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Dear requester

## Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 11 March 2025.

We have determined that the information you have requested meets the definition of 'environmental information' at Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and your request has therefore been considered under that legislation.

## Request

You asked us for:

- *guidance, or indeed clarification, of a proposed BESS scheme: NatPower project PRO-004432.*
- *clarification on what exactly the status of the project on the portal means*
- *an outline of the process of obtaining such a 'grid connection offer', and exactly what such an offer means for any potential developers.*

## Our response

We confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

- *guidance, or indeed clarification, of a proposed BESS scheme: NatPower project PRO-004432.*

The TEC Register is a list of projects that hold contracts for Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC). These include existing and future connection projects that can be directly connected to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) or make use of it.

The register provides information by project, including customer, connection substation, MW capacity and target effective date, status, technology type and host Transmission Owner.

Project PRO-004432 currently has an entry on the TEC Register, showing the connection substation as 'North Wales connection Node A 400kV Substation', capacity of 1000MW, target effective date of 31/10/2037, with a project status of 'scoping' (register checked 8 April 2025).

The Register is published twice a week, and the latest version is available on the NESO Data Portal: [Transmission Entry Capacity \(TEC\) register | National Energy System Operator](#).

- *clarification on what exactly the status of the project on the portal means*

Project statuses are categorised on the TEC Register as 'scoping', 'awaiting consents', 'consents approved', 'under construction' and 'built'. A project status of 'scoping' means that NESO has not yet received evidence that planning consents have been applied for.

- *an outline of the process of obtaining such a 'grid connection offer', and exactly what such an offer means for any potential developers.*

NESO's responsibility is to lead the connections application and offer process for direct connections to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS). Information on NESO's role in Connections is available here: [NESO's role in Connections | National Energy System Operator](#).

Information on the connections process, including information on applications through to connection, can be accessed here: [Your Connections journey | National Energy System Operator](#). Further information on the connections offer process is available here: [Connections Offer Process | National Energy System Operator](#).

This concludes our response to your request.

### **Advice and assistance**

You referred to a 'portal' in your request. In our response we have provided information available via the public TEC Register as this provides information on project statuses. For information, NESO's Connections portal is used by customers i.e., companies applying to connect to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS). Further information is available here: [Connections Portal | National Energy System Operator](#).

We hope that the information we have provided is helpful, however if you would like to request further information about the project or a particular aspect of the connections process, please let us know.

Please note that there are several exceptions within the EIR which allow public organisations to refuse requests, for example where the requested information is commercially sensitive or where there is a legal duty of confidentiality. Exceptions may apply to further information held relating to a specific project, however we will consider any request submitted on a case-by-case basis. Information on how NESO manages requests under the EIR and the Freedom of Information Act

2000, is available here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#).

The Transmission Owner, National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), may also hold information of relevance to your request. Their contact details are available here: [Environmental Information Regulations \("EIR"\) 2004 | National Grid ET](#).

### **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints). Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)