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Connections Reform Webinar

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Joe Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract Management

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- Phase 1 Run Rate Update
- Curtailment Tool Updates

Joe

CMP434 (Enduring process) update

Kyle Smith

Senior Connections Strategy & Reform Manager

Curate Consultation

Kyle

Communications Update

Neil Hopkins

Communications Manager

Q&A Session

Panel

Webinar Date: 13 August 2026

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Welcome

Joe Martin

Head of Connections

Customer Contract Management

Connections Reform | Key updates and Developments



Key milestones

- We have issued our first 3 Phase 1 offers to customers
- On-track to deliver all batch 2, 4 and 5 GSP offers by published date – more information on slide 7
- Holding bespoke GSP webinars for all phase 1 batches to communicate high-level outcome prior to offer issue. We have held our first two and recording/content is available on our website



How have we been preparing and what happens next?

- Making improvements to our contract based on internal and external feedback
- Including Technical Limit acceleration Expression of Interest offering for Phase 1
- Planning an in-person Connections Reform today, tomorrow and beyond event – 5 November, Warwick



How are we improving our communications?

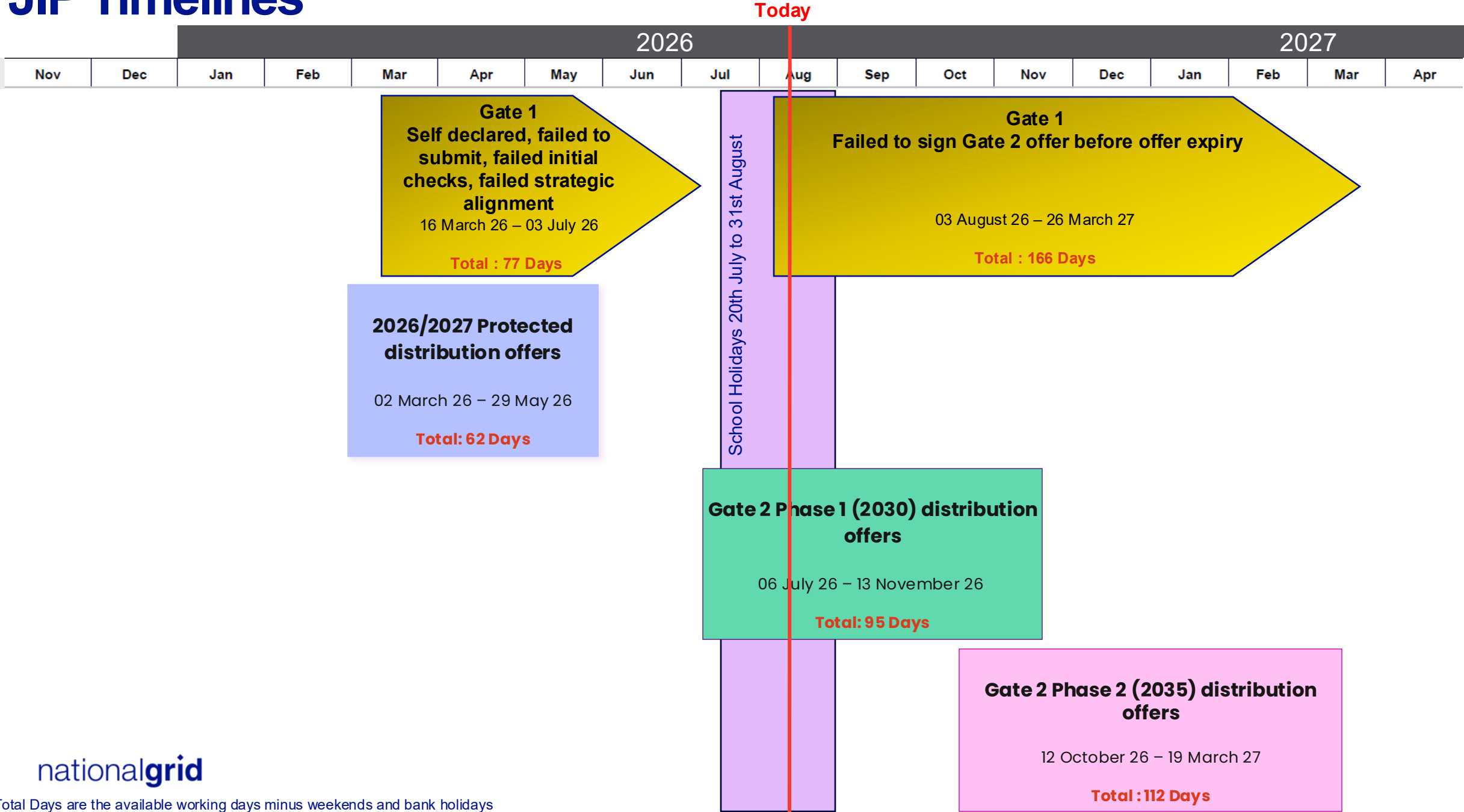
- New event invite platform
- Run rates page updating weekly
- Customer feedback from Gate 1 and Protected phases to be sought – your voice matters!

