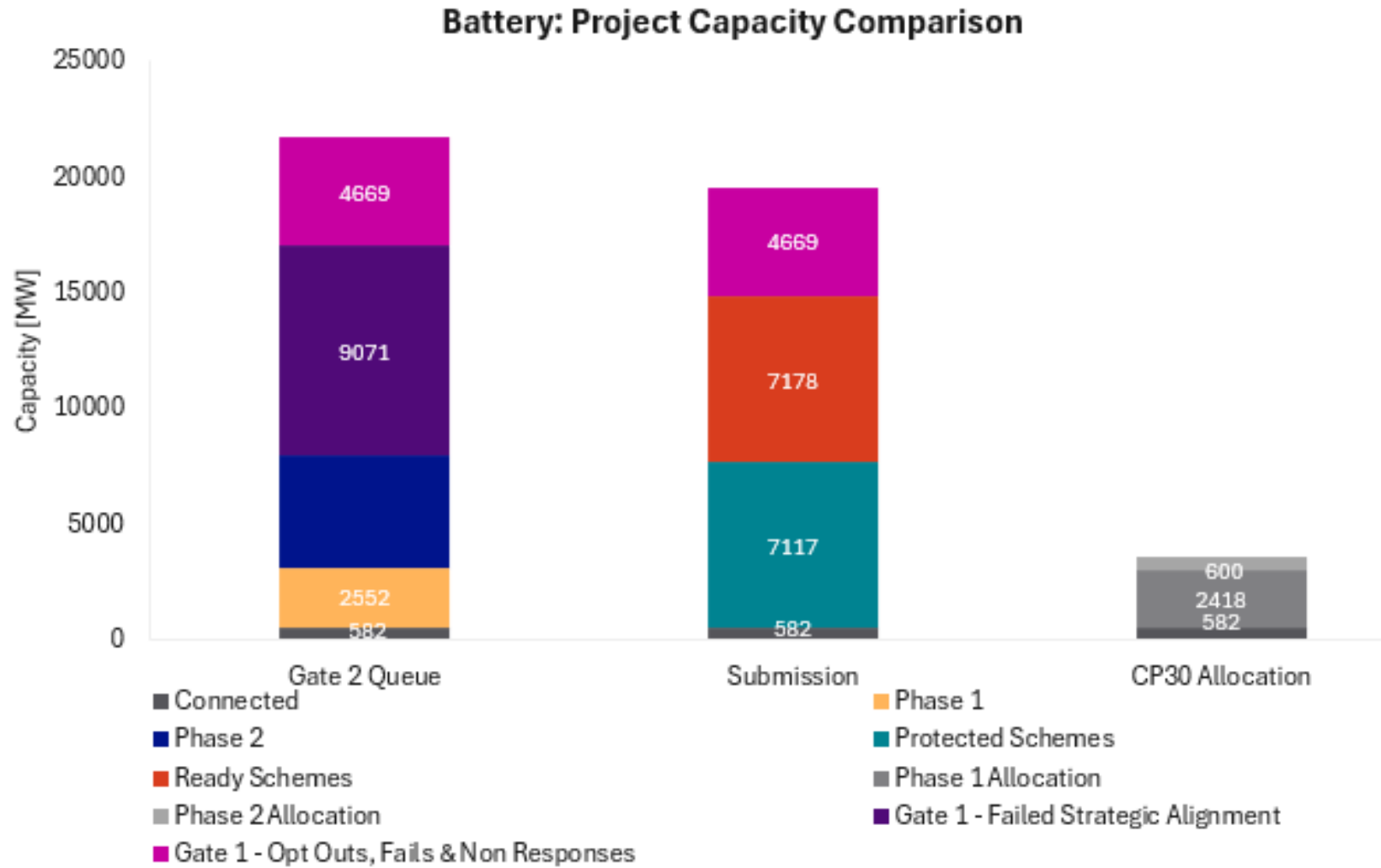


Connections Reform | Wind Allocation



- The wind confirmed within NGED is under allocated by ~1GW against the CP30 capacity
- ~1.1GW connected, ~0.6GW phase 1 and ~0.4GW phase 2.

