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Connections Reform Webinar

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<p>It is concerning that there are no transmission costs updated in the Gate 2 Offers. We currently cannot progress our project due to very high transmission costs. We expected this to be confirmed with the Gate 2 offer. Please can you explain further.</p>	<p>NGED will receive updated Transmission works and costs from NESO at a later date. The Gate 2 variations you will receive have fully updated Distribution works and costs to provide as much information to you as we can at this moment in time.</p>
<p>Are we expected to accept G2 variations without knowing what the latest transmission works costs are etc? What if we accept and subsequently the transmission costs go sky high later thereby killing the project?</p> <p>Regarding the comment that DNO Offers won't have updated transmission costs: is the implication here that there will be no securities included or the securities included will be as per the prior Offer but subject to change.</p> <p>This is material. Appreciate DNO's cannot control this input from NGET/NESO but can you expand on this and when you expect to confirm the final variation of these new Gate 2 Offers?</p>	<p>Please refer to the above question/answer relating to timescales.</p> <p>Securities will be required, reflective of your current contracted position & S-curve until such time updated works and costs are received.</p>
<p>Can NGED provide example/draft Gate 2 offer? I know this has been requested previously but have not seen one provided.</p>	<p>Yes, we will get these up online as soon as possible and let customers know when they're available.</p>
<p>Any news on the modified ECR that will show G2/G1 status?</p>	<p>This is being worked on at the moment – our ClearView tool also shows this information.</p>

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<p>We recently used the Curtailment Assessment Tool on the NGED website for our Phase 2 project which has requested advancement into Phase 1. The 'Obtain Info Date' and 'NESO Countersignature Date' are 14-01-2022 and 30-08-2023 respectively. Does this mean that the last assessment at this GSP was in 2022? The result we are getting is 1% Annual curtailment based on this report, but a separate curtailment report that NGED produced for us with a later date has anywhere from 3 to 23% curtailment? Which version can we trust? Is the Curtailment Assessment Tool giving us the most recently available data?</p>	<p>The 'Obtain Info Date' is the date the scheme applied, which influences the queue position. The analysis used underlying network loading data from 2024. Please email details for this specific scheme to nged.curtailment@nationalgrid.co.uk and we can explore the differences in curtailment estimation.</p>
<p>We have multiple projects with Gate 2 Phase 1 and Gate 2 phase 2 dates, all projects previously received technical limit offers and we did not accept these at the time due to uncertainty around securities. Can we expect to receive updated technical limit offers alongside gate 2 offers for all projects?</p>	<p>We are providing technical limits variations for developers and projects that have a current contracted technical limits contract with NGED. If you wish to explore technical limits for the projects you are referring to, you need to go through the Expression of Interest process. NGED will explore Technical Limits opportunities after the CMP435 process has concluded.</p>
<p>When NESO open their window again do you know what the fees will be for an embedded scheme in your patch applying for a G2 offer? Will it be per GSP with possible cost sharing, or fixed per project?</p>	<p>We don't know the answer to this at the moment for future applications. As soon as we do, we'll share the information with our customers. We believe that the current 'Minded To' position is per GSP, but we will update as soon as more information is available.</p>
<p>Can NGED advise what will be the (new) process for a connection contract switch (i.e. switch from SoW/PP to BEGA) since CMP434 enduring is yet to be re-open?</p>	<p>Projects of a certain size will need to apply for a BEGA – if you think that you might fall into this category and would like a conversation about your specific project, please email us and we'll be happy to help: box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.com</p>

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<p>Apologies if I missed this at the start but have all the Gate 1 ATVs been issued? I am missing some and wanted to check if need to contact NGED</p>	<p>Gate 1 Variations for projects which did not submit Gate 2 evidence, opted for Gate 1 or failed initial land checks have now received their variations. We are now working through the next stage of Gate 1 variations (which include those who were not strategically aligned and did not sign their Gate 2 offer).</p>
<p>The window for receiving Phase 2, Gate 2 offers is quite long, running from October through to March. Will projects be reviewed and offers issued sequentially within this period? For example, is it possible to determine whether we are likely to receive our offer earlier or later in the window based on specific project details, such as the original application date?</p>	<p>We will be receiving the offers in batches from NESO. As soon as we receive them, conducting the technical studies and any recosting works prior to issuing the offers.</p> <p>We will give you as much early notice as possible throughout this process.</p>
<p>Prior to Connections Reform (CMP435) we have projects that showed S-curves with "no attributable works" and no securities associated. on this basis we proceeded with planning and have incurred significant development costs - it achieved planning before the closure of CMP435 . My project has now received Gate 2 Phase 1 status. Is there a possibility that my project now has "attributable works" and cancellation charges when the Gate 2 Variation is issued? (when originally it did not)</p>	<p>Yes, this is possible. Until we receive the updated Bilateral Connection Agreement, NGED has no sight of the transmission works required for each impacted connection and what may/may not have changed.</p> <p>We will be working through those studies as quickly as possible once we receive the offers from NESO.</p>
<p>Please could you kindly elaborate if the current securities liabilities will be the same as the upcoming Gate 2 securities for the schemes?</p>	<p>The current security profile for Protected projects with transmission reinforcement works will be reflective of your previously contracted position. If this changes as a result of Connections Reform, the securities and liabilities could change as well. We won't know more about this until the BCA restudy work has been done after we've received the offers from NESO.</p>
<p>I have dipped into ClearView & it only shows G2 status for my schemes when I put their NGED ref # in. Is that correct?</p>	<p>Yes this is correct.</p>