Progress Update

Joseph Martin

Head of Connections Customer Contract
Management

JIP Timelines



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

GSP Batch Offer Run Rates | Best view dated 06 Aug 2026

*TOCO – Transmission Owner Connection Offer
**ATV – Agreement to Vary
Green = Received or Issued

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	06 July 2026	22 June 2026	24 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	03 Aug 2026	20 July 2026	27 July 2026	03 Aug 2026	10 Aug 2026
Expected AtV receipt from NESO	10 July 2026	15 & 17 July 2026	27 July 2026	28 July 2026	4 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	24 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
Status	Offer Issued – 7 Aug 2026	Offers being prepared	N/A	Offers being prepared	Offers being prepared	Awaiting information	Awaiting information	Awaiting information	Awaiting information	Awaiting information
GSPs per Batch	Swansea North	Exeter		Landulph	Grange	Alverdiscott	West Burton	Iron Acton	Coventry	Grendon
				Port Ham	Bridgwater	Lea Marston	Cardiff East	East Claydon	Berkswell	Walpole
				Taunton	Sandford	Indian Queens	Pyle	Willington	Rassau	Ratcliffe
				Upper Boat 132 & 33 KV		Axminster	Drakelow	Staythorpe	Feckenham	Cellarhead
						Pembroke			Uskmouth	
						Chesterfield			Rugeley	

Connections Reform | Offers Updates

NGED Detailed Breakdown – Protected and Phase 1

	Offers to be sent	Number of offers sent	Rejected	Rejected %	Accepted	% Accepted
Protected*	154	154	2	1%	152	99%
Phase 1	107	3	-	-	1	1%

Protected
*We issued all our Protected offers within the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) timeline and have got everything into a signed or rejected position

ENA Connections Reform Dashboard – Protected and Phase 1

All Offers Issued						
Description: Volumes of offers issued to customers, for protected projects offers with protected status of 1 and 2a* and Phase 1, including T & D breakdown and % completion against target volumes.						
D offers	Protected Offers		Phase 1 Offers		Total Offers**	
	Target 426	Offered 426	Target 291	Offered* 1	Target 717	Offered 427
	Target 289	Offered 289	Target 342	Offered 79	Target 631	Offered 368
	TOTAL	Target 715	Offered 715	Target 633	Offered 80	Target 1348

The table above shows the number of Protected and Phase 1 offers sent and accepted for D and T*.
*Data correct to 12.00 09 August 2026

*Phase 1 D offers begin mid-July
**Total offers tracking to Nov 2026 targets (end of Phase 1)

Connections Reform | Contracts Updates

Phase 1 Offer Update

- We have issued our first 3 offers GSP (Swansea North) ahead of our published timeline
- We expect NGED will need to issue 107 offers to customers for phase 1
- We have received offers for Batch 2, 4 and 5 and they are progressing well internally with Batch 6 anticipated this week

NESO Offer Sequencing

- We are still seeing some change offer sequencing from NGET/NESO
- We are keeping a best view of Transmission Owner Connection Offers (TOCO) and NESO Agreement to Vary (AtV) here:

<https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/connections-reform/gate-2-phase-1-offer-schedule>

- You can also find all the recordings of the high-level GSP insights and timelines here