Connections Reform | Storage Allocation



- Storage was overallocated by protections by two times
- We have ~7.5GW of storage in our reformed queue
- Therefore, as expected – no other projects were approved for Gate 2 contracts
- We have a further 1.6GW storage that could qualify for clause 3a protection (planning submitted before 20/12/24) – can exceed both zonal and GB capacity
- No clause 3b availability



Joe Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract Management

Contracts Update

Connections Reform Programme | Contracts Update



Notifications

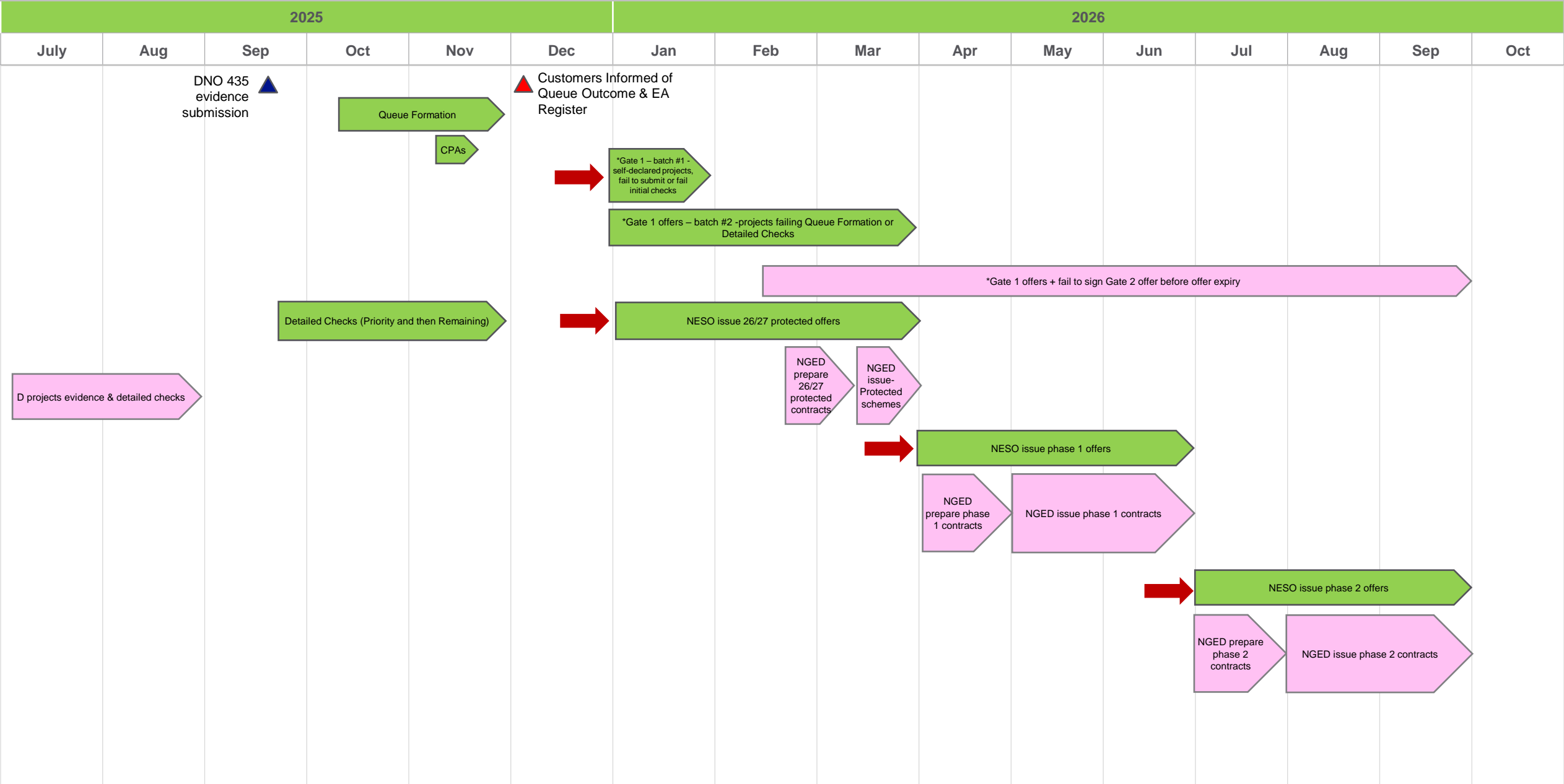
- The Gate 1/ Gate 2 notifications will be sent out via email after the conclusion of this webinar
- If your company has not received a notification by COB please reach out – check with colleagues
- For co-located projects, each technology will be individually allocated to a Gate
- Gate 1 projects will no longer be liable for cancellation charges, and no backdated invoices will be raised
- Where applicable, NGED will promptly release any escrow securities and refund previously invoiced amounts for works
- As a reminder projects <5MW at GSPs with no identified fault level issues do not require a Transmission Impact Assessment and are therefore not impacted



