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Connections Reform Update

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Joint Industry Plan / Offers Update / Contracts Update

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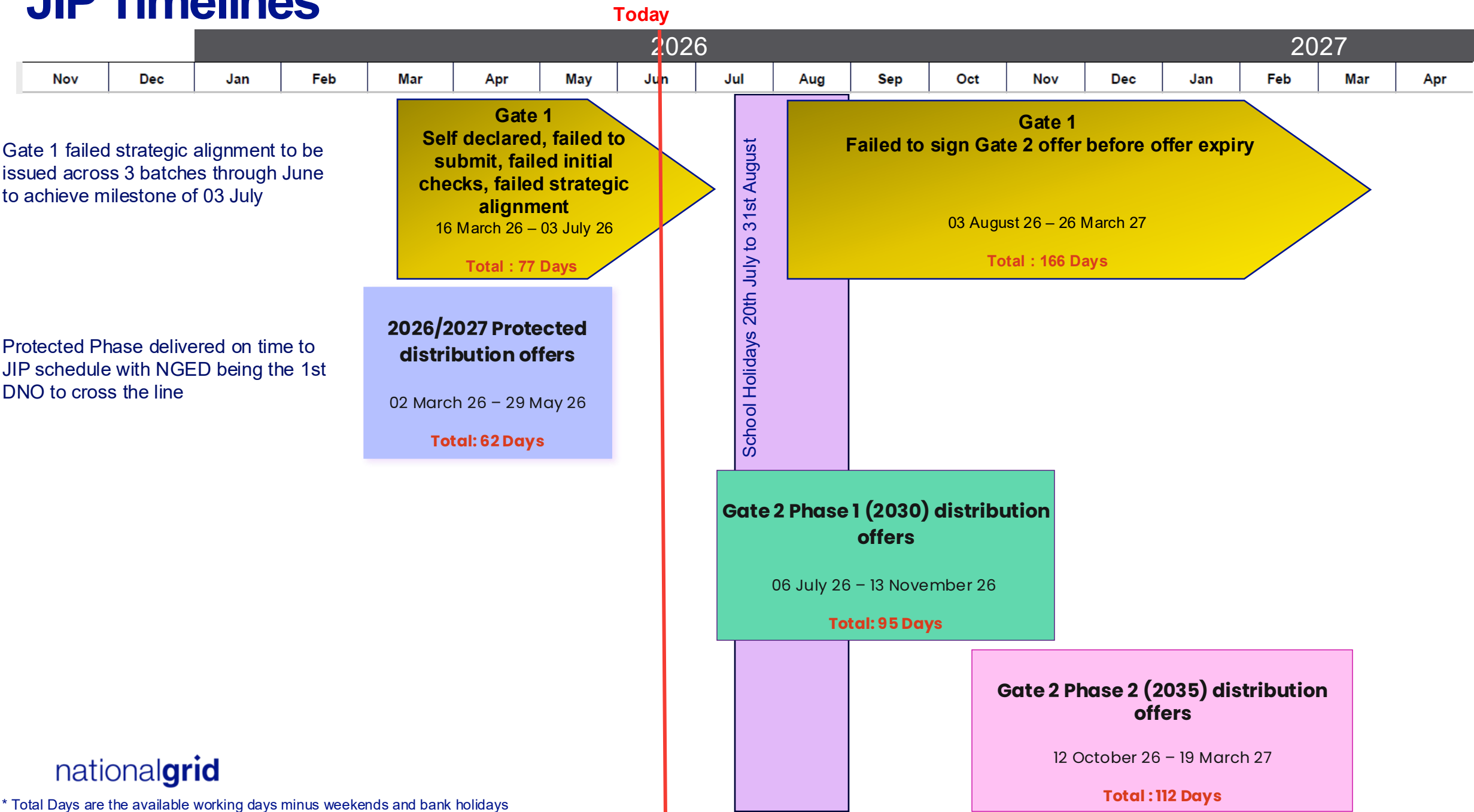
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NGED Update

Joe Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract
Management

JIP Timelines



Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

Queries and ReOffers

- A small minority of customer queries and requests for updates to Gate 2 Variations remain outstanding and are currently exceeding expected response times
- This is primarily due to the condensed timeframe within which NGED was required to issue all Gate 2 Variations, resulting in a significant volume of queries being submitted simultaneously
- Where a material amendment is agreed by NGED, the relevant Gate 2 Variation will remain valid and will not expire until an amended version is issued to the customer
- Please note that reissued (amended) Gate 2 Variations will **not** include a further 30-day acceptance period

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

Protected Project Update

- All Protected G2 variation were issued by the 27th May, meeting the JIP timeline
- Projects with Transmission Works did **not** receive updated Transmission Works or Costs – the G2 variation will reflect the existing contracted position. We are expecting to receive updated Transmission Costs in Phase 1

Protected Offers			
	Sent	Accepted	% Accepted
NGED	152	94	62%

Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

Protected Technical Limits Project Update

- Letters issued to customers confirming progression or no progression, in alignment with the positions indicated by customers – no signing required
- Where a project had elected to progress, NGED provided an updated Cost Breakdown
- Where a project had elected to **not** progress NGED did **not** provide an updated Cost Breakdown, instead this will follow in the full Gate 2 Variation in relevant firm phase
- NGED **cannot** confirm firm connection works and associated costs until the Gate 2 Variation has been formally issued, in accordance with the project's phasing