Technical Limits Project Update

- Going into Phase 1 and Phase 2 NGED will provide Expressions of Interest alongside the relevant Gate 2 variations
- Schemes that have no Transmission Works will not require or be eligible for a Technical Limit Expression of Interest (EOI)
- Schemes which have a pre-existing Technical Limits solution will not be eligible

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Gate 2 Variation Improvements:

- Ability to reject or accept individual technologies
- Can confirm if would like to progress with a Technical Limits Expression of Interest
- Site Specific Conditions
- Front Page Improvements

Gate 2 to Gate 1

- 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
- Customers moving from Gate 2 to Gate 1 will not receive their refund within 30 days of the NESO Agreement to Vary (AtV). It could up to six weeks after the 30 days (total 10 weeks)

Connections Reform | Curtailment Estimator Update

- ☒ About the site
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Connection details

Help me find my node / busbar

Site location

Site Postcode

OX16 6TY

Edit

Select voltage level

11kV☐

33kV☐

66kV☒

132kV☐

Select a substation

Banbury 132/11kv	1.3km East Midlands	66 kV ☐
Bloxham 66/11kv	4.9km West Midlands	66 kV ☐
Epwell 66/11kv	10.0km West Midlands	66 kV ☐

Continue

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Connections Reform | Curtailment Estimator Update

BETA

Curtailment Estimator

Explore the estimated level of curtailment for your distributed energy resources such as wind, solar PV or battery storage due to constraints managed by NGED.

This tool specifically focuses on the anticipated curtailment a scheme may be subject to due to Active Network Management (ANM) and its dependency on the queue ahead in the Last In First Out (LIFO) stack.

Sign in

This tool is currently in Beta and only available for users with a scheme which has received a Gate 2 outcome following Connection Reform. You will need to enter your enquiry number and Offer issue date, which can be found within the original Connection Offer letter from National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED).

More to come

- Add New Connection Site
- Enable/disable Technical Limits
- User half hourly result download
- Multiple year weather profiles selector
- Scenario Selector (Initial/future network)
- Reinforcement Modelling
- User DER profile upload
- Import Analysis
- Load Forecasting

<https://curtailment.nationalgrid.co.uk/sign-in>

CMP434 Update

Kyle Smith

Senior Connections Strategy &
Reform Manager

Connections Reform | CMP434 Next Application Window (NAW)

What is the first CMP434 window?

- It is the first transmission Gated Application Window under the new queue management process
- It is for projects to submit applications to be assessed for **Gate 2 status**.
- The first CMP434 window is the first opportunity for projects to apply under the reformed connections process and be assessed for a place in the re-prioritised connections queue
- We are expecting these windows to be biannual (twice a year)

Why has it not been finalised?

- There are still ongoing discussions led by NESO on when the first CMP434 window will open
- Key areas that are being discussed:
 - What the purpose of the first window is for
 - What application types will it allow
 - How will demand reform and Embedded Demand Reform be included
- We have been proactively preparing for this first window so will be ready when NESO confirm the date

Curate Consultation

Kyle Smith

Senior Connections Strategy & Reform
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Ofgem Demand Connections Reform – Curate consultation

Following on from Ofgem’s February 2026 call for input, they have published a consultation focusing on measures to tackle data centre growth, notably a data centre commitment fee and additional queue management milestones. This consultation is open until 16th September.

Reminder of the three pillars to Ofgem’s Demand Connections Reform

Curate	Plan	Connect
Reducing speculative, non-viable projects in the queue and ensuring viable projects can progress.	Focus on how to plan for growth in data centre sector alongside the energy system and prioritise strategic projects.	Developing new approaches and arrangements to accelerate and increase the number of connections
Policy	Description	
Data Centre Commitment Fee	• Applicable to all 40MW+ data centres that require a Transmission Evaluation Assessment (TEA), new and existing. • Proposed fee is £237,500 – £712,500 per MW as a lump sum. • Refundable on energisation.	
Data Centre Milestones	• Preferred approach is to apply milestones to all data centres 10MW+. • Three new milestones (M2.Dc and M6.Dc required at same time as M2 and M6): • M0.5.Dc = Pathway selection (self-operation or Lease/Sale) and non-binding compute offtaker evidence • M2.Dc = Long-lead procurement evidence • M6.Dc = Financial Capability and Technical Capability. For Lease/Sale pathway, binding compute offtaker evidence	

Our position

We support Ofgem’s refined proposals under the Curate pillar.

