NESO Long-term EOI Stage Query Log

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	Query Date (dd/mm/yy)	Do you class this Tender Query as Confidential (Yes/No)	Technical/ Commercial Query	Tender Stage (Pre-tender, RFI, EOI, ITT, Contract Award)	Document Reference (if applicable)	Question Reference (if applicable)	Provider Query	Received Attachments	NESO Response	Associated Attachments (if applicable)	Open or Closed?	Date query published
1	26-Mar-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	I am one of a hundred or so people who voluntarily contribute to the GB Grid Forming Expert Group, who are helping NESO identify issues with the existing grid code requirement for Grid Forming resources I was surprised to see a requirement set out within the recent tender document regarding an upper limit of FFCI from GBGF-I. The requirements for FFCI and means for the NESO compliance team verifying grid code requirement have been met have been a topic for discussion within that group. 1) Prior to this query were you aware of the GBGF expert group? 2) Has the tender considered the scope of the discussion in the group? 3) Why have NESO chosen to include this requirement in the tender document rather than as a grid code modification request? 4) Is there any reason why NESO have chosen not to proactively make the GBGF Experts Group aware of this issue? 5) Have NESO considered the impact of the tender on Fault Levels and the need for substation reinforcement?	For reference please [see] attached presentations which explanations of how NESO will address the concerns rainsed by stakeholders within the GBGF Experts Group. 1."Grid Forming Compliance": Presentation Grid Forming Compliance highlighting how areas NESOs compliance team are struggling to interpret the grid code. 2."GBGF-I [OEM] view": Section 3 of the presentation from [OEM] "Need for „small iteration" of GC" 3."Fast Fault Current Injection, Short Circuit Level and Stability - 18Feb25": Un clear use of the term SCL within the context of stability tenders and the adverse impact on need for fault level reinforcement works as outline in the presentation. 4."Comments on GC0163 - 18Feb25": Interpretation of the impedance of a grid forming converter. See presentations 5."20240924 - GBGB Expert Group - Slides" The issues raised GBGF kick off meeting. [Redacted for confidentiality]	Thank you for these questions and for the additional documents you attached in relation to your questions. Please see responses to each of your bullet pointed questions below: 1) Yes, within NESO we work closely across teams on related matters. 2) At this time the Grid Forming Expert Group has not yet produced an agreed, finalised report. When a formal Grid Code modification is raised and progressed as a result of the Grid Forming Expert Group, this will be considered for any future tender events and their technical specifications as appropriate. 3) The GB Grid Code sets out the minimum technical requirements for plant connected to the system. The technical requirements for tenders are often above the minimum requirements set out in the Grid Code, this requirement for FFCI was also present in our Stability Pathfinder Phase 3 procurement. It is at NESO's discretion if specifications for tenders are above the minimum requirements set out in the Grid Code. We welcome industry to provide feedback on the technical specification as part of the consultation window. 4) Long-term 2029 is a competitive procurement event. To ensure a fair, equal and transparent process, the Long-term 2029 tender has been made public to all of industry at the same time through the NESO website and subsequently through the Operational Transparency Forum and then the NESO weekly newsletter. Making the Grid Forming Expert Group specifically aware of the tender prior to launch would result in unfair and unequal treatment compared to other market participants. Furthermore, NESO are not required to update the Expert Group of any tender activities we are undertaking prior to their launch. 5) The impact that any solution will have upon the relevant Transmission Owners equipment will be assessed by the TO as a part of the connections process.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
2	27-Mar-2025	No	Technical - Voltage	EOI	Voltage Technical Specification	N/A	Related to the voltage services aspect of the tender, the required fault ride though and reactive performance during temporary over voltage should be more clearly defined. Neither are clear in the existing grid code.	None	Thank you for your feedback. The Fault Ride Through requirements for Plant will follow those of the relevant technology of those in the Grid Code. The requirement for Temporary Overvoltage Withstand is for the requirement of TGN (E) 288.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
3	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Restoration Service	EOI	Restoration Technical Specification / Eligibility Criteria	N/A	I have read the eligibility criteria suggests that NESO is really looking to procured capabilities (Voltage/Stability/ESR) from new projects. For operational assets, they are only eligible if new investment is made to add these capabilities. (i.e. existing ESR or ORPS providers will not be able to bid for the same services). Could you or any relevant NESO colleagues confirm if this is correctly understood?	None	For the Voltage Service, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new or offer additional capability through incremental investment. The details of what constitutes a new solution or additional capability is defined in the Voltage Technical Specification. For the Restoration Service, similar to voltage, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new or offer additional capability through incremental investment. The details of what constitutes a new solution or additional capability is defined in the Restoration Technical Specification. For the Stability Service, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new, offer additional capability through incremental investment, or be an existing 0MW asset. The details of what constitutes a new solution or additional capability is defined in the Stability Technical Specification.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