Gate 1 Update

- All NESO ATV's for Failed Strategic Alignment schemes have been received and signed by NGED
- We are in the process of issuing all the G1 notifications to customers. These will be distributed in 3 batches over the coming weeks to allow for staggered processing of refunds
- Hybrid schemes with both Gate 1 and Gate 2 outcomes will get their formal Gate 1 notification as part of their full Phase 1 or Phase 2 Variation

In-Person Event

- We're planning an in-person event for Q4 2026
- We have our ideas on the topics for the event, but please use the chat function to let us know what you would find most useful or interesting

Gate 2 Phase 1

Collaborative session with NGED & NESO

Meet your collaborative session team

NESO



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NESO and TOCOs

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High-Level Connections Responsibilities

NESO

- Forms the queue and coordinate offer process
- Sets planning assumptions and interface data for network companies
- Assures inputs, resolves queries and issues connection offers to customers

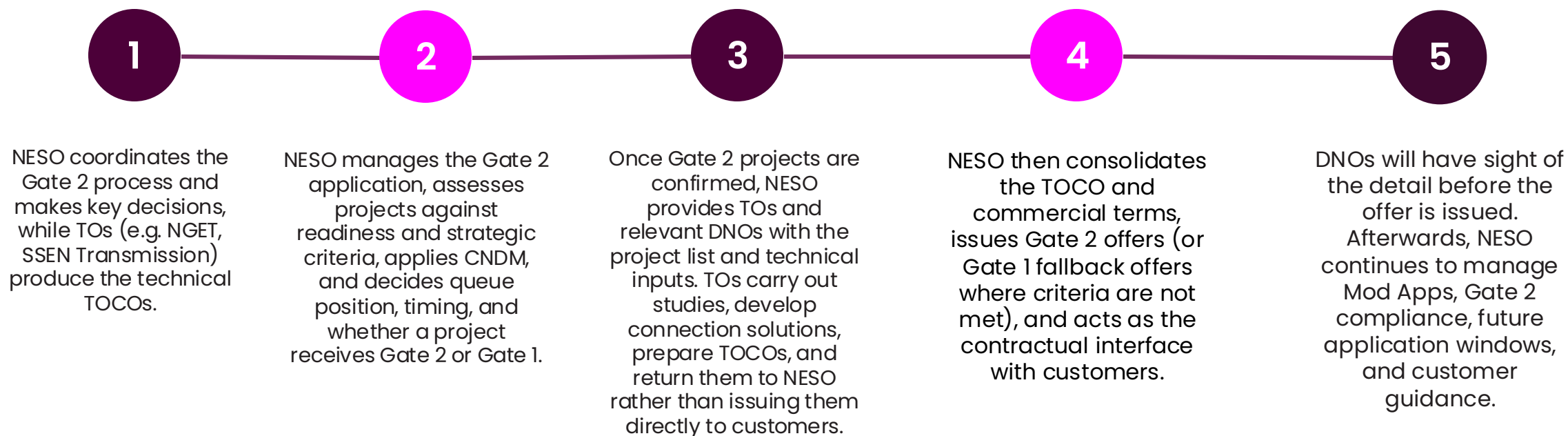
TOs

- Assesses transmission works, constraints and outages
- Provides costs, dates and technical appendices.
- Delivers transmission works after offer acceptance

DNOs

- Assesses local network impacts and embedded projects
- Manages distribution interfaces and handoffs
- Prepares distribution information and delivers local works

The process



Important note

A TOCO is not a customer offer. NESO assures and packages TOCO content into the connection contract, appendices and customer-facing offer documents.

NESO assurance

NESO checks that the TOCO is:

- 1 Complete enough to support a contract and appendices
- 2 Consistent with the queue order and connections methodologies
- 3 Aligned with operability, compliance and construction planning requirements
- 4 Clear on interfaces between TO, DNO and customer works
- 5 Robust enough to support dates, costs, securities and milestones

TOCO content

Works, costs, programme and assumptions

Assurance queries

NESO resolves gaps and interfaces

Offer

Customer offer, appendices and milestones



Transmission insights

NGET Webinar: The Future of Connections (May 2026)

Context

The webinar set out NGET's role in delivering connection offers under Connections Reform, with the aim of giving customers clearer visibility of how their offers are developed and what to expect next. It focused on improving transparency and helping customers understand the process behind their connection outcomes.



Three main areas covered:

- how engineering studies are carried out using the approved methodology;
- how project development is being strengthened to provide more certainty and future-ready solutions; and
- how deliverability checks assess whether projects can realistically be built based on resources, system access and supply chain constraints

Future Focused

- The conclusion focused on next steps for customers, including ongoing engagement through pre-offer and offer calls, with a clear commitment to provide early insight so updated offers reflect what has already been discussed.