A number of key points that were included in our February 2026 response have carried through to these proposals:



Option 1A preferred for the data centre commitment fee



High threshold to minimize impact on smaller connections (40MW+ for fee, 10MW+ for milestones)



Supportive of milestones being applied to distribution-connected demand.

Communications Update

Neil Hopkins

Communications Manager

Communications Update | August 2026

Customer webinar updates – from September 2026

- Webinars will move to Wednesdays
- We're trialling a new invitation process as well
- Aim is to improve how we communicate before and after these sessions

GSP Level Updates

- GSP Level updates are being provided via our website: <https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/connections-reform/gate-2-phase-1-offer-schedule/>
- Videos and slide packs from each session are being added for full customer visibility of engineering findings

Connections Reform – today, tomorrow and beyond

- Event planned for 5 November 2026
- Sharing the next level of insights for future connections (whether demand or generation)
- Exploring what the latest changes mean for those already in the pipeline
- Cross industry Q&A Panel
- Look out for an invitation soon!



The screenshot shows a webinar page for 'Electricity Distribution' by 'nationalgrid'. The title is 'Connections Reform Customer Webinar - September 2026'. The date and time are '16 September 2026 - 13:00 - 14:00'. The status is 'Status: Spaces Available'. The page includes a section 'The Plan' with bullet points: 'Progress against the Joint Industry Plan', 'Gate 2 Phase 1 Offer progress', and 'Demand Reform'. It also mentions 'We're here to answer your questions, so there will be time for live Q&A as well.' and 'We hope that you can join us. To register your place, please follow the registration instructions below.' A link to 'Connections Reform website' is provided. A 'Do you have a question for the team?' section suggests following a link to presubmit questions. An 'Event Details' box on the right lists the date, time, status, location (Online), and organizer (Dave Tuffery, Head of System Access Reform, NGED).

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Connections Reform Customer Webinar - September 2026

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The next Connections Reform webinar will be held on 16 September 2026 at 13:00 - and we'd be delighted if you'd join us!

The Plan

In under 60 minutes, we'll share the latest information on:

- Progress against the Joint Industry Plan
- Gate 2 Phase 1 Offer progress
- Demand Reform

We're here to answer your questions, so there will be time for live Q&A as well.

We hope that you can join us. To register your place, please follow the registration instructions below.

If you've missed any of our previous webinars, slide packs and Q&As are available through our [Connections Reform website](#).

Do you have a question for the team?

[Please follow this link](#) to presubmit any questions to the team before the webinar.

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Q&A Session

Q&A



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We'll be answering pre-submitted questions then moving onto live questions.

If you see a question submitted by another attendee which you would like to hear answered, please use the vote arrow icon on the question

