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# Connections Reform Webinar

July 2026

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# Agenda

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| <b>Welcome</b>                               | <b>Dave Tuffery</b><br>Head of System Access Reform                   |
| <b>Joint Industry Plan / Run Rate Update</b> | <b>Dave Tuffery</b>                                                   |
| <b>Progress Update</b>                       | <b>Joe Martin</b><br>Head of Connections Customer Contract Management |
| <b>Policy Update</b>                         | <b>Dave Tuffery</b>                                                   |
| <b>Demand Reform Update</b>                  | <b>Sarah Kenny-Levick</b><br>Head of Demand Reform                    |
| <b>Communications Update</b>                 | <b>Neil Hopkins</b><br>Communications Manager                         |
| <b>Q&amp;A Session</b>                       | <b>Panel</b>                                                          |

**Webinar Date: 16 July 2026**

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# Welcome

## David Tuffery

Head of System Access Reforms

# Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



## Key milestones

- We have signed all of our Protected Agreement to Vary (AtVs) with NESO
- We have had early sight of the first Phase 1 Transmission Owner Connections Offers (TOCOs)
- We have received the first batches of our AtV from NESO for Phase 1



## How have we been preparing and what happens next?

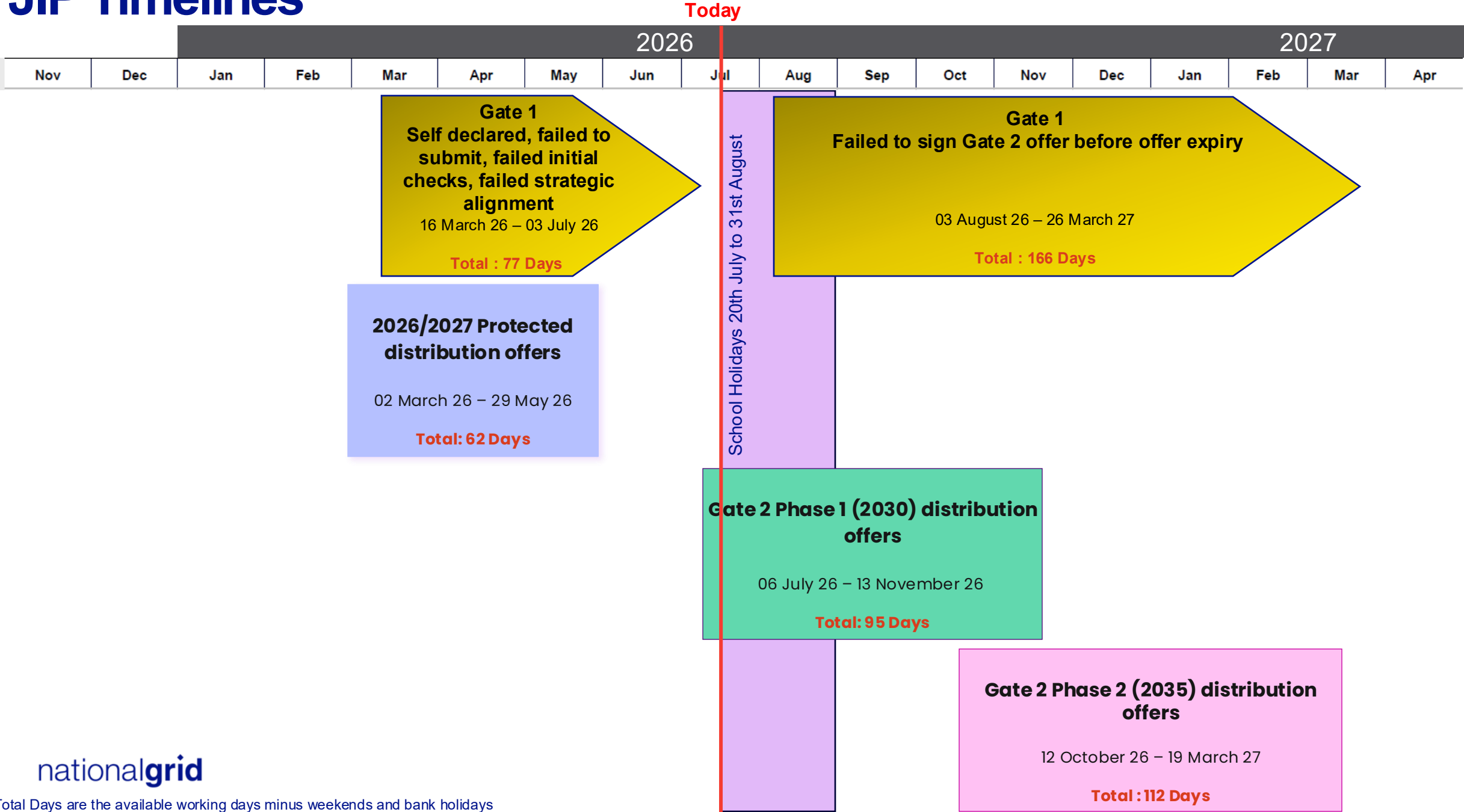
- Proactive engagement with NESO/NGET to agree offer run-rate process, tracking and reporting
- We are working on updating our Connections Reform and Clearview datasets
- Progressing with our phase 1 engagement plan to provide more regular updates and transparency through the offer process