Available online now

- This webinar can be viewed through NGET's website:
<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/future-of-connections>



Distribution Insights & Next Steps

Headline delivery schedule – Phase 1

	Batch Number									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
TOCO Receipt	08/06	15/06	22/06	29/06	06/07	13/07	20/07	27/07	03/08	10/08
AtV Receipt	06/07	13/07	20/07	27/07	03/08	10/08	17/08	24/08	31/08	07/09
Offer Issue	10/08	17/08	24/08	31/08	07/09	14/09	21/09	28/09	05/10	12/10

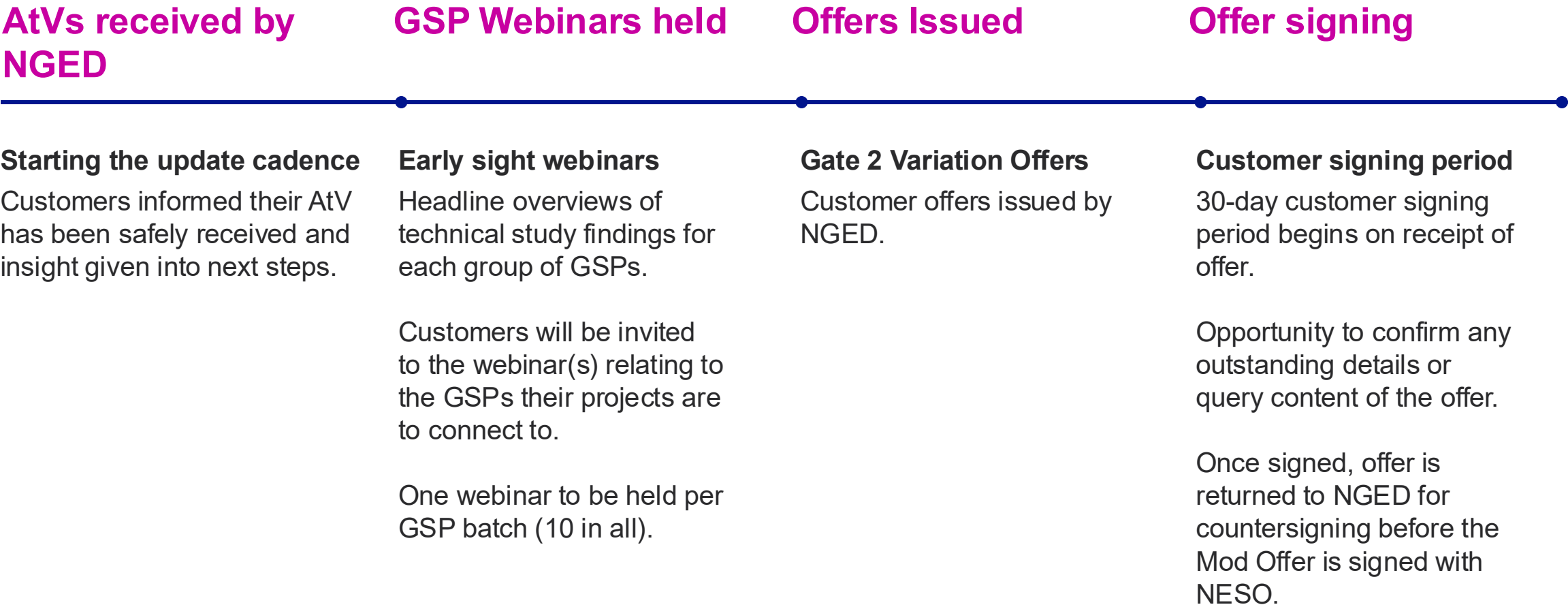
- This table shows how we expect information to flow to us, starting with the Transmission Owner Construction Offer (TOCO) before the Application to Vary (AtV) allows us to create customers' offers
- **This table should be taken as illustrative only for this webinar.** Operational considerations may change the sequencing order

Planned GSP Grouping - Phase 1

Batch Number									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Alverdiscott	Berkswell	Bishops Wood	Aberthaw	Landulph	Abham	Exeter	Chesterfield	Axminster	Lea Marston
Indian Queens	Coventry	Cellarhead	Bustleholme	Rassau	Bridgwater	Staythorpe	Enderby	Grange	Ocker Hill
Ratcliffe	Grendon	Drakelow	Cardiff East	Seabank	Bushbury	Taunton	Ironbridge	Kitwell	Pyle
Swansea North	Upper Boat 132kV	Rugeley	Feckenham		East Claydon	Uskmouth	Pembroke	Sandford	Walpole
Walham (Port Ham)	Upper Boat 33kV	West Burton	Iron Acton			Bicker Fenn	Penn	Shrewsbury	Willington

- This table shows how we expect GSPs to flow to us from NGET and NESO
- **This table should be taken as indicative only for this webinar.** Operational considerations may change the exact sequencing order
- We will provide updates on our website as we confirm run rates and via individual communications confirming receipt of the ATV