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
Do we have a date yet for the next Gate 2 opening?	We will be processing Gate 2 Phase 2 Offers from 12 October 2026 and anticipate completing Phase 2 by the middle of March 2027. This will be subject to NGED receiving the Agreement to Vary from NESO. We currently are not aware of when a new CMP435 window will open.
For the 3a, 3b projects that have now received planning consent, should we be submitting the details to NGED now, so that they can submit to NESO when the next window opens?	Since achieving planning is a milestone, you may wish to submit this information to the engineer who is looking after your project. Currently NGED do not have an open window to receive an evidence submission; however, when a window is opened, we will require this information alongside all other evidence to confirm your protected status. We will clearly communicate this window to customers.
NESO recently changed the Connections Reform Methodology to prioritise hybrid and repowering projects in future Gate 2 windows. Why have hybrid projects not been prioritised in the CMP435 window? Is this prioritisation change forward looking only? If a BESS project that is applying for Gate 2 in the future is co-located with a Solar project that has Gate 2, will this BESS project be treated as stand-alone even though it is actually co-located?	While the methodologies have been changed for future CMP434 windows, these changes are only forward looking and do not impact CMP435. As you have mentioned, Hybrid and re-powering projects do have a priority within the queue position. As such, an existing site which only has one technology currently in the Gate 2 queue, looking to add another, would be considered a Hybrid in a CMP434 window. The queue position for the second technology would then be positioned according to the methodology (this would have no impact on the existing Gate 2 queue for the first technology). The second technology would be subject to the "strategic alignment" criteria and if the technology allocation is full, it would not receive a Gate 2.
What is the plan for providing investor confidence to projects confirmed as "protected" but being treated as G2P2? Are G2 offers for such projects being prioritised ahead of standard G2P2 projects?	The Joint Industry Plan is published and updated regularly on our website showing which GSP falls into which batch. NGED cannot progress until the necessary ATV has been complete.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
Please provide clarity on programme for demand connections reform	The demand connections reform programme is still evolving. Ofgem have set a framework for policy change across the curate, plan and connect pillars. Early changes focus on ensuring needed and viable data centres can connect, so the demand queue does not grow as it did for generation. Curate has a consultation open on data centres, and we expect DESNZ to publish further detail on strategic prioritisation before the end of the year. Other initiatives include mirroring products and requirements already introduced for generation, such as non-firm connections and readiness assessments. We will keep you updated as the programme develops.
What's happening with data centres and prioritisation?	Ofgem have a curate consultation out now proposing additional milestones for data centres and a financial mechanism aimed at very large data centres. We also expect DESNZ to release further information on prioritisation towards the end of the year.
What percentage of Gate 2 offers issued have been not accepted as issued to-date?	For NGED offers 152 out of 154 Gate 2 Protected offers have been accepted to date. Only 1% have not yet been accepted. We will update the phase 1 offers and you can look at the ENA tracker to get a view for all of distribution and transmission.
Why are high A&D fees being charged on minor connection quotations? Bearing in mind only one other DNO is operating in this manner	The A&D fees are calculated based on the time and effort of NGED specialists to complete network studies and design new connections. They are published in NGED's Statement of Methodology and Charges. Payment of A&D fees is required upon acceptance of the offer for LV connections, to reflect the time and effort spent. All charges are in accordance with Electricity (Connection Offer Expenses) Regulations.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
We are very keen to understand what NGED are planning as part of their ED3 submissions to OFGEM in December this year to include reinforcement works to Bulk Supply Points which we have identified in DNO surgeries whereby a number of Engineers have identified significant curtailment risk and ANM full to the brim. This is not a GSP issue but a BSP issue. Without this work, many projects that are in the connections queue may not go ahead and further delaying our climate change targets.	The part of our business plan for ED3 focus on improving the capacity of our network is informed by our strategic planning process led by our Distribution System Operator. In 2025 we hosted 544 surgeries with stakeholders to gather data into our Distribution Future Energy Scenarios process (supplemented by our connections queue), which is used as the basis of our ED3 plans to forecast where load will increase across our network. This process feeds into detailed technical analysis to identify investment needs, which is what we will be submitting in our business plan in November 2025.
When is the next CMP434 window expected to open? Assuming some projects with Gate 2 variations either don't accept their offer or fall away for other reasons (e.g. planning consent expired while they were stuck waiting for Gate 2), when can customers behind them in the queue expect to hear if this enables their own project to be given an earlier firm/non-firm connection?	The dates for the first CMP434 window have not yet been confirmed. We are proactively engaging with NESO to open the window as soon as reasonably practicable. Reallocation of capacity is outlined within the methodologies submitted by NESO to Ofgem. We are working with NESO on the details of exactly how this reallocation of embedded capacity is carried out. Once we have more information we will share this within our monthly webinar updates.
Over the last few months, a significant number of projects have dropped out of the connection queue. This may have reduced, or in some cases eliminated, the need for previously identified network reinforcements. Could you please advise when the network capacity created by these withdrawn schemes is formally released and becomes available for new connection applications? Additionally, how can developers determine whether this capacity has been released? Is there a mechanism, publication, or process that confirms when the network has been updated to reflect the withdrawal of these projects?	Throughout the protected stage, NGED saw 99% of variations accepted. As we move into Phase 1, we are due to start sending variations to these customers. Upon receiving these, customers will have the choice of accepting or not proceeding. If customers choose not to proceed this capacity would fall into the reallocation process outlined within NESO's methodologies submitted to Ofgem. We are currently working with NESO on the details of how this reallocation will be carried out with existing customers who have Gate 2 offers and what capacity would be made available within future windows.