4	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Restoration Service	EOI	Restoration Technical Specification	N/A	Please can NESO clarify whether making "Resilience of supply > 10 hours" a mandatory ESR requirement was an intentional change?	None	Yes, this was to ensure that top-up services are able to deliver sufficient support to the restoration process.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
5	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification and Effectiveness Factors	N/A	Some connection points contribute to addressing requirements in several locations. E.g. a solution at Chickerell 400kV can contribute to Stability requirements at Exeter 400kV, Seabank 400kV, and Minety 400kV. Is the intention that a solution could bid to provide the service across all of those regions, and potentially be accepted for all of them? Or could it only be accepted for one? If the former, would each bid count as a separate solution towards the solutions cap, or would it all just count as one solution?	None	Your understanding is correct that some substation locations may be acceptable towards multiple reference points (reference substations) within a region (location) of need or across multiple regions (locations) of need. In our Contract Award Criteria document, we have set out that: Solutions submitted at these substations can be considered as having a stability contribution for all regions that the site is effective towards. Solutions at substations which are only effective within one region of need will only be considered as having a stability contribution for that region of need. NESO intend to provide more details about this and the solution cap at ITT stage. Please note this response is specific to the Stability Service.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
6	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Voltage Service	EOI	Voltage Technical Specification	N/A	Can you please help clarify the difference between Static and Dynamic reactive power for me? Is it that a Static asset is expected to maintain the desired MVAr constantly, while a Dynamic asset could deliver varying amounts at any point in time, with the desired MVAr being the maximum it can deliver at?	None	Static reactive power is absorbed or injected depending on the asset (shunt reactor or shunt capacitor) at a relatively constant level. Dynamic reactive power assets delivers the reactive power based on the control mode. In voltage control mode, the reactive power output can vary depending on the asset's setpoint, droop and the measured system voltage. If the dynamic asset is in constant reactive power control mode, it will deliver the MVAr as specified by the MVAr setpoint.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
7	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification and Effectiveness Factors	N/A	To confirm, does the Stability effectiveness factor only apply to the SCL quantity and not the Inertia quantity?	None	Yes, this only applies to SCL and not to Inertia	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
8	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	N/A	N/A	Can a solution bid for Inertia only if there is an SCL requirement at its connection point?	None	In section 14 (Bidding Rules) of the Instructions to Tenderers document NESO have stated that bidders who choose to bid into the stability service must bid in both SCL and inertia. Please refer to the Instructions to Tenderers document for more details.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
9	8-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Eligibility Criteria	N/A	Can I just check that you will only consider new Projects for this tenders (for all Reactive Power, Stability and ESR) and any existing assets will be outside the tender scope?	None	Please refer to our response to Q3 above.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
10	8-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	Consultation Feedback Proforma	N/A	I noticed that the Feedback Proforma file doesn't allow editing of the formats of the response cells, so we can't wrap the text. Please can you share a version which lets us format the response cells fully? This will make drafting easier as well as readability on your side.	Blank Copy of the LT2029 Feedback Proforma	Thanks for flagging this to us. We will look at this however in the mean time we are happy for you to continue to use the published version, acknowledging the 'wrap text' function is currently restricted.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
11	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Is Fault Level headroom available for new stability resources at selected substations?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	With regards to the reserved bays (connection requirement A as published in the LT2029 Connections Requirements document), between the EOI and ITT stage of the Long-term 2029 tender, NESO is liaising with the relevant TOs to finalise the details of the reserved bays. This typically includes confirming the available headroom at the reserved bays. This will result in the finalisation of the bay reservation details, followed by the production of the Connection Feasibility Report. In line with the published Connection Requirements, the Connection Feasibility Report will be published at ITT stage and bidders who rely on any of the reserved bays (connection requirement A) should use this report to inform the development of their bid. With regards to the remaining connection requirements, where bidders are relying on a connection agreement/ modapp that they have sought separately independently from the reserved bays, the connections process should review and confirm available fault-level.	None	Closed	02-May-25