## How are we improving our communications?

- New Connections Reform website launched
- Run rates page to clearly identify progress against each Phase 1 Grid Supply Point
- Planning future webinars and events to keep the information flowing for our customers

# JIP Timelines



\* Total Days are the available working days minus weekends and bank holidays

# GSP Batch Run Rates | Best view dated 15 July 2026

| GSP Batches – Expected Offer Dates Per Batch |               |              |              |                        |              |               |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Batch Number                                 | 1             | 2            | 3            | 4                      | 5            | 6             | 7            | 8            | 9            | 10           |
| Early sight of TOCO info                     | 08 June 2026  | 03 & 06 July | 22 June 2026 | 29 June 2026           | 06 July 2026 | 13 July 2026  | 20 July 2026 | 27 July 2026 | 03 Aug 2026  | 10 Aug 2026  |
| Expected AtV receipt from NESO               | 10 July 2026  | 15 July 2026 | 24 July 2026 | 31 July 2026           | 7 Aug 2026   | 14 Aug 2026   | 21 Aug 2026  | 28 Aug 2026  | 4 Sept 2026  | 11 Sept 2026 |
| Expected Offer Issue Date (week commencing)  | 17 Aug 2026   | 17 Aug 2026  | 31 Aug 2026  | 07 Sept 2026           | 14 Sept 2026 | 21 Sept 2026  | 28 Sept 2026 | 05 Oct 2026  | 12 Oct 2026  | 19 Oct 2026  |
| GSPs per Batch                               | Swansea North | Enderby      | Exeter       | Grendon                | Cellarhead   | Alverdiscott  | East Claydon | Axminster    | Bridgwater   | Berkswell    |
|                                              |               | Seabank      |              | Landulph               | Drakelow     | Feckenham     | Chesterfield | Pyle         | Cardiff East |              |
|                                              |               |              |              | Port Ham               | Iron Acton   | Grange        | Lea Marston  | Ratcliffe    | Coventry     |              |
|                                              |               |              |              | Taunton                | Uskmouth     | Indian Queens | Pyle         | Staythorpe   | Pembroke     |              |
|                                              |               |              |              | Upper Boat 132 & 33 KV |              | Rassau        | Sandford     | Walpole      | Rugeley      |              |
|                                              |               |              |              |                        |              | Willington    |              |              | West Burton  |              |

Amber= Awaiting information – this does not indicate that TOCO hasn't been issued to NESO

Green = Information received

# Progress Update

**Joseph Martin**

Head of Connections Customer Contract  
Management

# Connections Reform | Offers Updates

The table opposite shows the number of Protected Offers sent and accepted\*.

\*Data correct to 12.00 15 July 2026

| Protected Offers |                       |          |            |          |            |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
|                  | Number of offers sent | Rejected | Rejected % | Accepted | % Accepted |
| NGED             | 154                   | 2        | 1%         | 152      | 99%        |

## ENA Connections Reform Dashboard - Protected

|                                                                 |               |                |                                |                |                  |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| DNOs<br><br>T connecting and large embedded offers<br><br>TOTAL | Target<br>426 | Offered<br>426 | Accepted<br>385<br>(11,058 MW) | Declined<br>14 | Remaining<br>27  | % Completed of target<br>100% |
|                                                                 | Target<br>289 | Offered<br>289 | Accepted<br>155<br>(17,632 MW) | Declined<br>0  | Remaining<br>134 | % Completed of target<br>100% |
|                                                                 | Target<br>715 | Offered<br>715 | Accepted<br>540<br>(28,690 MW) | Declined<br>14 | Remaining<br>161 | % Completed of target<br>100% |

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# Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

## 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.

## Technical Limits Project Update

- Going into Phase 1 and Phase 2 NGED will provide Expressions of Interest alongside the relevant Gate 2 variations.

## Gate 1 Update

- All Gate 1's complete **bar** those that are hybrid or those who fail to sign within the 30 days acceptance period
- Any hybrid schemes that have a Gate 1 and a Gate 2 outcome will get their formal Gate 1 notification as part of their full phase 1 or phase 2 offer

# Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

## Gate 2 Variation Amendments

- Ability to reject or accept individual technologies
- Technical Limits Expression of Interest
- Site Specific Conditions
- Front Page Improvements

## Securities Freeze

- NESO have confirmed that transmission securities will continue for period 1 October 26 – 31 March 27
- Applicable to customers who have **not yet received** a Gate 2 variation
- Upon signature of a Gate 2 variation the necessary securities will need to be put in place
- Letters of Credit or Parent Company Guarantees need to remain valid thru 31 March 27