Presubmitted questions

Question	Answer
Why is a Letter of Comfort required - at great cost - when securities are frozen for payment method? Especially given we do not have gate 2 offer. issued.	Securities may be frozen but the liabilities are not. Although developers do not need to place additional securities there is still a requirement to have the necessary liabilities covered.
I am particularly interested in updates or impacts for export/import connection requests on the Grendon GSP	We regularly update our external datasets that shows the anonymised generation queue at all GSPs, this can be found on our Connected Data Portal. We have also started publishing a demand register that we are going to continue developing in conjunction with the ongoing Ofgem work to create a Demand Capacity Register (DCR). This will include information on Grendon GSP.
What has changed that community energy or local projects need to be most aware of?	There is nothing within Connections Reform that specifically gives Community Energy projects preference within the connections queue. However, NGED have been advocating with Ofgem the need for a Community Energy Definition which then may allow for future changes within a connections process. There is also Shared Ownership that is being looked at by GB Energy and NGED is also looking at this via the Matchmaker innovation project, but this is something very much in consideration stages at this moment in time. The TIA threshold moving from 1MW to 5MW is a bonus for CE groups and the projects For more information, please visit https://commercial.nationalgrid.co.uk/our-community/community-energy or email box.nged.communityenergy@nationalgrid.com

Live Q&A

Question	Answer
Please can NGED provide some clarity on the process of re-assessing Offers where queue drop-outs occur. For example, we have projects that were issued 132kV Offers even where we had requested 33kV. If 33kV projects ahead of us in the queue (same MW and tech) drop out will NGED commit to re-assess our Offer to ensure it remains the 'minimum scheme'? Is there a Policy doc/statement available?	If schemes drop out of the queue, we do look to see if we can improve the Point of Connection for subsequent schemes. For example, there are times when we'll look at a 33kV solution if it is available, ensuring that we meet minimum scheme requirements.
Does NGED expect to allow Gate 2 Phase 1 projects to connect after 2030 where reasonable circumstances exist?	This would be a conversation to have with the relevant engineer working on your project. We're here to facilitate legitimate connections and the developers who are working towards building those projects. If it's a reasonable delay that can be evidenced, we will consider that in the connection dates that we're providing.
What action do we need to take to access the expression of interest for earlier connection under Technical limits?	There will be a link in your offers to express an interest in the Technical Limits solution.
Is there a need to waste time on asking for Expression of interest for acceleration, when we have already expressed our interest to accelerate on a project basis during the evidence submission window? my view is that NGED should provide a TL offer where ever possible. If the customer do not accept TL then the project falls back to date without TL.	We have considered this; if we provided a technical limits study for all schemes, it would have a knock-on effect for all of the following schemes in the pipeline. We are focused on getting customers' variations out to them as swiftly and efficiently as possible, and so have prioritised our resource accordingly. We also note that customers' circumstances may have changed and an expression of interest for a technical limits non-firm agreement slightly differs from the evidence submission acceleration question. Due to the above point, we believe that it is most efficient to request an EOI for technical limits.
How reliable is NGED's curtailment analysis tool? Can we assume curtailment will be the same on our Gate 2 offer?	The curtailment estimator is intended to give an indicative estimate of curtailment. We recommend getting a third-party assessment carried out to get a holistic view of the likely curtailment a scheme may experience. Future releases of the curtailment estimator will make it possible to configure more variables, which are applied when NGED carry out analysis for Gate 2 offers, to reflect various scenarios. As a result it is possible a report from the curtailment estimator may have some differences to a report issued directly from NGED.