12	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Are issues around stability, SCL and fault level constraints being obscured by ambiguous terminology?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	The stability technical specification and terminology are clear on performance specification and service evaluation within this tender. This tender aims to address system issues seen when there is a low system strength, not deal with issues caused by high fault levels.	None	Closed	02-May-25
13	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Why is the tender for SCL based on fault current contribution into a short circuit at 40ms?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	The 40ms point is used to value the reactive fault current injection that is made into the system. By valuing the fault current at a specific point in time (40ms in this tender) we are providing a fair tender evaluation process for all providers whilst reflecting the system needs that NESO has identified.	None	Closed	02-May-25
14	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Are the tender team aware that the reservation of 0MW bays appears to show a preference for sync comps?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	Thank you for raising this question. The LT2029 tender is technology agnostic, NESO have no preference for any technology type over the other. Any technology type can submit a bid, and those who meet the tender criteria will be considered for contract award. The bays that are reserved and the details of what is reserved is based on what is available to facilitate a connection. It is at a bidders discretion which connection requirement they choose to rely on for their proposed solutions, one of which is reliance upon a reserved bay (connection requirement A). For those who do rely on reserved bays, at ITT stage the Connection Feasibility Report will be published which details information about the reserved bays. For more details on this please refer to the Connections Requirements document.	None	Closed	02-May-25
15	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Was the FFCI upper limit from GBGF-I added in order to help address max Fault Level issues? If not, why was it added?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	The upper limit has been introduced based on lessons learnt from previous stability pathfinder tenders. This restriction will ensure that solutions would not provide peak current rating irrespective of the fault severity.	None	Closed	02-May-25
16	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Can the impact on Fault Level constraints of the relatively high SCL from sync comps (compared to GBGF-I) be considered as part of the tender assessment, especially for inertia and reactive power services?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	This tender will consider the ability of solutions to provide the required service (SCL, Inertia, Reactive Power). The tender assessment criteria will be focused on assessing this capability. All providers providing these services will need to have a connection offer allowing them to connect to the network and provide this service. The impact on fault level and system design is considered as a part of the wider connections process.	None	Closed	02-May-25
17	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	At 0 PU voltage there is zero tolerance on the FFCI current; this would be infeasible to deliver in practice. Should a +/- 10% tolerance be specified?	See the attached presentation for further context. "LT2029 Fault level - non confidential.pdf"	Thanks for submitted this query. We have considered the suggestion, however we do not believe that this requirement needs to be changed.	None	Closed	02-May-25
18	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	N/A	N/A	We would like to inquire about the possibility of bidding for stability services in zones where there is no explicit Short Circuit Level (SCL) requirement listed in the tender documentation. Would NESO consider evaluating stability (inertia) service bids from substations in regions that aren't currently identified as having SCL needs?	None	NESO are only accepting stability bids in the defined regions of need as set out in the tender documents. If a solution is connected at one of the substations listed in the Stability Effectiveness document, it falls into a defined region of need as set out in this document. Please note: we are not permitting bids for just Inertia or Short Circuit Level, the provider must provide a bid for both Inertia and SCL where bidding for the stability service.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25

19	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical - Stability Service	EOI	Connections Requirements	N/A	In the Connections Requirements document (Section 3A, Table 1), for Drakelow 400kV substation, it states "Available SCL at substation TBD by TO studies." Could you provide more information about: a.Whether NESO anticipates there will be SCL requirements at this location b.When the TO studies will be completed and this information made available c.How bidders should approach this uncertainty when considering solutions for this location	None	a) The locations of our Stability Requirements are set out in the Stability Technical Specification. Whether a substation is considered to be acceptable towards each of our Stability Requirements is listed in the Stability Effectiveness document. Please refer to the Stability Effectiveness document for more details on a site-by-site basis. b) As set out in the Connections Requirements document, NESO are liaising with the relevant TOs for the completion of detailed studies and the production of the Connections Feasibility Report by the ITT stage. c) The Connections Feasibility Report will be available at ITT stage for bidders to consider when developing their bids.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