# Policy and Consultation Update

David Tuffery

# Policy date | July 2026

| Modification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>CMP460</b><br><i>This modification proposes improvements to the framework for charging Transmission Connection Assets by changing how Transmission Works are classified and therefore funded.</i>                                                                          | <p>Last workgroup meeting was in April. NGED are not supportive of the Original Proposal for CMP460, citing the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of cost reflectivity increasing burden on connected embedded demand customers</li> <li>• Additional cost on demand users only. Existing disparities would remain</li> <li>• Increase in bills, although minimal based on the assessment would still but pressure on bill payers.</li> </ul> |
| <b>DCP461</b><br><i>This modification is looking to reduce the Impact of Transmission Distribution Charges for works required to connect distribution generation customers.</i>                                                                                               | <p>The workgroup is considering which of the 11 potential options should be taken to DCUSA Panel for review.</p> <p>NGED preferred solution is Option 2.2, which apportions transmission costs based on MW utilised, removing current issue of 'last scheme standing' holding all the costs.</p> <p>Consultation closed in May. Currently with workgroup before submission.</p>                                                                                                  |
| <b>CMP417</b><br><i>This modification seeks to move demand connections onto the User Commitment Methodology that is followed by generation customers now. This would mean these customers have securities reduced by LARF/SIF, but will now have to place wider security.</i> | <p>NGED supportive of Original Proposal to align security methodologies across demand and generation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>CMP470</b><br><i>This modification seeks to introduce a floor on securities through an Oversubscribed Technologies Commitment Fee for all technologies which are oversubscribed relative to Clean Power 2030 capacity targets.</i>                                         | <p>NGED preferred solution is to remain with the baseline.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>DCP475</b><br><i>To provide increased financial incentives to network companies that reflect the lost opportunity cost to end Users of extended network outages which may include enhanced compensation payments to affected Users.</i>                                    | <p>Workgroups have recently started.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

# Demand Reform

**Sarah Kenny-Levick**

Head of Demand Reform

# Demand Reform | Progressing in parallel to Connections Reform implementation - NGED

## supporting on all and leading on several interventions

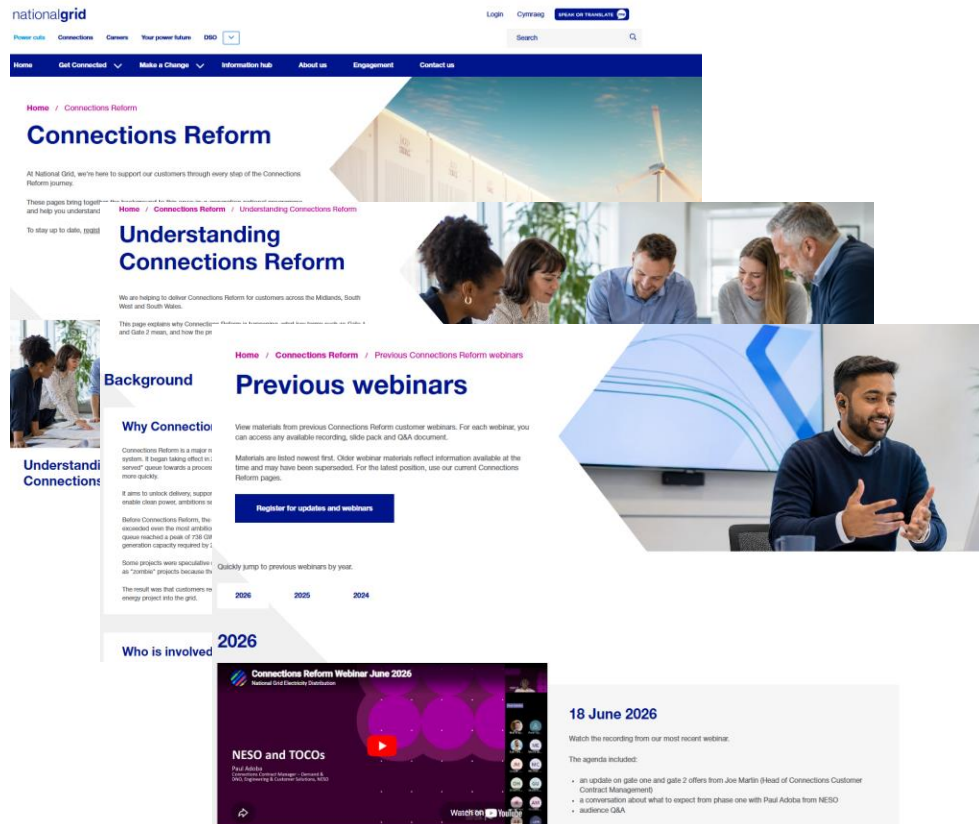
|                                                                                    | Issue                                                              | Intervention                                              | Expected Go Live | Intended Customer Outcomes                                                                   |
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|    | No upper limit for Dx applications                                 | Propose upper cap                                         | 2027             | Connections above xMW will need to connect at transmission                                   |
|    | No clear threshold for TEA assessment                              | TBD – discussing options incl. 132kV or ~xMW              | 2027             | Connections above xMW/kV will need to follow gates process and extra eligibility criteria    |
|    | 2033-2039 dates make embedded demand (ED) projects non-viable      | non—firm for demand                                       | 2027             | Earlier dates may become available under certain conditions                                  |
|    | No clear route for embedded demand in TMO4+                        | Review TMO4+ arrangements for embedded demand             | 2027             | Clarity on queue position and connection dates available                                     |
|    | SQSS non-compliant GSPs and lack of contracted capacity for demand | Week 24 / growth capacity programme                       | 2026             | Safeguard future load growth to reduce areas of demand constraint                            |
|    | 50GW+ Data Centres UK wide - some potentially speculative          | Financial mech & expected TMO4+ equivalent measures       | 2027             | Prioritise the projects that offer value to the UK allowing capacity for conventional demand |
|  | Lack of queue data available for demand                            | Demand Capacity Register to be mandated                   | 2027             | Network visibility and queue transparency                                                    |
|  | Lack of acceleration framework for embedded demand projects        | CAS framework launched for Tx in 2026 ED expected in 2027 | 2027             | Opportunity for future acceleration                                                          |