Advancements

- Of the projects that submitted advancement requests within NGED's area, none were selected for advancement
- Please be advised that the Advancement Fee Policy is currently under review by NESO, and the updated details will be communicated to you at the earliest opportunity

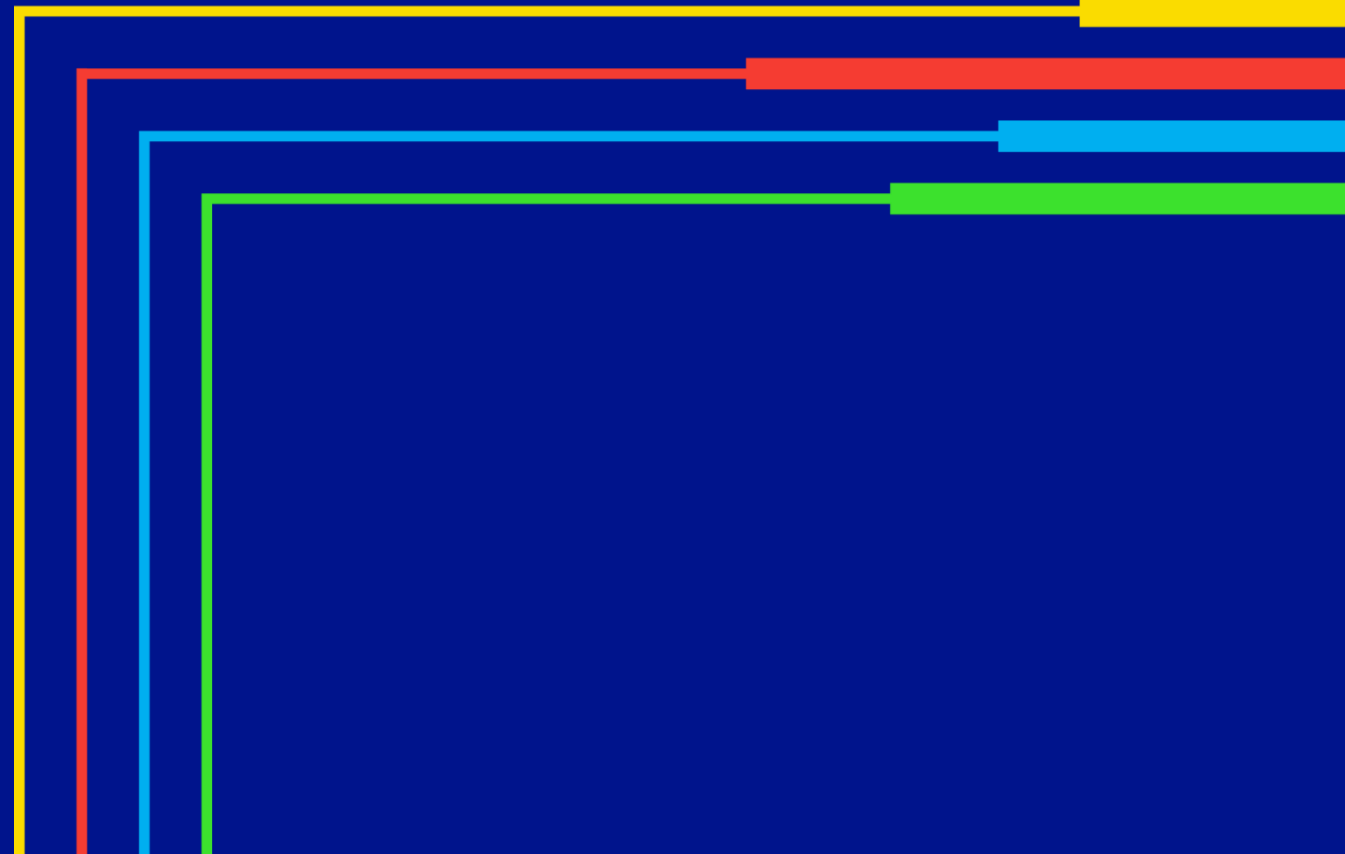
Connections Reform Programme | Engineering Offers Timeline





Laura Henry
Head of Connections Policy

Policy Update



Connections Reform Programme | Policy & Code Update



Gate 1 and 2 Letters

Letters have been drafted/revised in a format to guide customers through their new Offers.



Strategic Demand

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



DCP 461 and CMP 460

DCP 461- Reducing the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges- NGED led, consultation closed on 28th November

CMP 460- Improving Transmission Connection Asset Charging- currently in workgroup stage



CMP 448 (Progression Commitment Fee)

Ofgem published its minded-to position at the end of October, NGED maintained its position of not supporting the code modification. Final decision should have been in November.