Next steps to keep you informed



Connections Reform | Technical Limits update



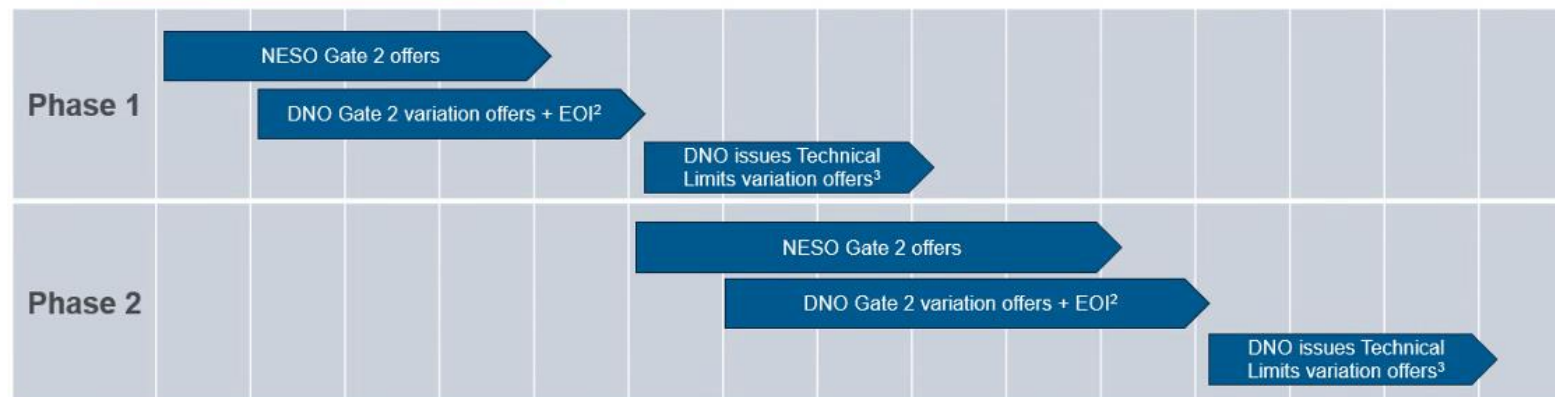
DNOs will shortly resume issuing Technical Limits offers to eligible embedded generation and storage customers, helping projects connect sooner and progress through the reformed connections process.

Technical Limits arrangements enable eligible projects to bring forward their connection dates by accepting curtailment of energy exports during specified network conditions. This provides an opportunity to access network capacity earlier while supporting the efficient operation of the electricity network.

Eligible customers will receive an Expression of Interest (EOI) alongside their Gate 2 variation offer."

ENA Statement

Technical Limits Phasing¹



¹ This only refers to Technical Limits offers on GSPs where Technical Limits had already been established ahead of Connections Reform.

² The EOI will only be sent to customers eligible for Technical Limits (i.e., having Site Specific Condition 7 on the Gate 2 App G).

³ Technical Limits offers will be issued by DNOs subject to a distribution connection assessment.

What does this mean for phase 1 schemes?

- Networks were previously only going to open a new Technical Limits Expression of Interest window (EOI) once all of Connection Reform was completed
- We have supported the decision to open an EOI for Technical Limit acceleration as part of phase 1
- For any phase 1 scheme that is eligible for a Technical Limit acceleration we will invite them to complete an EOI in conjunction with issuing the Phase 1 Gate 2 firm offer.