# Communications Update

**Neil Hopkins**

Communications Manager

# Communications Update | Website Update



## Connections Reform website now updated

- Updates applied on Friday 10 July

## Easier navigation

- Dividing the information up into specific pages should make navigation simpler
- Starting to build out CR101 resources and more content, all contained within this framework

## Easier to sign up for future information

- Dedicated signup form for our mailing list - never miss a webinar or important update again!
- <https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/connections-reform/previous-webinars/>

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# Communications Update | Run Rate View

## New from 16 July 2026!

We have published a view of our expected offer process and run rate on our website.

Updated weekly, this is our best view on where each Batch is within the process.

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Gate 2 Phase 1 offer schedule

We are preparing Gate 2 Phase 1 Variation Offers in batches as we receive the information we need from the National Energy System Operator, NESO.

Each batch contains projects connected to particular Grid Supply Points, or GSPs. The schedule below shows:

- the current position of each batch
- the GSPs included in each batch
- when we expect an early view of the Transmission Owner Construction Offer, or TOCO, information
- when we expect the Application to Vary, or AVV, information from NESO
- the week we currently expect to issue offers

These dates are our best current view and may change as NESO confirms further information.

Projects in the same batch may not all receive their offer on the same day. We will update this page when the schedule changes and contact customers directly when their individual offer is ready.

Find your batch and expected offer date

Find the GSP your project will connect to in the batches below. Each batch shows its current position and dates we currently expect information to be received and offers to be issued.

Batch 1

CURRENT POSITION  
NESO information received

GSPs in this batch

- Swansea North

TOCO information received  
8 June 2026

AVV information received from NESO  
Pending update: 10 July 2026

Expected offer issue  
Week commencing 17 August 2026

Batch 2

CURRENT POSITION  
NESO information received

GSPs in this batch

- Enderby
- Seabank

TOCO information received  
06 July 2026

Expected AVV information from NESO  
15 July 2026

Expected offer issue  
Week commencing 24 August 2026

Batch 3

CURRENT POSITION  
Awaiting NESO information

GSPs in this batch

- Exeter

Early sight of TOCO information  
Pending update: 22 June 2026

Expected AVV information from NESO  
24 July 2026

Expected offer issue  
Week commencing 31 August 2026

Batch 4

CURRENT POSITION  
Awaiting NESO information

GSPs in this batch

- Grendon
- Landulph
- Port Ham
- Taunton
- Upper Boat 132kV and 33kV

Early sight of TOCO information  
Pending update: 29 June 2026

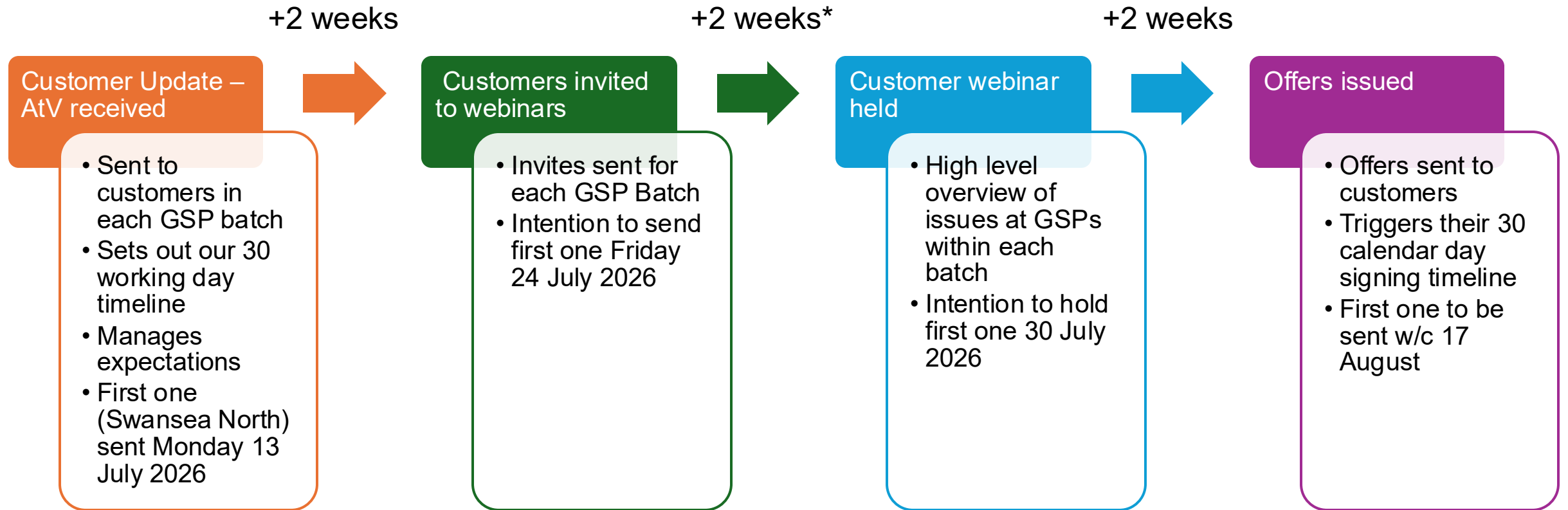
Expected AVV information from NESO  
31 July 2026