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<p>What is NGED's 33kV and 132kV bay allocation policy for new projects that haven't yet gone through the Gate 2 process?</p>	<p>Connection offers are made on the basis of a defined network solution, including any required 33kV or 132kV bay provision, and remain subject to customers meeting the relevant offer milestones and completing the applicable TIA requirements. Gate 2 is a significant milestone within the Connections Reform process (TIA). Projects that achieve Gate 2 will be reviewed in line with the reordered queue and strategic alignment requirements. This process is intended to ensure that network capacity and associated infrastructure are aligned with projects that are progressing and remain viable.</p> <p>In practice, there is very limited spare bay capacity across the network, and many connection offers require substation extensions and/or the creation of new bays. Where projects do not meet the relevant requirements to remain in the queue, any associated capacity and associated infrastructure may be released and made available for other progressing projects. Conversely, projects that continue to meet their obligations can expect NGED to progress the required network works in accordance with their offer and programme.</p>
<p>The risk of a POC amendment (to our detriment) remains the most significant outstanding project risk, which is why receiving our Gate 2 offers is so critical. Could you provide an indication of how common POC amendments are likely to be?</p>	<p>POC amendments have been rather uncommon so far. We have only had a handful materialise.</p>
<p>Just to follow up on the Technical limits question, what will the impact be on the LIFO queue position if our project has a gate 2 phase 1 offer and another project has a gate 2 phase 2 offer but they receive a variation to their Technical limits offer before we can apply in the expression of interest? Will we move to the back of the LIFO queue but have an earlier firm connection date?</p>	<p>LIFO queue position is determined based on the NESO counter signature date and obtain info date (application to NGED date). Technical Limits allows a scheme to connect earlier but doesn't impact queue positions. For example, where scheme 1 does not have a Technical Limits offer and scheme 2 does, for the time that scheme 2 has connected early they will be the first scheme in the queue. But once scheme 1 connects it will take its position as first in the queue and scheme 2 will become 2nd in the queue.</p>

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<p>If we currently have securities for a 2027 project, when we receive G2 offer next week, upon acceptance do we have to pay securities, or given these new delays from NESO, are the next securities only due after acceptance of next G2 variation in ~August?</p> <p>Could you give me a scenario how my securities/ cancellation charges will change from being zero previously? (especially if projects ahead of my drop out of the queue as you mentioned)</p>	<p>As per the DCUSA, developers are required to place any applicable securities immediately.</p>
<p>Cost update: can you confirm that appropriate due diligence has been carried out by the relevant Engineer (PSE) before issuing the cost breakdown?</p>	<p>Yes, we can confirm this.</p>
<p>What is the most up-to-dated advancement schemes numbers received from the NESO, if any?</p>	<p>We are not aware of any advancement schemes currently from NESO.</p>
<p>If we have a protected Sept 2027 project which is 132kV, but will now only be receiving a final G2 offer with NESO variations included by August 2026, how are we supposed to deliver it when lead times for 132kV equipment are closer to 18 months than 12 months?</p> <p>nationalgrid</p>	<p>We recognise that, in some cases, the timing of final offers and revisions of NESO outcomes may create challenges in meeting existing project milestones and connection dates, particularly where long-lead equipment is required. Where appropriate, we are working with customers and developers to review scheme milestones and connection programmes to ensure they remain practical and achievable. This approach also applies for the NGED delivered works for the projects.</p> <p>If you have concerns that your project milestones or connection date may be affected, please engage with us as early as possible. In the first instance, please contact your existing NGED scheme representative, who will review the specific circumstances of your project. However, where there remains sufficient time to deliver the required works, we continue to expect customers and developers to meet the milestones set out in their connection offers.</p>