Q&A

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Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
When will the phase 1 offers be completely issued?	We will have issued all Gate 2 Phase 1 offers no later than 13 November as required by the Joint Industry Plan. We hope to issue all offers by mid-October, but this is subject to receiving the formal offer from NESO as per the agreed timeline.
What percentage of Gate 1 and Gate 2's have been sent to customers?	100% of Gate 2 Protected, 100% of Gate 1 Failed Initial Checks have been sent.
What percentage of the Gate 2 offers were accepted against the numbers of Gate 2 offers issued?	Currently 50% of all of our offers have been accepted, and the other 50% are out for signature. As such, we expect that the number of acceptances will rise in the coming weeks.
When should we expect the Gate 2 offers for Phase one projects (and please don't say Jul-Nov 2026)?	As per our slides today, the offer should be with you 6 weeks after we receive our offer from NESO. Giving us time to undertake any distribution assessments required and confirm technical and commercial competency of NESO offer. We will be proactively communicating out to customers when we receive their offer from NESO.
What is the timeline for the next Gate 2 opening & closing?	For Gate 2 Phase 2, we anticipate starting to send out offers in October 2026. After this Gate is complete, we move into the enduring process, CMP434. We don't yet know when the window will open for this, but will keep you up to date.
Can we have an update on timeline and statistics of grid connection delays compared to original grid connection offer?	The vast majority of our Protected schemes connected with no transmission works. We were notified by Transmission of a total of 12 schemes that have a transmission delay across 2 GSPs.
Will Gate 2 Phase 1 offers will be issued before the closure of Cfd AR8?	We will have issued all Gate 2 Phase 1 offers no later than 13 November as required by the Joint Industry Plan. We hope to issue all offers by mid-October, but this is subject to receiving the formal offer from NESO as per the agreed timeline.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
What are NGED's views on when NESO should open their next Application Window? Surely they should wait until everyone has signed their new grid contracts so that new applicants have full visibility of where any capacity maybe?	This is a balance between having certainty in the transmission queue and how late to leave the window, which will delay how long it will be before schemes going through the first CMP434 window get an outcome. We are supportive of a partial window late this year.
When is the next NESO application window expected? what are the criteria for Gate 1 projects to get GATE 2, same as last time?	We currently do not know when the first CMP434 window will open and we are working with all other Networks and NESO. To progress from a Gate 1 to Gate 2, we advise customers to review the ENA guidance; this will require a new application and will need to meet both the land readiness and Strategically Needed criteria.
Have NGED any insight into when CMP434 might open? When it does open, would embedded projects >100MW require a BEGA before the window opening to secure a Gate 2 offer?	As above, the timing for the window is not yet known. As per previous applications BEGA's will be required to apply to NESO and once we have timings of this, we will make all of our customers aware.
How do I discover the capacity of the grid locally to take additional generated renewable power?	We proactively publish this information – you can find it on our Network Opportunity & Development Map, and also on our Network Development Plan - https://commercial.nationalgrid.co.uk/network-opportunity-map/ - https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/planning-our-future-network/network-development-plan In the coming months, we will also be releasing a new feature to the Curtailment Estimator to give an indication of the level curtailment a new connection would experience
Can we have clarity on attrition rates? How is attrition being managed and what level of attrition would trigger revised studies, with potential to revise offers? Thanks!	We will need to wait and see the outcome of the Protected phase before we can start to get a feel for attrition. We have not yet seen a scheme decline a Protected offer, but we are expecting higher attrition for phase 1 projects.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
Are NGED likely to open up the technical limits option again once Gate 2 Phase 2 projects have received offers or even before then?	See slides from June webinar confirming that we are opening an Expression of Interest (EOI) for phase 1
How are technical limits offers being handled? We have received a TLV ahead of the G2 offer, but without a connection date we do not know how to proceed.	The connection date is as per the original Technical Limit agreement as the notification issued as part of Protected just provides reconfirmation that is eligible and provides a distribution cost update.
How 'creative' can you be with curtailment of solar PV - could we have an array of 300kW split into 100kW units and curtailed in stages by the season. The idea being the array owner benefits from more generation during spring / Autumn but does not cause local voltage rise in the summer months?	We don't currently offer seasonal dependent export limits, but it is something that we could look to incorporate in the future.
Can an IDNO install equipment at the 'boundary' to regulate voltage and frequency in line with the bilateral agreement in constrained areas? How would this potentially affect the wider DNO system?	Yes, they can as long as it had no detrimental impact on our network. We would expect this to be detailed as part of the application so we could review impact. I wouldn't expect any frequency regulating though as this sits with NESO.
Where a project has reduced TEC as a part of their Gate 2 submission, whilst holding a BEGA, how would this flow through to the DNO offer? Would an AtV be required before CMP434 window opens? Would NGED require the updated G99 and SLD and any AtV subsequent dealt with ahead of CMP434?	This will depend on whether they remain a BEGA or the TEC reduction reduces them below the 100MW threshold so they no longer require a BEGA. We would expect NESO to inform us of this reduction, but if you can also confirm to NGED this reduction we can ensure that we are aligned with NESO about this change.
Particularly interested in the ability to accelerate distribution connected assets with non-form offers	We already offer a suite of enduring and interim non-firm offers for both distribution and transmission constraints. This includes pre-event Active Network Management (ANM) and post-event tripping. We also offer Technical Limit for transmission wider system constraints.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
TL offers sent out for projects connecting in 2026/27 do not have any information other than the cost update. would NGED be reissuing TL offer with information like connection date, curtailment (enduring or not), payment milestones, queue management milestones etc.	Yes – As previously communicated in previous webinars. NGED will be issuing a full Gate 2 Variation in line with the firm completion date of the project.
Would NGED be issuing curtailment analysis for BESS on the import side?	Yes, we are issuing curtailment reports for import sites where applicable. Please note - this analysis will be subject to the outcome of the demand connections reform process so is only a preliminary indication of curtailment.
Is there any indication from Ofgem on what will likely be implemented post demand reform? The ENA have already implemented new application criteria.	Yes, a lot of work is going on in this area. We expect Demand Reform to take a similar path to generation reform with likely nuances that reflect specific demand needs. We also expect Demand Reform to be implemented at a faster pace than generation since Ofgem now have PIA powers which will speed up industry framework changes.
How often will the Gate 2 process be repeated?	CMP434 is the process for business-as-usual gated process. Once the first CMP434 window concludes the window is expected to be opened two times a year. The first window timing is not yet known.
Will Gate 1 project be promoted to Gate 2 status if criteria is fulfilled?	A Gate 1 project must apply to progress through a future Gated window. The way this can be done is explained within the ENA guidance document. Upon successful application (and evidence of meeting the land requirements and being strategically aligned), the project will then obtain a Gate 2 status.
A project milestone query wasn't resolved before the deadline for acceptance of a Gate 2 offer - how do we go about amending this now the Offer has been signed?	Please reach out to the box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.com inbox and we can get this resolved.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
NESO have recently indicated that (TBC), where active post-offer queries remain outstanding, they may extend offer acceptance validity periods to allow those queries to be resolved before a decision is required. Can you confirm whether NGED are adopting a similar approach for Gate 2 offers, or whether the existing acceptance deadline would continue to apply where material queries remain under discussion?	Yes we are reviewing where offer extensions are appropriate due to outstanding material queries. We encourage any queries to be raised as soon as possible so they can be resolved in the 30-day signing period.
Please accept my thanks for the transparency and efficiency of NGED to respond to Connections Reforms and its results. NGED have clearly been proactive to respond to the needs of developers vs other DNOs and this requires praise.	Gratefully received – thank you!
It's good that we work in partnership - to understand where your network programme is so we can align or renewable retrofit programme	Many thanks – we really appreciate your feedback.