Expected offer issue

Chat

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# Communications Update | Gate 2 Phase 1 customer messaging



\*Swansea North is an outlier due to AtV receipt timing

# Future sessions

## What would you like to see in the future?

These sessions are designed to share information that you've told us is important to you.

As we look ahead, we'd like to make sure that we're still on the right track.

Is there anything that you'd like us to cover that we don't already include in these sessions?

What would you find most valuable for the time we have together?

# Q&A Session

# Q&A



**David Tuffery**  
Head of System  
Access Reforms



**Joe Martin**  
Head of Connections  
Customer Contract  
Management



**Mike Kaveney**  
Primary Network Design  
Manager (South Wales)



**Sarah Kenny-Levick**  
Head of Demand Reform



**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 arrow icon on the question**

# Presubmitted questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>For Phase 2 projects that are last in LIFO at their GSP — what is the realistic mechanism for PoC optimisation if projects ahead of them withdraw before Phase 2 offers are issued? Will NGED proactively reassess PoC options for remaining Phase 2 projects as Phase 1 attrition becomes clearer?</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>NGED will be considering Point of Connection (PoC) optimisation for Gate 2, Phase 2 projects. This assessment will be informed by the Modification Offer issued by NESO for the relevant Grid Supply Point (GSP) together with any capacity released through project attrition arising from the Protected and Gate 2 Phase 1 processes.</p> <p>Given the overlap between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 offer windows, it may not always be possible to fully incorporate the latest attrition into Phase 2 Variation Offers. However, NGED will make all reasonable efforts to optimise PoCs based on the most current information available at the time of offer issuance.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, PoC optimisation is not a one-time exercise. PoCs will be subject to ongoing review throughout the development lifecycle of a new connection to ensure that emerging network opportunities and changes in available capacity can be considered where appropriate.</p> |
| <p>Where a protected offer has been signed but a developer subsequently identifies that a cost item has changed in attribution methodology between the original and new offer — for example a shared network reinforcement item that previously attracted a Customer Attribution Factor but now appears at 100% customer charge — is this considered a material amendment raiseable post-signing? What evidence would NGED require to reopen a cost challenge on a signed variation?</p> | <p>The variation needs to be fully considered by customers prior to signing. Once the project is signed it is in a contracted position with customers signing up to the associated costs, milestones and liabilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