20	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Connections Requirements	N/A	The connections requirements document lists several reserved bays including Drakelow 400kV, but doesn't specify whether stability services would be considered at these locations if they fall outside the explicitly defined regions of need for SCL. Could you clarify whether bidders can propose stability solutions at any of the reserved bays, even those located in regions without specified SCL requirements?	None	Stability solutions can be proposed at any substation that falls within the regions of need defined by the Stability Technical Specification and Stability Effectiveness documents. Bidders can rely upon the reserved bays that fall within these Stability regions of need at their discretion. All stability solutions must be in a region of need. If a bidder believes a substation could be effective and should be included within a stability region of need, please reach out to us and we can look at this.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
21	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Stability-Specific Eligibility Criteria: Stability Technical Specification	N/A	With regards to solutions which 'provide additional capability through incremental investment', are the modifications described specifically Modifications to the Connection Agreement, or does modification simply mean any change that must be carried out to the generating equipment?	None	For the Stability Specific Eligibility Criteria - to meet the 'additional capability through incremental investment' criteria, a bidder must meet the definition as set out for this in the Stability Technical Specification. How a bidder then also meets the Connections Requirements (i.e. by meeting Option A through E) is at their discretion.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
22	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Voltage-Specific Eligibility Criteria: Voltage Technical Specification	N/A	The Voltage eligibility criteria only allow New and Additional-Investment solutions to take part. For the avoidance of doubt, would a solution which has received a connection offer prior to 30/09/2024 but is still under construction be ineligible? And would it only become eligible if it could undergo a modification to increase reactive capability?	None	This understanding is correct.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
23	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Contract Award Criteria	N/A	Regarding the paragraph from the Finding the Optimal Solution for Stability section of the Contract Award Criteria document - how do the effectiveness factors apply in the case where a solution has a stability contribution for multiple regions?	None	In relation to the Stability Service: A solution which is effective towards multiple sites across multiple regions of need should consider the effectiveness factor towards each node. For instance if you are effective towards reference points A and B, you would consider the effectiveness factor from your location to each reference point independently.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
24	10-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	N/A	N/A	The service start date may still be 7 years away (i.e 2032 backstop). Is it acceptable for a tenderer to base a proposal on equipment available now but reserve the right to use alternative equipment at some point in the future (provided they complete a separate technical feasibility report for the new equipment that confirms the capability is at least that of the original proposal)?	None	Thank you for raising this. Generally, tender submissions must not be caveated or qualified in line with the tender rules. Tender submissions should be developed and submitted based on what the bidder intends to deliver.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
25	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	N/A	N/A	Can NESO confirm whether they see no practical difference in the nature of the response from a GBGF-I and a GBGF-S providers such that they are equally interchangeable in how their response (at 40ms) is considered?	None	This tender is technology agnostic. The solution will be assessed based on the bid that they submit for the inertia and SCL service.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
26	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	N/A	N/A	Please provide a size guidance spreadsheet (like Stability Pathfinder Three) which indicates the maximum short circuit rating and project size that can be accommodated at each busbar. This would allow developers and TOs to avoid wasting time and submitting / processing pointless modapps for connections and substations that could not in practice host the developer's solution.	None	Thank you for this suggestion. The Connection Feasibility Report will include information on the headroom available for each reserved bay. This can be used when developing bids at ITT stage.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
27	10-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Stability-Specific Eligibility Criteria: Stability Technical Specification	N/A	What are the minimum MWs that must be provided for a SCL service? There is inconsistency with one document saying min 100MWs is required.	None	There is no minimum size limit for Short Circuit Level for this tender. Any SCL sized solution could participate in this tender, but providers should be aware of and account for any limitations imposed by their connection offers/agreements or the reserved bay capacity. NESO have published a minimum limit for inertia which is 100MVA.s but we do not view this as an inconsistency in any of our documents. Please note that the unit for Inertia is MVA.s (Interchangeable with MW.s) and the unit for Short Circuit Level is MVA	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
29	14-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	Contract Award Critera	N/A	If a site has an existing lease with an expiry during the service term, what evidence will NESO require that there is a credible route to extension to suit the term of the long term market?	None	Thanks for this question. We cannot coach bidders on how to respond to the tender, but in this scenario a bid would be assessed against the criteria set out in Tables 24, 25 and 26 in the Contract Award Criteria document.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