Presubmitted questions

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It would be good to see a worked example of how the outcomes of TMO4+ filter down and affect in practice projects in the Distribution queue. Also, what thought has been given to effective and efficient capacity re-allocation at Distribution level?	We publish our distribution queue ordering methodology on our website that transparently shows how we have taken the outcome of TMO4+ and applied that to our distribution queue. https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/downloads/214099/2026-03-24-final-ng-dso-distribution-queue-ordering-methodology.pdf
1. Given that LT2029 represents the first formal Year-4 (Y-4) market-based procurement for stability, what does the enduring, rolling roadmap for stability tenders look like beyond 2029? 2. And Interaction with Gate 2 Connections Reform: "How will post-LT2029 stability requirements align with the new Connections Network Design Methodology (CNDM)? Specifically, will projects providing stability services be granted prioritized 'strategic' queue progression under the Gate 2 criteria?	1 NESO will use the Long-term (Y-4) Stability Market to procure stability needs on an as required basis according to system needs that are identified through NESO's regular system studies. We are currently running the Long-term 2029 tender and will run further tenders as needs materialise. Further information on any future tenders will be published to wider industry at the relevant point in time. For more details on enduring roadmap for the stability market, please refer to NESO's markets roadmap here: Operability Strategy Report and Electricity Markets Roadmap National Energy System Operator 2. Criteria for future tenders with regards to the new Connections Methodologies have not yet been defined or published but NESO are taking learnings from the ongoing Long-term 2029 tender and understanding from the evolving Connections Reform process such that these can inform the criteria for future tenders.

Live questions & answers

Question	Answer
What is the process of updating the TOCO if a change is necessary?	For Phase 1, upon receipt of the Bilateral Connection Agreement (BCA) from NESO, NGED operates to a self-imposed turnaround time of five business days to either accept or formally challenge the BCA. In instances where the BCA is challenged, NGED has clearly communicated to NESO the expectation of a timely and proportionate response, aligned with the agreed Joint Implementation Plan (JIP) timelines.
Question for Paul/NESO - what process/power does NESO have to ensure NGET are delivering quality TOCOs in a timely manner? Our experience across England is that a lot of the issues stem from TOCO errors.	NESO have set up a command structure with the networks to maintain pace, strengthen oversight and ensure offers are accurate and technically robust. Bronze Command meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at working level to review run rates, track progress, identify blockers and keep offers moving. Where issues need further support or escalation, they move through to Silver Command, which meets twice a week to manage delivery control, prioritise issues and coordinate action between NESO and the networks. Gold Command (SteerCo) provides senior oversight and deals with broader strategic matters. Together, these command structures provide a clear process for challenge, escalation and resolution, helping to give customers confidence that there is a structured approach in place to address issues and support the delivery of offers.

Live questions & answers

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We have had to accept a Gate 2 offer, as it was going to expire, with no response to our material queries after 5 emails and calls with no response, since we receive the variation offer. This process is not working as promised. We urge NGED to reply at least to allow extensions for acceptance before deadlines arrive for acceptance for other offers	We do acknowledge that the process hasn't worked as well as we had hoped for a small minority of customers. This was in part due to the volume we were required to issue in such a short timescale due to all protected offers arriving at the same time from NESO. We're reviewing the process now and improving where we can. We've also spoken directly to the customer who raised this with us today.
We are expecting our Phase 2 project's Gate 2 Offer in Q1 2027. Please can you confirm for certain that we will be receiving updated transmission costs with the Offers ?	Whilst we cannot comment on behalf of NESO, who confirm the transmission works, costs and dates, NGED expect updated works, costs and dates to be updated where applicable
Thanks, Joseph. I appreciate the transparency on the issues faced by NGED. How should customers progress where they have clarifying queries with NGED, with no response currently, but the gate 2 offer is set to expire? Are NGED advising and expect a variation at a later date to sign or not sign the offers until we receive a response from NGED	Whilst NGED cannot comment on if a customer wishes to accept a Gate 2 variation, we would suggest you contact the Connections Reform Mailbox where we can discuss each project on a case by case basis.
We have several sites in reform process. We have received offers but one protected site is outstanding, what is the reason for this?	NGED have issued all Protected Gate 2 projects except where we have received a delay notice, in which case the relevant customers have been notified.
How many protected offers have not been issued to customers yet and pushed to the phase 1 slot?	We do acknowledge that the process hasn't worked as well as we had hoped for a small minority of customers. This was in part due to the volume of offers we were required to issue in such a short timescale due to all protected offers arriving at the same time from NESO. We're reviewing the process now and improving where we can.