# Presubmitted questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| When Phase 1 developers receive their updated connection offers from August onwards and see the new transmission costs for the first time, some may decide their project no longer makes financial sense and walk away. When that happens — what is the process for releasing that project's grid capacity back into the system, and can projects sitting behind them in the queue automatically move forward to take that capacity and get an earlier connection date? | <p>If a project decides to reject their offer they will be issued with a Gate 1 notification. This will be reflected in the distribution queue and we will inform NESO via our signing of the offer ATV.</p> <p>It will not be possible to interactively reassess works for schemes behind in the queue as offers will be issued in parallel. Where we see material attrition (offer rejections) at distribution we will look at if this changes/reduces works post Gate 2 signing. For transmission works the Phase 2 works and first CMP434 window will reassess the network and if there are material changes we can review these.</p> |
| Any early information available regarding how Demand Connections Reform might impact those wishing to connect demand to NGED? Especially concerning application requirements, potential milestone achievements by given dates and info on such milestones that might be introduced?                                                                                                                                                                                     | Demand reform will take a similar format to generation reform in that large embedded demand above the Transmission Entry Assessment (TEA) threshold will be required to meet qualifying criteria to obtain a connection offer from transmission. It is also expected that certain segments, like data centres, will be required to complete additional steps, on account of their size and grid resource needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| For Gate 2 Offers that have already been issued by NGED do you have any general feedback specifically in terms of how transmission reinforcement costs may have altered from earlier issued SOW offers etc? We have a number of schemes in Phase 1 and 2 with prohibitive transmission costs and any initial feedback on what your seeing would be useful.                                                                                                              | Whilst we have not seen the ATVs from NESO yet, we are implementing GSP webinars to discuss the transmission works NGED are seeing prior to the release of variations to customers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| For projects with protected Tech Limits "offers" received ahead of the Phase 2 Gate 2 offers, we are unable to progress the connection into build and take FID until the Gate 2 is issued. If as a direct result we are unable to meet the protected TL date, will we be penalised for this? Please release some formal guidance on this as many developers are highly concerned.                                                                                       | We proactively reached out to all Protected Technical Limit customers and asked if you would like to progress your Technical Limit non-firm connection, pause it until you receive the Gate 2 firm offer or remove it. If you have any questions on this please reach out to <a href="mailto:box.ConnectionsReformNged@nationalgrid.com">box.ConnectionsReformNged@nationalgrid.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| How can companies with multiple projects in the NGED regions better engage with NGED? In person meetings and closer collaboration would be great!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NGED design and develop projects regionally. Where there is a pipeline of projects in that region, our design and delivery teams engage with developers (often through virtual or in face meetings) as this helps collaboration and understanding of their plans in that region. This usually takes place over a 2-3 timeframe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Presubmitted questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| How do you see P441 panning out?                                                                                                                                                                                                | As you are aware, P441 is with the Authority for decision following consultations previously. NGED launched an innovation project in February 2026 - Geoprint for Energy Club Connections and Operations (GECCO) which will explore a new type of flexible connection providing a fairer, smarter way for community energy groups to connect. The project aims to unlock long-term benefits for communities by enabling local balancing, lower bills, and creating a scalable, regulatorily viable connection framework for community-led energy models. To find out more, please visit <a href="#">National Grid - Geoprint for Energy Club Connections and Operations (GECCO)</a> |
| Local supply without direct wire-How much does direct wire cost?                                                                                                                                                                | Without more context we are not able to answer this questions. It will depend significantly on the project and works.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Our project was supposed to receive its Gate 2 offer by end of May, instead we received a letter saying it is delayed. What guarantee do we have that NESO are not going to cause the G2 timelines to be delayed again further? | We have had commitment from NESO that these will be issued in Phase 1 as per the timeline discussed in this presentation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Presubmitted questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Please can you confirm the “allowable changes” that Gate 2 offer customers will be permitted to make after receiving the Gate 2 Modification Offer within the 30days before signing and returning their Gate 2 offers. | The 30-day acceptance period is not for project refinement – it is to accept or decline the Gate 2 variation. Any allowable changes will need to be submitted to NGED via our normal BAU routes and CMP434 process if a transmission impact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The new ETYS update states no demand issues in South Wales. However all demand connections in South Wales are being given 2034 as earliest connection. What is going on?                                               | The Electricity Ten Year Statement (ETYS) is a process run by NESO and the most recent update was published on 29th June 2026. It is not our place to comment on why the results of NESO's process do not align to the connections offers received by customers, but the input assumptions for ETYS modelling are based on the NESO Future Energy Scenarios publication. This does not capture the full extent of the contracted demand queue in South Wales, which may be a reason for the discrepancy.                               |
| We do not understand why there is no clarity on the reopening of the enduring window?                                                                                                                                  | We are pushing for certainty on the first CMP434 window from NESO. This needs to ensure that it is opened at the right time to take into account the impacts of CMP435. Although we are actively engaging with NESO, it is not National Grid's decision and once we have any more information we will share this with our customers.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| When will be the new window open roughly? Would you still accept new generation connection application above or below 50MW?                                                                                            | Following previous webinars, we currently are not aware of when a new window will open.<br><br>For New Generation applications - these can be submitted to NGED and we will process them to provide you with a Connections offer. This offer will include the Distribution works and cost. It will also be subject to progression through a Transmission Evaluation and receiving a Gate 2 outcome. Currently, as mentioned above, we are not aware of when customers would be able to progress to submitting through a future window. |

# Presubmitted questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| We have a post-reform Connection Agreement along with approved planning etc. Could you confirm this meets the requirements for AR8 CfD                                                                                         | NESO is the delivery body for Contract for Difference (CfD). We recommended confirming this directly with them through either their documentation or a direct query.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| What do NGED think about NESOs proposed G2 Methodology etc changes recently sent to Ofgem for approval?                                                                                                                        | NGED provided a response to the NESO consultation prior to the final submission to NESO. Our response was non-confidential and can be found on NESO website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| What is NGED's position on NESO one-off works & who pays for those when they benefit more than just the 1st triggering connection customer?                                                                                    | This links to the update we provided earlier in this session webinar on the DCP461 code modification. NGED raised this code mod as we identified this as a barrier to getting generations at Connection GSPs energised. Our preferred approach is to apportion transmission costs based on MW utilised, removing current issue of 'last scheme standing' holding all the costs.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| What's the process for gate 1 projects to replace gate 2 projects that withdraw?                                                                                                                                               | <p>The process for a Gate one project progressing to a Gate 2 can be found within the <a href="#">ENA guidance document</a>.</p> <p>Capacity released through Gate 2 projects withdrawing or not accepting the Gate 2 offer will be subject to the capacity reallocation process, which is set out within NESO Methodology.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Will the next 'round' of Technical Limits EOs impact projects that currently hold TL offers - i.e. will more projects connecting under non-firm TL impact levels of ANM curtailment? Is there any resolution being considered? | No it will not impact customers that currently hold a Technical Limit offer due to the way that we form our interim non-firm Technical Limit queue. We have clearly and transparently provided a guide on how we form the distribution queue including Technical Limits non-firm here: <a href="https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/downloads/214099/2026-03-24-final-ng-dso-distribution-queue-ordering-methodology.pdf">https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/downloads/214099/2026-03-24-final-ng-dso-distribution-queue-ordering-methodology.pdf</a> |