30	16-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Voltage-Specific Eligibility Criteria: Voltage Technical Specification	N/A	How will we be expected to demonstrate incremental investment? For example, a way to increase reactive capability might be to add more inverters to the site. Would we demonstrate this by submitting our existing design specifications and then showing how the additional equipment would increase reactive power capability?	None	At ITT stage, after the EOI, NESO will publish the tender submissions proformas that bidders should use to submit their tender submissions. These are typically structured to allow bidders to respond to and demonstrate their proposals in response to NESO's criteria. Beyond this, NESO cannot coach bidders on how to respond to the tender and demonstrate their proposal. How a bidder makes and demonstrates incremental investment is at their discretion.	None	Closed	16-Apr-25
31	16-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Technical Specification	N/A	Please can I confirm the definition for 'existing 0MW asset' under the stability specific eligibility criteria? For example does it include a traditional synchronous generator which can operate as a synchronous compensator? [Redacted to protect confidentiality]	None	In relation to the stability-specific eligibility criteria, "existing 0MW assets" means: any existing asset that can operate and provide the stability service at 0MW. We recognise this could be clearer and will look to provide an updated V2 of the technical specification that reflects this clarification.	None	Closed	02-May-25
33	24-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	Connections Requirements	N/A	I've read through the five connections requirements options for LT2029. Regarding option D, is it the case that the mod-app offer only has to be demonstrable as at the time that the tender assessment commences (i.e. around Dec-25)? In other words, if we have a project with an existing countersigned connection agreement but which would need a mod-app to provide a solution, shall we select option D now in the EoI with the expectation that we would apply for the mod-app between now and the bid submission?	None	For Option D, and the other alternative connection requirements that a bidder could choose to meet, this criteria will need to be demonstrated as part of the ITT submission later in the tender process. For the EOI stage, the questions within the Expression of Interest tab of the EOI Submission Proforma are for information only at this stage. At EOI stage bidders will only be assessed against the commercial due diligence criteria, as set out in the EOI Submission Proforma and the Contract Award Criteria.	None	Closed	02-May-25
34	24-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	EOI Submission Proforma	N/A	I have a query surrounding the level of information that is required for the completion of the EOI. For the Due Diligence and Sustainability questions, is supporting documentation required for responses that aren't within the pass criteria? For example, for the Due Diligence questions 8.1-8.6, is supporting documentation only required if the response is 'Yes'. Similarly, is supporting documentation required for the Sustainability questions under Section 13 if the response is 'No'. Apologies for the lateness of this query, but any response on this would be greatly appreciated.	None	For each question NESO have set out the response format required and how it will be assessed. For some questions NESO have set out that a Yes/No response is what is required. For these questions, NESO have not stipulated that supporting documentation needs to be provided but bidders can choose to provide this at their discretion. Please note if there is an ambiguity in a submission NESO have the right to clarify this with the bidder.	None	Closed	02-May-25
35	24-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	NDA Confidentiality Agreement	N/A	Please could NESO clarify the term of the NDA in relation to the EOI for the Long Term 2029 Tender. Clause 8 Termination states that the agreement shall continue in force for 2 years subject to earlier termination. However, in 8.3 it states that notwithstanding expiry or termination of the Agreement, the terms of the Agreement shall continue in force for 10 years. Please clarify the intention.	None	Thank you for your query regarding Clause 8 of the Non-Disclosure Agreement. By way of clarification, Clause 8 is structured to address two separate matters: 1.Duration of the Agreement: Clause 8.1 provides that the agreement itself shall remain in force for a period of two (2) years from the date of the agreement, subject to earlier termination in accordance with its terms. 2.Survival of Confidentiality Obligations: Clause 8.3 expressly states that notwithstanding the expiry or earlier termination of the agreement, the obligations relating to confidentiality shall survive and continue to apply in respect of confidential information disclosed or obtained prior to such expiry or termination. These obligations will remain in effect for a period of 10 years following such expiry or termination. The intention here is to ensure that following the expiry or termination of the agreement, the critical obligations to maintain confidentiality continue to subsist for a period of 10 years. This protects confidential information disclosed during the term of the agreement, recognising that such information may retain its sensitivity after the expiry or termination of the agreement	None	Closed	02-May-25