Live Q&A

Question	Answer
Are you expecting to see higher rejection rates in the Phase 1 & 2 Offers?	It is up to customers to make the decision on whether to accept or reject the offers. During the protected phase, we sent 154 offers and only had 2 rejections; however we can't necessarily project this forward into future phases as it's really for our customers to decide.
Cellarhead substation was originally in batch 4, then 5, now 9, and is being pushed back one month every new update (from mid August to Mid October in 3 months time) we receive. What is the reason for this? Why has Cellarhead GSP moved from batch 5 to batch 10 ? Is this NESO or NGED decision?	The batches are determined by NESO, rather than NGED. Cellarhead is a particularly complex GSP, and this complexity has driven its position in the batches.
Where can we find the link to curtailment calculator?	This can be found on our website: https://curtailment.nationalgrid.co.uk/sign-in
What is the current status of projects who are waiting for CMP434. Are they gate 1?	Some projects will have received a Gate 1 status, having been allocated this through the the CMP435 process. Other projects have applied for a distribution offer since the CMP435 process started, but haven't gone through a Transmission Impact Assessment yet. This happens during the gated windows, so they aren't Gate 1 as they are awaiting to proceed through a gated window.
Where can I find the GSP-specific webinars?	These are on our website here: https://connections.nationalgrid.co.uk/connections-reform/gate-2-phase-1-offer-schedule

Live Q&A

Question	Answer
Next Gate 2 window - are we likely looking at middle of next year now for next window?	At the moment, we don't have a definitive answer. We are hoping for more information over the coming weeks/months and will share it as soon as it's available.
Are the GSP webinars being held live that customers can attend or are they recorded only? Don't think i have seen any invites for them?	Customers connecting to the GSPs are directly invited to a live session where our teams share the high level view of any issues affecting those GSPs. We upload the full recording to our website afterwards so no-one misses any important information, but the live sessions are purely focused on those customers at each GSP.
Are NGED allowing revalidation (Option A) of Gate 1 offers currently?	Yes, we are. To do this, please either speak with the engineering primary network design team member you've been working with, or let our central team know and we'll forward it on. (box.ConnectionsReformNGED@nationalgrid.co.uk)
Hybrid prioritisation for CMP434. Is this forward looking only? Is there a minimum MW for the child project? How is a BESS project treated that is co-located with Solar, but the BESS is Gate 1 and the Solar is Gate 2? Is the BESS now treated as a standalone project for CMP434?	On the parent/child question, please review the methodologies as submitted to Ofgem. If Ofgem approve these, we will be providing more information on how this will work for our customers. On the prioritisation of a hybrid scheme, as per the methodologies submitted to Ofgem, if one technology already has a Gate 2 offer and you want to add another technology, you'll be able to specify this on your gated application. This will then be assessed in line with the CNDM and Gate 2 Methodologies process.

Live Q&A

Question	Answer
When is new technical limits opportunity going to open in NGED embedded offers?	We are open for an expression of interest throughout Phase 1 and Phase 2, with offers being sent to customers upon expressions being received and appropriate review/study being carried out.
From what you have seen from NESO so far for the Phase 1 non protected schemes, do you have a feel for how many are coming in pre 2030 or how many are slipping into phase 2?	We are currently at the early stage of Phase 1, and, so far, we haven't seen any transmission works come through. We don't know what the later stages will look like until we see the TOCOs and AtVs from NESO.
Is NESO or NGED /NGET doing any revisions in which kV projects are connected to? eg moving up to 400 kV instead of 132 kV?	We don't have visibility of the transmission queue, in terms of access for transmission customers. NESO do, however, and that's why they're doing the whole queue alignment for us.
When do you expect to next update your embedded capacity register? Last updated on 10/6/2026.	The content is kept up to date on a monthly basis – we are investigating why the latest date isn't showing correctly.
Are there plans to update the ECR to only show gate 2 projects? And if so will this be included in the curtailment tool	The ECR is governed by DCUSA, and any changes would need to go through a change proposal. The curtailment estimator already only shows projects with a gate 2 outcome.

Live Q&A

Question	Answer
Will Phase 1 offers include the same clause on risk of changes to TIA following acceptance of a Gate 2 offer. Projects need cost certainty to proceed and threat / risk of additional cost or delay triggered by other projects offers is a real concern.	Yes, they will. This isn't a new clause, instead it's a summary of the clauses that were in your pre-existing contract.
Where is technical limits link located on your web?	It is not on the website - it will be sent to customers who are eligible when the variation is sent
What about PV and BESS with 0 MW MIC? How would this arrangement be treated? Would this also be considered a parent-and-child?	We are working with NESO to understand how this will work in the future. As soon as we have more information, we'll share it through one of our customer webinars.

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