# Live Q&A

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| How many Protected Gate 2 Offers issued have not been accepted and thus converted to Gate 1 Offers? i.e. are NGED seeing any drop outs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | We had 152 of 154 schemes sign for the protected phase, so a dropout of 2. We did see a number of schemes withdraw prior to us issuing the G2 variation. You can see an updated view on our clearview dataset.                                         |
| A project with pre-reform connection agreement with Gate 2 Phase 2 connection date (2034), Requested advancement to 2028 through CMP435 but got Gate 2 Phase 2 on the G2tWQ. Is this project still able to participate on AR? Gate 2 Phase 2 means that this project maybe able to connect in 2031, within AR8 delivery years, just don't know yet. Thanks. | We would recommend contacting NESO and LCCC for more information on this.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Projects participating in CMP434 window will need planning application submitted and accepted?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes – projects will need to meet the same requirements as for the CMP435 window.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Are construction milestones (DNO notifications) from the original grid offer are currently frozen until Gate 2 Offer is issued with the updated Milestones?                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Customers have a live contract with us, until when it changes. We would expect developers to work towards those contracted milestones, unless we have agreed a pause on an individual project basis, when you would have something in writing from us. |
| For the delayed Gate 2 Phase 1 offers, will NGED make developers aware of potential cost and timeline impacts once NGED has the early sight of TOCO info from NESO?                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes – we will be holding GSP-level webinars to provide early sight of as much information as we can.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Have NGED got a view on what the upper limit for Dx applications should be?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Whilst a single limit would be simple (e.g. 240MVA) we can see that a single limit for all GSPs may not always be appropriate as it will depend on the GSP and capacity available.                                                                     |

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| Are NGED still going to publish an alternative ECR which shows individual project gated status (G1, G2 etc)?                                                                                                                                                                                                           | We are looking at refreshing the data available in our Clearview platform which will show gated status: <a href="https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/clear-view/clear-view-connect/">https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/clear-view/clear-view-connect/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Is NGED planning any reinforcement to the HV/EHV network? we are aware of long standing constraints at BSPs that are significantly curtailing new generation projects at 11kV. CMP446 was to promote sub 5MVA projects but without reinforcement this won't be realised.                                               | We are currently drafting our Network Reinforcement Plans for the ED3 period. CMP446 lifted the barrier in terms of the Transmission Impact Assessment for generators – it does however mean that there are distribution constraints in some areas. If your projects are affected, we can look at network reinforcement, so we'd suggest getting in contact with your planners to find out more about the options we're already looking at. Our Network Development Plan is a 10 year horizon, looking across the network and identifying where we are planning investment. This is a useful starting place and can be downloaded from our website: <a href="https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/resource-centre/publications-library">https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/resource-centre/publications-library</a> |
| In the last published run rate (June Webinar) the Coventry GSP was in the second batch and now it is in the second to last batch. What has caused this change? And how likely is it to change again? Will you update connection customers regularly?                                                                   | Publishing the run rates online will help to share visibility of any changes. In this example, an updated run rate has come from NESO to ourselves, so we have had to update the order.<br>We are pushing hard to keep the run rates as currently advertised.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Pls can NGED confirm how they deal with one-off works triggered at a GSP that benefit the connection of more than one generation customer? Who do NGED pass those costs on to, the triggering (1st) embedded generator or do they spread the one-off costs across all customers that rely on those transmission works? | If it's an infrastructure GSP, then the costs are socialised across the Transmission Network User System Charges, which are not directly passed on to customers.<br>If it's a Connection GSP, this links back to DCP431 Code Mod as, currently, we need to apportion the costs across all customers who have triggered the work. There is a risk is some schemes fall away that the remaining schemes might be left with the full costs.<br>We realise that this isn't a clean process, which is why we raised the code mod. We hope that this will move towards a cost apportion approach where any remainder is socialised across the Distribution Use of System (DUOS) or a 'second comer' approach.                                                                                                   |