36	24-Apr-2025	No	Technical	EOI	N/A	N/A	Could you please confirm that this tender is exclusively for new projects related to restoration services, reactive power, and stability services? By implication, does this mean that the same services for existing projects will be addressed in a separate tender process to cover the same time period?	None	This understanding is not entirely correct. For the Voltage Service, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new or offer additional capability through incremental investment. The details of what constitutes a new solution or additional capability is defined in the Voltage Technical Specification. For the Restoration Service, similar to voltage, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new or offer additional capability through incremental investment. The details of what constitutes a new solution or additional capability is defined in the Restoration Technical Specification. For the Stability Service, the eligibility criteria is that projects have to be new, offer additional capability through incremental investment, or be an existing 0MW asset. The details of what constitutes a new solution, additional capability and an existing 0MW asset is defined in the Stability Technical Specification. In terms of whether there will be a separate tender focused on existing assets only for the same contract term: At this time NESO is not running a separate equivalent long-term tender focused on existing assets only for service delivery between 2029 and 2039. In the future NESO may run further tenders to access existing asset capability for either restoration, stability or voltage services. In the case of the stability and voltage services, this might be through the mid-term markets for those services.	None	Closed	02-May-25
37	25-Apr-2025	No	Commercial	EOI	EOI Submission Proforma & NESO Data Policy	N/A	Dear Sir/Madam, I am reaching out as after [going through] the commercial questions and corresponding documents with references to other documents, the 'NESO Data Management and Supporting Policy', the 'NESO Data Quality and Supporting Policy', the 'NESO Information and Records Management Supporting Policy', the 'NESO Data Classification Supporting Policy', the 'NESO Data Privacy Supporting Policy' and the 'NESO Artificial Intelligence Supporting Policy'. With respect to the reference to those other policies, is it expected in the proforma that to "agree, understand, and comply" with the "NESO Data Policy" one must do the same with the rest of the documents (not found in the EOI pack) or is acknowledgement of the additional documents sufficient to agree with the "NESO Data Policy". Thank you for your clarification,	None	Bidders are only being asked to confirm they have read, understood and agree to comply with the specific policies named in question 1.1 through 1.6 of the EOI Submission Proforma. With regards to the NESO Data Policy, it is acknowledged that within this NESO Data Policy document there are references to other policies. However, the question for the purpose of this EOI is specifically in relation to the NESO Data Policy document itself, a copy of which has been provided.	None	Closed	02-May-25
38	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	ESR Restoration Requirements: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Is there no specific locational requirement for Restoration Service? Does this mean any location generator who can fulfil the technical requirements can bid?	None	This understanding is correct that NESO has not set any locational regions for the restoration service in this Long-term 2029 tender and is accepting bids from solutions across Great Britain.	None	Closed	02-May-25
39	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	ESR Restoration: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Do NESO foresee any delay or change to the current timeline to which the South West and Midlands Restoration tender is being managed due to any optimisation steps between it and this tender for restoration services?	None	NESO does not intend to amend the timelines for the ongoing separate South West and Midlands tender specifically because of the Long-term 2029 tender. The long-term 2029 tender is a separate tender process with its own timeline	None	Closed	02-May-25
41	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	ESR Restoration: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	How should the capability to provide restoration be demonstrated? What would be the study scope?	None	At the ITT stage of the tender NESO will publish the ITT submission proforma that will need to be completed to demonstrate capability.	None	Closed	02-May-25

42	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	ESR Restoration: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Could NESO provide further feedback on the 80% availability requirement especially in the context of a stacked service	None	In the instructions to tenderers document published as part of the EOI, NESO has stated that: In instances where a provider is actively stacking one of the above services during a settlement period, as permitted by the rules outlined above, the provider will still be treated as available for the purpose of contract management against the availability requirement. Please refer to Section 9 of the Instructions to Tenderers published at EOI stage for more details.	None	Closed	02-May-25
43	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Can NESO share the study methodology to the stakeholder? (for example how do you analyse the network to identify the needs for stability, voltage, restoration service) and we can understand this which is useful for the bidding the Long Term 2029 tender. We note there is a strong requirement at Heysham/Middleton (likely driven by closure of Heysham nuclear plants), but not at Torness (one of the highest ORPS providers and expected to close by 2030).	None	The details of NESO studies are considered confidential and sensitive. As a result, we will not be sharing the NESO study methodology through which the requirement volumes for this tender have been identified. Please note that the published requirement volumes are driven by a multitude of factors.	None	Closed	02-May-25
44	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Is there no location requirement for Inertia? Means any location generator who is fulfilled the technical requirement can bid?	None	There are no locational requirements for the provision of Inertia however, for the purpose of this Long-term 2029 tender, all proposed stability service solutions must be located within a region of need.	None	Closed	02-May-25
