

Invitation to Tender for Static Reactive Power service

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Dear tender participants,

General updates for Mersey region static reactive power tender

Following the Invitation to Tender for reactive power services from April 2022, which was published on our website on 25th November 2019, we would like to provide the following updates to tender participants who received Technical information on the 28th February 2020.

Technical information of third party works assessment for applicable tertiary connections

As stated in the update on the 28th February 2020 a separate email will be shared later today with specific providers looking to connect to the transmission system where additional third-party works may be required to address any impact to the distribution network; this is generally related to tertiary connections.

Further updates to be shared by the 20th March 2020

Clarification to assessment methodology

In addition to the update that was provided on the 28th February 2020 we will sharing further detailed information on the assessment methodology.

Potential updates to the Standard Contract Terms

We have received feedback on the Continued Performance Failure clause 3.4 and the new Termination clause 6.6 that was introduced in the revised terms dated 28th February 2020. We have been reviewing this feedback and will provide a further update as to whether we believe these terms need to be amended. Please note if we do amend the terms they will not include additional or more onerous obligations as currently stated.

For the avoidance of doubt, we will not be considering any further amendments to the terms at this stage as we recognise that tender participants will be submitting their commercial offers based on the published terms.

Site specific information

We are also seeking further site specific information from the TO on deliverability of solutions connected at the Transmission level to meet the service commencement date.

Next Steps and timescales

Monday 25 th November 2019	Tender published
Friday 13 th December 2019	Providers submit Technical Data (Section A)
Friday 28 th February 2020	NGESO returns Technical Information (Section B)
Friday 13 th March 2020	NGESO returns additional technical information of third party works assessment for applicable tertiary connections
Friday 20 th March 2020	NGESO will provide more detail on assessment methodology, contract terms and site specific information from the TO
Friday 27 th March 2020	Providers submit Commercial Tender (Section C)
Thursday 7 th May 2020 ¹	Contracts Awarded
Friday 1 st April 2022	Service Commences

This timetable has now been updated to include a new stage to communicate additional information on the assessment methodology, contract terms and site specific information from the TO. All other timescales remain as per the table communicated on the 28th February 2020.

We would like to thank all tender participants for your continued patience and cooperation throughout the tender process.

Further Information

For further information please contact commercial.operation@nationgrideso.com or call 01926 654611.

Yours faithfully

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¹ This is the latest we will publish the results, we will endeavour to publish these results earlier if possible.