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Electricity System Operator and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero HNDFUE Phase update

The Electricity System Operator (ESO) for Great Britain has concluded an important phase of the Holistic Network Design Follow-Up Exercise, meeting the Terms of Reference set by the Offshore Transmission Network Review, a UK government led review.

The ESO will now work with Ofgem during their asset classification process, and with Transmission Owners and developers to:

- determine wider grid reinforcements that will also be needed across the electricity system
- develop connection agreements
- agree delivery timescales

This will be published as part of the second Transitional Centralised Strategic Network Plan expected at the end of 2023, as we move towards a whole system approach to network planning that will be undertaken by the Future System Operator, once established.