

Implementing Connections Reform- NGET response

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Dear Code Administrator,

This document represents the views of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) in response to the three methodologies, '**Project Designation Methodology**', '**Gate 2 Criteria Methodology**' and the '**Connections Network Design Methodology**' released by NESO in addition to the three code administrator consultations on '**CMP434 – Implementing Connections Reform**', '**CM095 – Implementing Connections Reform**' and '**CMP435 – Application of Gate 2 criteria to existing contracted background**'.

NGET develops, owns, and operates the high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales. We are committed to playing a leading role in delivering a secure, affordable, and clean energy transition in the interest of our customers and consumers.

In summary, we support the intent of the respective methodologies to support the code modifications in implementation of a new and improved connections process and the application of their relevant criteria to the existing contracted background. We also feel the introduction of the methodologies marks a positive move towards a more strategically considered connections landscape.

However, we have concerns regarding some areas of the proposed methodologies in achieving their desired purpose and provide clear recommendations for how to address these concerns.

We hope that our recommendations can be fully considered to ensure holistic and effective reform across the connections landscape. Please contact Jade Ison or Richard Woodward if you require further information on any aspect of our response or wish to discuss.

Sincerely,



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