45	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Previous tenders (Stability Phase 2 and Stability Phase 3) used a 100ms calculation time for fault current contribution. This tender now proposes 40ms. Why is this timescale changing again? Is this still a Pathfinder process of working out what NESO needs? Can we have a clear explanation of why this change has been made?	None	The 40ms point is used to value the reactive fault current injection that is made into the system. By valuing the fault current at a specific point in time (40ms in this tender) we are providing a fair tender evaluation process for all providers whilst reflecting the system needs that NESO has identified.	None	Closed	02-May-25
46	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	For the assessment of the SCL, why has the calculation been updated to use the fault current RMS value 40ms after a 3ph-e fault rather than 100ms.	None	The 40ms point is a better reflection of the requirements for system needs that NESO has identified.	None	Closed	02-May-25
48	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Is there a mimimum SCL requirement? If the asset can meet the Grid Code requirements can the asset tender for any SCL value?	None	Within the published Stability Service Technical Specification, there is no minimum SCL bid size requirement, as long as the asset is compliant with the Grid Code and in a region of need.	None	Closed	02-May-25
49	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Will the SCL size tendered affect the scoring? If so, please provide details of the scoring methodology.	None	This tender is a competitive procurement event. With regards to the Stability Service, NESO will assess bids based on the published Contract Award Criteria (an initial version of which has been published as part of the EOI stage). Specifically, the economic assessment stage of the Contract Award Criteria will assess bids received and their submitted prices to identify the most economic solution to meet the requirements will be selected. Please note, at ITT stage the ITT submission proformas will be published which will clearly set out all criteria questions and how they will be assessed.	None	Closed	02-May-25
50	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Is the SSO study a MUST for the tendering stage? When will NESO update the SSO guidance note?	None	No, the SSO study will be a requirement that must be completed by successful solutions (post contract award) before the service start date. The guidance note linked to in the Technical Specification is the most up to date version at this time. However as it is a live document bidders should note it may be updated from time to time.	None	Closed	02-May-25
60	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	The Service Agreement is not prescriptive on the operating regime, can NESO indicate the expected number of starts and stops per annum.	None	For the Stability Service within this tender, it is an availability based service with a minimum availability requirement of 90%. NESO reserves the right to use the proposed solution (i.e. the proposed asset(s)/facility) in every settlement period in which it is available.	None	Closed	02-May-25
61	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Stability Service: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Can NESO release more information regarding the calculation of the effectiveness factor used for SCL contribution across different regions as provided in 'LT2029 Stability Effectiveness Sheet.	None	The effectiveness factors were calculated using tools and models developed by NESO, the details of which are considered confidential and sensitive and therefore will not be shared. However, please note that detail has been provided in the Technical Webinar for how tenderer's should consider the effectiveness data. We encourage bidders to watch the published webinars if they have not already done so.	None	Closed	02-May-25
68	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Connections - Reserved Bays: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Please provide details on location of spare bays and locations of new substations	None	As set out in the Connections Requirements document, at ITT stage a Connection Feasibility Report will be provided that sets out the information about the reserved bays	None	Closed	02-May-25
69	17-Apr-2025 Consultation Response Query	No	Technical	EOI	Connections - Reserved Bays: Query received through Consultation Response	N/A	Has NESO reviewed the fault ratings of swichgear at the proposed locations for SCL in the tender? Will this tender trigger switchgear replacements? If replacement costs are added to the bid prices of new tenderers, but incumbents do not face such cost penalties in the tender assessment, is this not a bias against new entrants in the market? Please ensure this is appropriately accounted in your tender assessment.	None	With regards to the reserved bays (connection requirement A as published in the LT2029 Connections Requirements document), between the EOI and ITT stage of the Long-term 2029 tender, NESO is liaising with the relevant TOs to finalise the details of the reserved bays. This typically includes confirming the available headroom at the reserved bays. This will result in the finalisation of the bay reservation details, followed by the production of the Connection Feasibility Report. In line with the published Connection Requirements, the Connection Feasibility Report will be published at ITT stage and bidders who rely on any of the reserved bays (connection requirement A) should use this report to inform the development of their bid. With regards to the remaining connection requirements, where bidders are relying on a connection agreement/ modapp that they have sought separately and independently from the reserved bays, the connections process should review and confirm available fault-level. The Contract Award Criteria document published includes how infrastructure costs associated with connections will be considered by NESO in the assessment process, though please note more details may be provided at ITT stage.	None	Closed	02-May-25