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| <p>Are NGED planning any reinforcement to the HV/EHV network?</p> <p>LCCC are aware of this risk of dates. But Phase 2 is effectively outside of the allowable energisation date unless the date is the very earliest Phase 2 date (2031). For ref this came up with LCCC on Tuesday this week and they are aware how close the Phase 2 dates are etc.</p>                                                                              | <p>We will not know the Phase 2 dates until we receive the formal Gate 2 offers from NESO, but where dates are later than customers want, we will look at interim non-firm Technical Limits acceleration where possible.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>For a Phase 2 project where the current Point of Connection is already well-positioned — within 500 metres of the site — what is the process for a developer to formally flag to NGED that they want this PoC protected ahead of their Gate 2 offer being issued? And will NGED give advance notice of any proposed PoC change before the offer is issued, rather than the developer first seeing it on receipt of the variation</p> | <p>We are looking at Connection Reform as an opportunity to optimise the Point of Connection where possible. We wouldn't change the POC without giving advance notice to customers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>For projects which had their 2a protection status allocation for Phase 1 confirmed but have not yet received their Gate 2 variation offer, can you confirm whether they still retain this protection classification?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Yes, this is retained. Nothing has changed on 2a protection as we go into Gate 2 Phase 1. 2a protection gives customers the right to a Gate 2 connection but does not protect the point of connection or date of works, as confirmed on 8 December 2025.</p>                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Will the planners know what's being considered in ED3?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>The engineers are actively working on our ED3 plan. This has not been finalised and is subject to change. We would recommend looking at our Network Development Plan (NDP) as it gives a strategic view of the works required out to 2035.<br/><a href="https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/resource-centre/publications-library">https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/resource-centre/publications-library</a></p> |
| <p>Will Gate 2 Phase 1 AtV Offer include bay sharing and transmission works summary?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>They will have the transmission works and costs in them.<br/>With regards to bay sharing, any additional infrastructure works (eg delivering a new bay) are part of an ongoing discussion with NGET.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Will new Behind-the-Meter wind generation - so, effectively Demand Reduction - application for existing commercial demand-connected sites be prioritised?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | If this is truly behind the meter – ie that there is no export going onto Transmission – then the prioritisation will be in the order of the distribution queue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Can technical limits customers request enduring curtailed connection to avoid contributing to potential transmission reinforcement costs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | This is not something that we can currently offer; however we are exploring with TOs and other DNOs at the moment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>The prioritisation of hybrid projects mentioned in previous webinars, does this include adding new technology to existing generation (eg. adding solar to old wind sites) or does it only apply to adding a second technology to new Gate 2 offers?</p> <p>Worth clarifying the 'behind the meter' meaning that caught us in the past. Adding tech to an existing site and keeping same export does not count as behind the meter cause the new tech will be exporting to grid (within the limits of the existing CA)</p> | <p>As part of the readiness declaration NGED will be asking the customer if the technology they are requesting G2 for is part of a hybrid site. Where this is the case NGED will pass that information through to NESO for them to use this information when reviewing strategic alignment and queue formation.</p> <p>In regards to the behind the meter comment, if a scheme is using all power locally and not exporting into the grid, this is what is meant by 'behind the meter'.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| How do you determine how much of the cost of a distribution connection can be socialised? Is there for instance a number of houses or volume of demand, that determines socialisation of the cost?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>When we cost our connections offers, the charging is outlined in our Connections Charging Methodology. Generally, if assets are installed for sole use, then they would be 100% funded by the applicant.</p> <p>When it comes to reinforcement of the network, there is some asymmetry between demand and generation. For upstream demand, the majority of upstream demand reinforcement on the network would be socialised.</p> <p>For generation, if you're reinforcing at the same voltage that you're connecting into, it's apportioned between you and the network operator. If it's at a higher voltage, generally it would be funded by the DNO unless it's over a cost cap of £200/KW.</p> |

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| Can a Project with a gate 2 phase 2 offer with Technical limits before 2031, only accept the firm offer part and not connect on the non-firm date?                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | We are happy to review this on a scheme by scheme basis, subject to the firm works outcome and technical limits position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| How do NGED deal with old connected wind farms which want to replace the old WTG's with new ones and extend the life of the wind farm? If MEC stays same, what is process for agreeing these changes with NGED and do NESO have to get involved?                                                                                                                              | If it doesn't detriment the network, it would be deemed as a No Works Offer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>There was mention of the ability to accept (or not) individual technologies in the Gate 2 Offers.</p> <p>Is there a risk, at least in theory, that those who have securitised against the T works that this removal/reduction could mean the Customer is at risk of charges as a result of this reduction/change or has NGED/DNO's agreed with NESO this isn't a risk?</p> | We will take this away and confirm the precise position with NESO, and update customers at the next webinar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| If say a connection at 132kV is the current state and a new point of connection at 33kV with a slightly lower capacity becomes available as a result of connections reforms would that be offered and does the Gate 2 Zonal Capacity for the Technology move with the POC as long as its still under the same GSP Group?                                                      | This would depend on how much lower capacity is available. We try to get into the detail at the connection application stage, and give tipping point information at this stage. If you have a specific project in mind, do reach out to the planner involved with that connection who can give you an idea of when the capacity is likely to be available. |

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