Live questions & answers

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If we have raised a query about Gate 2 offers, will we get a response on the query before the 30 day signing date?	Yes – this is the timescale that we're working to.
We did not receive any delay notice regarding our protected site where we are waiting for gate 2 offer, what is happening?	We believe that everything has been sent out – if you are still waiting for information, please get in contact with us and the team will investigate (box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.com)
How many days will customer have to raise query/error when offer is received?	Customers have 30 days to accept their Gate 2 variation. We ask customers to review and provide any queries to our Connections Reform Mailbox within 5 business days after receipt of the Gate 2 variation. This allows NGED time to respond and resolve any queries within a timely manner.
Will you publish MW & GSPs of Gate 2 Variations that were issued but were not accepted and moved to Gate 1?	We will take this away and raise with the ENA to ensure we are in alignment across all Distribution and Transmission Networks.
We have a project in commissioning that requires a BEGA to be issued, and we have waited for ~6 months. NESO has now indicated that they need confirmation from NGED and NGET to issue this. How do we raise this to the right people to ensure we can receive our BEGA in the next week?	Please reach out to box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.com and either reference David Tuffery or Joseph Martin and we will look into this for you.
Will projects that have been energised before a gate 2 offer was issued and currently have a signed connection agreement be expected to sign a gate 2 offer?	If the project energised after the closure of the Gate 2 protected phase we would expect the customer to sign the Gate 2 variation all be it the connection agreement now supersedes this.

Live questions & answers

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When will technical limits offers for customers that have completed an EOI be issued? Also, when will GSPs that did not have technical limits established pre-Jan 2025 be looked at? For example GSPs with fault level issues or infrastructure sites.	We're asking for Expressions of Interest as part of issuing phase 1 offers. We will then review and issue Technical Limit offers following a distribution review. We are looking to do this prior to phase 2 completing where possible. The phase one outcome will determine when we're able to look at those GSPs – we'll keep you fully updated.
I have received notification of my refund for Gate 1 but haven't got my Gate 1 offer itself. How are these aligned?	We have signed our respective agreement with NESO - we have passed the respective details through to our finance team to give them as much time as possible to issue refunds. There may be a minor lag between these but we want to get refunds to customers as a priority
Will Gate 2 Offers provide a clear update on the forthcoming payment milestones for the connection? How much will need to be paid and by when?	Yes. These tell you exactly how much you've got to pay, when it's due to be paid and what has previously been paid as well.
How long will the acceptance period be for reissued Gate 2 Variations?	NGED have our Bilateral Connection Agreements (BCA) with NESO we are required to sign. These have hard expiry dates. We will allow an appropriate time relative to the change made in the reissued Gate 2 variation for the customer to review and go through governance, considering the timeframe we are presented with to sign our respective BCA.
We have a material error in our gate 2 offer which is about to expire, we have emailed NGED with no response and want to align the gate 2 agreement before we accept. Do we accept and wait for NGED to respond and vary this agreement?	One of the team will be in touch with you directly after this webinar to discuss

Live questions & answers

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If Hybrids getting their G1's & G2's together, when will that be? Is that next February for G2Ph2 or sooner as you just said that all G1's nearly issued already?	It will be in the phase of the Gate 2 technology, so if this is phase 1 it will come in phase 1.
Will the CMP446 GSP thresholds for a TEA in your area be reviewed before the next 'G2Ph2' window?	We would expect this to happen once we have the outcome from Phase 1 which will show the fault level headroom at the Grid Supply Points (GSP). This is published on our website and kept up to date so it's clear what the threshold is.
Will you notify to customers which Project is part of which Batch?	For the Gate 1 batches we've been talking about, we have 10 days to process customers' notifications. This short timescale means that it's sadly not possible to notify customers which batch they're in – we're focused on getting the notifications out of the door as promptly as possible.
If NGED are receiving GSP transmission info from NGET in the next few months, will NGED be able to provide some 'indicative' info to Phase 2 Projects that are not expected to receive Gate 2 Offers until Q1 2027? This would be a huge help.	We won't know what phase two works are needed until we have visibility through the TOCOs and subsequent technical studies. We hope that by sharing GSP specific information during phase one, customers will start to form a picture of what phase two might look like. We're absolutely committed to providing as much information as we can, as early as we can and will use these webinars (as well as other means) to do it.
Do you have any visibility for large embedded generation (with BEGAs). Will they align with the same GSP timescales?	<i>A BEGA is a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement</i> Once NGET/NESO inform us that the BEGA has had a Gate 2 offer issued, we will then process any updates to the distribution offers.

Live questions & answers

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How confident are you in the TOCO receipt and AtV Receipt dates? NESO barely managed to hit any of their milestones to date.	We have an agreed position between ourselves, NGET and NESO on when we expect to receive information. If it looks like that agreement isn't being met, we're escalating as appropriate and provide transparency to customers where there are changes. NESO have set up a process and methodology – using 'Command' modules - which keep a close eye on progress across the programme, as well as actively unblocking issues and queries as they arise.
Where a project's programme has been delayed due to the delay in receiving a Gate 2 Offer, can the energisation date of the project be delayed beyond the Gate 2 Offer date? E.g. offer issued 15 Nov 26 with a Oct 2028 date, but this cannot be achieved due to delayed programme. How long can this Oct 28 date be delayed? Six months, 12 months?	We are reviewing this on a project by project basis so that we can try to accommodate customer's requests within the outage programme and resource plan.
The ordering of the GSPs is very helpful. Will the same ordering apply to phase 2?	We don't have this information at the moment. However, as soon as we do, we'll be able to update customers
Appreciate the batch approach and detail on GSP, thanks. Why is Batch 5 lighter in GSP volume?	The pace at which NESO issue and batch offers is dependent on the TOCOs received from NGET. As a result, the previously shared batch rates for each GSP may be subject to change. NESO will continue to provide updates through the following forums: • Weekly meetings with NGED • Joint NGET/NGED/NESO meetings These updates will confirm the latest position, including which offers are expected next and the anticipated timing.