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**Supporting customers
through Connections
Reform with Data**



Ben Godfrey
Director DSO



DSO Updates | Clearview

Once all customers have been notified of their outcome from Connections Reform, we will be making data available to support further analysis.

Next steps in surfacing this data will be:

- Notifications of outcomes are being sent from today.
- Once all the notifications are with customers, we will update our Clearview Portal with the new refreshed queue data - <https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/clear-view/>
- We will also be publishing datasets on <https://connecteddata.nationalgrid.co.uk/> to support analysis
- A page for the connection queue outcome data is already published <https://connecteddata.nationalgrid.co.uk/dataset/connection-queue>
- Datasets to support curtailment analysis – such as branch and node data and sensitivity figures has already been published on the ConnectedDataPortal.

Engineering Update



Andrew Akani
Primary Network Design Manager

Connections Reform Programme | Engineering Update

We have been making headway on various low regret tasks over the last couple of weeks to ensure that we can work through the engineering phase as quickly and diligently as possible.

Our key tasks and outputs will be:

- Review and identify impact of queue formation for each scheme.
- Undertake a technical study, if warranted.
- Review the revised NESO offer.
- Validate scope and cost of works for each scheme.
- Consider advancement requests, where relevant.
- Review progression of scheme to date, and if necessary, update milestones.

We will be working through the schemes in line with the outlines joint industry plan i.e. protected schemes, Phase 1 and then Phase 2 schemes.

Connections Reform Programme | Engineering Update

- Once Gate 2 offers are received (the first being protected in 2026), we would appreciate if developers with TPW connections in our regions can contact us as soon as you are in receipt of their Gate 2 outcomes; to update on changes to TPW.
- For schemes that have reduced or dropped a technology, revised technical data and a single line diagram (SLD) will be appreciated to enable us update our models.
- We will work through TPW in line with the agreed industry approach:
 - Where a Transmission connected customers' Point Of Connection (POC) and Date of connections has not changed, the existing TPW offer will still be valid and does not need to be re-opened.*
 - Where TPW offer is outstanding currently, or the POC and/or the date of connection changes, this may require a TPW restudy, and the customer would need to engage for a review of the TPW offer. DNOs will provide the offer within 3 months of receiving all technical data, as required to carry out the study.
 - Where a Transmission customer has reduced capacity or dropped a technology, The existing TPW offer will still be valid and does not need to be re-opened.

**If significant drop out of projects is identified at a GSP where a TPW offer is also located, this may be reviewed by the DNO to ensure it is still required. For the avoidance of doubt, this would be a check to see if required or can be removed and not any additional works.*

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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

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Pre-submitted Questions – Summary of Themes

Theme	Popular Question (Simplified)	Answer (Simplified)
Notifications & Timeline	When will I get my Gate 1 or Gate 2 notification?	Gate 1 and Gate 2 notifications are sent via email on 8 th Dec. Gate 1 variations will now come after Christmas – as updated by NESO last week; Gate 2 in 2026.
Application Windows	When is the next NESO application window?	NESO's website will announce the next window. No date has been set yet.
Accepting Offers	How long do I have to accept my Gate 2 offer?	You have 30 days to accept a Distribution Gate 2 offer
Securities & Payments	How soon must securities be posted after accepting a Gate 2 offer?	Securities must be in place soon after signing the variation; NGED cannot accept the NESO offer on your behalf without them in place.
Queue Position	How will I know my queue position?	Project statuses are communicated individually by DNOs after NESO's allocation and queue positions at GSP will be listed on our ClearView tool in the coming days.
Capacity & Applications	What happens if capacity is full in my region?	The policy for full capacity applications is still being decided – with respect to new applications.
EA Register	What is the EA Register and where can I find it?	It's a NESO-published queue list for projects that consented to public info. It forms part of the queue.
Connection Dates	Will being in Phase 1 guarantee an earlier connection date than Phase 2?	Yes, Phase 1 projects get earlier dates at the same GSP, but dates depend on engineering and deliverability.
Gate 2 Outcomes	What if my project didn't get a Gate 2 offer?	You'll receive a Gate 1 notification and a Gate 1 variation notice.
Milestones & Delays	How will milestones be set for delayed projects?	New milestones align with new connection dates and published policy.
Recordings & Sharing	Can I share the webinar recording with colleagues?	Yes, recordings are posted on the website within 24 hours.
Complaints & Enquiries	How do I raise a complaint or enquire about my queue position?	Use NGED's complaints process for distribution customers, or the NESO portal form for transmission enquiries after following the DNO complaints process.

We invite you to share your feedback with us

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