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Question	Answer
For Technical Limits - are you expecting the export limits at the GSPs to change as a result of connections reform? How are you helping generators to understand the potential curtailment they may see with the new queue / network changes.	We are not expecting the limits to get worse with the queue attrition, and there will be a future reassessments for technical limits. In terms of how we support generators, we already publish data through our Connected Data Portal, showing sensitivity factors, as well as all generators and queue positions. Our new curtailment estimator tool is also proving useful for customers to understand any potential curtailment they may see.
This is a follow on to a previous question and the answer received: If NGED are delivering a 132kV contestable works programme, can they deliver in 12-18 months from reaching financial commitment to the project? If not, how will developers be expected to deliver this? Or should we be placing orders for 132kV transformers ahead of Gate 2 offer? How does this align with NESO's current timeline of no later than November to issue offers for this batch? Is that still a possibility?	Delivery timescales for 132kV contestable works vary depending on the scope and complexity of each scheme. Key factors include the lead times for plant and equipment, the level of customer commitment, and the availability of network outages. Whilst a number of 132kV schemes can be delivered comfortably within an 18-month timeframe. More complex projects may require a longer delivery period, particularly where there has been insufficient customer commitment to facilitate surveys, detailed design, and long lead equipment orders to progress. Some critical equipment, such as grid transformers, can have lead times of more than 18 months from the point of firm order. The availability of network outages is also a key factor. Outages must be carefully planned and coordinated as they can affect other customers and coincide with other planned works on the network. Where possible, sufficient notice is required to secure the necessary outage windows and minimise impacts across the wider network.

Live questions & answers TECHNICAL

Question	Answer
For those protected customers impacted by the delay, what solutions did you offer them, e.g. a temporary technical limit arrangement? Where are they placed in the technical-limit LIFO stack - ahead of or behind existing technical-limit customers from the pre-reform batch?	We have looked at technical limits acceleration for the small proportion of schemes where this has been an issue, and we're exploring other options with NESO. There are some situations that we're still trying to resolve where physical infrastructure or fault level constraints are causing delays.
Can you define what is a 'material' change to a revised offer so we can better understand if the 30 day extension will apply to our offer acceptance period?	There is no set definition for what constitutes a material change – however we would view it as anything where the works need changing, costs are significantly wrong or the date on the project is significantly wrong. We aren't able to provide 30-day extensions due to the programme timescale. However we are offering the maximum possible extensions relative to any changes that are needed.
The slides mentioned that you could be modifying over 30% of the Gate 2 protected projects. Could you provide an estimated timeline for their re-issuance?	Assuming this is referencing the Appendix 2 Protected schemes with transmission works/costs. We have not been informed on what proportion of these schemes will expect an update, but when we have visibility we will communicate this. Noting that at Infrastructure GSPs costs are socialised across TNUOS, so this will only impact Connection GSP and physical/one-off works.

Live questions & answers GENERAL

Question	Answer
Why do NGED want the 434 window to open ASAP? Surely better to wait till all G2's have been accepted? Perhaps in meantime there is a demand only application window?	We want the window to open at the most effective and efficient time for our customers and being aware that we're still in the middle of the CMP435 process. If there is an interim window, it would be for NESO to set it to be demand only or not.
The Curtailment Estimator is only available to schemes that have ready received offers. Is it something NGED is looking at to make this available to model generators proposing to connect. Just like UKPN did.	Yes - the team are actively working on rolling out this additional functionality. We will provide an update on this in the coming months at our monthly webinars.
A lot of people on the call will likely not be Transmission-facing, so Acronyms like Mod app (Modification application) at TOCO (Transmission Operator Connection Offer) might be new. Just a note for the future to explain the acronyms related to Transmission.	Thanks for the feedback – we'll do our best to explain all acronyms fully
How periodically will the Opendata Platform be updated in response to Gate 2 signatures coming in? Are the Gate 1 offers now reflected in the data?	Yes the G1 data is reflected in clearview and our queue outcome data. We will confirm on our next webinar the exact update frequency
For the next application window (whenever that is) what changes would NGED (or ENA/DNO's more broadly) like to see to improve the experience for all?	We've just been through the consultation process for the latest methodologies and are pleased to see that there's been such a high volume of comment and recommendation. These are available on NESO's website and it's worth looking at them as they capture everyone's suggestions. Internally, we're looking at what has worked well and what needs improvement. We'll come to a webinar in the next few months to let you know what we've found, and what improvements we are making as a result.

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